



Minutes

Meeting of the Parish Council

Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7 pm at Elford Village Hall

Present: Councillors Turley (Chair), Delderfield, Hidderley, Payne and Wright.

In attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk), District Cllr Leytham

17/22. To appoint a Chair and receive the Chair's Declaration of Office.

Cllr Turley was nominated by Cllr Payne and seconded by Cllr Hidderley and appointed as Chair. The Declaration was signed.

18/22. To appoint a Vice Chair.

Cllr Payne was appointed as Vice Chair.

19/22. To receive Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Biden (holiday) and Gilbert (work) had apologised, and the apologies were accepted.

20/22. To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hidderley declared his interest in the Planning Application to be discussed under item 25.

21/22. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 11th April 2022

The draft Minutes were approved and signed.

22/22. To consider HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

The Platinum Jubilee Picnic was to be held at the Sportsfield on Sunday 5th June, with various street parties on 4th June. The Parish Council was insured for the event but would check the insurance regarding the fireworks. As the event was intended for residents it was not expected that parking would be required. Bunting and lamp post decorations had been ordered.

23/22. To consider Elford in Bloom event

The Elford in Bloom initiative had been promoted by leaflets delivered to homes, and reminders would be made on social media; prizes would be given for the most attractive gardens and planters. The handyman would be asked to plant up the tubs and to deal with the weeds at the playground. The Parish Council had ordered an arrangement for the Flower Festival which was taking place at St Peter's over the Jubilee weekend. Grass cutting and road sweeping would take place prior to these events.

24/22. To receive the Clerk's Report

Benches – the benches donated by Riverside Woodcraft would be collected by Cllr Gilbert for Alan to treat with preservative and they would then be installed in an appropriate location.

Brickhouse Lane – Highways had indicated that they would speak to a neighbouring landowner to attempt to resolve the poor drainage which had an adverse effect on the road surface. Meanwhile the potholes were in a very poor state.

Resolved: Approved

25/22. To consider any Planning matters:

22/00652/FUL Elford Lowe – retention of use of vehicle storage area and HGV parking with access off Elford Road. The application would effectively make lawful the existing storage of vehicles that were already at the site, the transport report indicated there would be no more traffic than at present, and it was therefore RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Correspondence had been forwarded between a resident of The Beck and Planning Enforcement regarding the Shrubbery development, which explained the Planning Department's view that there had not been a breach of planning permission.

The Woodlands, The Shrubbery, 21/01525/FUL – this application had been on hold pending landscape and woodland plans which had now been received.

Cllr Leytham commented that the Local Plan had now been submitted to the government and the Neighbourhood Plan would need to be in conformity with this.

Resolved: Approved

26/22. To consider quote for Playground refurbishment and grant funding

Cllr Payne gave an update on the revised quote from Caloo which included some of the facilities requested in the consultation. Extra items for community use such as outdoor games, barbecue and a storage shed would be included in the grant request, with the application to be finalised by the end of May and then submitted.

Resolved: Approved

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27/22. To consider a village CCTV system

Cllr Turley briefly reported on a meeting with another firm who had suggested installing cameras on street lighting poles. The Clerk would contact the energy company to find out about permissions for this and this matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

Resolved: Approved

28/22. To receive Questions and Reports from Councillors

None given due to shortage of time before the following Annual Parish Assembly.

29/22. To receive Correspondence

SPCA bulletins

30/22. To receive a Financial Report

See appendix 1.

Resolved: Approved

31/22. To consider authorising Schedule of Accounts for payment

M. Jones, salary, expenses including bunting £647.41; Quilter, pension £14.60
HMRC £101.80;

Alan Robey, handyman work £84.66;

Village Hall, Post Office and Parish Council meeting room hire £77.50;

Bennetts, taxi hire £144;

R. Harcombe, maintenance £145;

A. Cox, Avenue mowing £80.00;

Prontaprint, leaflet printing £30

Cllr Turley would authorise the payments.

Resolved: Approved

32/22. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 13th June, 7pm

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

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Financial Report – appendix 1

(a) Bank reconciliation

		04/05/2022		Totals
			CURRENT	21,523.51
BAL B/F	14,224.90			
			DEPOSIT(playground)	7,990.39
			95 DAY NOTICE (taxi)	1,028.06
RECEIPTS	17501.56			
			earmarked for playground	
				7,990.39
PAYMENTS	1184.50		earmarked for seniors	
				1,028.06
TOTAL	30,541.96			30,541.96

Precept of £17,500 received

(b) Lichfield District Council has confirmed that CIL funding of 12,991.21 from the Shrubbery site is due to be paid into the bank account shortly.

(c) Annual Governance and Accountability Return to be signed at next meeting. Internal Audit took place 9th May.

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