



Minutes

Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 8th April 2019

7 pm, at Elford Village Hall

Present: Councillors Gilbert, Hidderley, Jones, Payne, Turley and Wright

In attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk), District Cllrs Leytham and Warburton, 2 members of the public

Open Forum

Cllr Leytham introduced Harry Warburton; both had been elected unopposed to the District Council from May.

A resident reported damage to the tarmac edges in Old Hall Drive caused by heavy construction vehicles, the information would be passed on to Highways. Another resident asked for an update on the hedge at the Church Road junction. This had been discussed again between Cllr Turley and the resident who was unwilling to lower it. Highways had been asked for advice on improving the signage but had not yet replied.

The junction would become more dangerous when the new houses were built, although funding for road improvements could then become available. The Parish Council would continue to monitor this matter.

1. To receive apologies for absence

There were no apologies. Cllr Jones announced that he was standing down for personal reasons. The remaining Councillors said they were sorry about his decision and thanked him for his time as a member and his contribution as Chair.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11/3/19

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from the meeting of 11th March

None

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4. To receive the Clerk's Report

Nominations – the statement of persons nominated had been issued on 4th April, the six nominees had been elected unopposed as Councillors from May.

Website updates – these had been made as requested, the Welcome Pack would be updated shortly.

Annual Parish Assembly - invitations had been sent to group representatives for the meeting on May 14th.

Maintenance - Alan had refurbished the bark areas at the playground and would paint the phone box over Easter.

Resolved: Approved

5. To consider Planning Issues

Staffordshire CC Alrewas quarry – application L.19/03/817 MW. Application to vary (not comply with) Conditions 11 (the quantity of exported sand and gravel), 12 (the quantity of imported inert restoration material), 24 (the operating hours) and 38 (the number of HGV movements) of planning permission L.14/03/817 MW

Tarmac wished to increase production, change working hours and vary HGV movements which could affect local traffic. Cllr Gilbert said that the increased demand for aggregate could result in a proposal to re-open the quarry near Elford. Tarmac were also consulting on a southern extension to the quarry. The District Councillors offered to find out more about this matter.

Cllr Jones asked about the microlight proposal which had been discussed at a previous meeting. Cllr Hilderley said that the operators were cooperative with local residents and wouldn't fly over certain areas if contacted.

Resolved: Approved

6. To consider future playground maintenance

The playground surfacing had been jet washed and was much improved, the block paving needed sanding and Cllr Payne would remind the contractors. An annual biocide application was agreed; Cllr Payne would ask for details on when this should be done. Annual repair work had begun on the train and various other items.

Resolved: Approved

7. To consider location of fitness equipment

The equipment had now been ordered. It was agreed that it would be located close to the Brickhouse hedge, the football pitch would require moving around two metres when marked out next season. A sign would be organised and Cllr Turley would contact the resident donating towards the project for his views on the wording.

Resolved: Approved

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8. To consider Church Road junction

As discussed during Open Forum the long-term solution would be funding for road improvements from the new development. The Clerk would chase up Highways.

9. To receive questions and reports from Councillors

Cllr Jones had received an enquiry about the stile between the Social Club car park and the Village Hall. This was an established right of way, as shown on the County Council's plan. It was agreed to seek quotes to repair it and to ask Alan to trim the hedge next to it.

Cllr Jones also raised the matter of parking on the Sportsfield during the Scarecrow Festival. The Cricket Club had asked for the Parish Council's consent to use the field but Councillors said that this would cause damage if wet, the organisers would need indemnity insurance and there should be alternative parking which would ideally keep visitor traffic out of the village. The organisers would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss this.

Cllr Wright said that the final EGM of the Sports and Social Club would take place during the week.

10. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Lichfield District Council, news releases

Cricket Club correspondence and information

Awoingt Group July 14th use of playground, this would be agreed

11. To receive a financial report

The bank reconciliation was given.

The end of year accounts had been finalised and the Internal Audit had taken place.

Resolved: Approved

12. To consider authorising schedule of accounts for payment

Payments to: M. Jones, salary and expenses; £; HMRC 75.20

Elford Village Hall, room hire £17.50;

A. Robey, handyman work and sundries, £107.66;

RW Harcombe, grounds maintenance £125.00;

Modus, pressure washing £440;

Acorn Taxis, weekly taxi, March £145.66;

Scottish Power, playground electricity £24.44

Resolved: Approved

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2019.

Annual Meeting of the Council 6.30, Annual Parish Meeting 8.00

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

