

# ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at 6.30pm. Due to the Coronavirus the meeting was held via a Zoom link. All members of the public and press were invited.

Present: Cllr Busby, Cllr Guest, Cllr Horner, Cllr Ousby, Cllr Van Oosterhout (Chair) & Cllr Wood.

Also Present: Cllr Carl Sherwood, Cllr N Sherwood & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson.

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## **2101/01 To note apologies for absence**

All members present.

## **2101/02 Public Participation**

No members of the public present.

## **2101/03 Declaration of Interest**

- a. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

None declared.

- b. To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

None outstanding.

## **2101/04 Minutes of Previous meeting**

**Resolved** - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

## **2101/05 Clerk's Report**

- a. Clerk had contacted NLC with regards to when works will be completed on the bank of trees in the Nature Reserve and if the Parish Councils PL was adequate with regards to the gates. Tree works should have now been completed and the PL was acceptable. The gates should be locked either in an open or closed position.
- b. The current Grounds Maintenance contractor is licensed to spray if ever required.
- c. Clerk has reported all highway issues.
- d. Clerk has forwarded the response received from NLC Highways to the head of the department for comment – to date no response received. Clerk to follow up.
- e. Clerk has obtained costs for mobile speed signs. Agenda item under the Low Villages item.

## **2101/06 Report from Ward Cllrs on NLC issues**

To receive a report from the Ward Councillors on North Lincolnshire Council issues.

Apologies received from Cllr Waltham.

Cllr N Sherwood informed the Council that there had been some issue with the brown bin collection today due to vehicle breakdown. The situation will be accessed in the morning. Cllr Sherwood had placed the information on the Facebook page to inform residents.

The vaccination programme is going well and over 5,000 people have been vaccinated in 4 weeks.

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Cllr C Sherwood added that this covers Brigg and surrounding areas.

Council facilities were shut down again due to the current Covid restrictions.

A £5m grant has been awarded to carry out a drainage and resurfacing scheme on the A15, this will be carried out before March.

Cllr Van Oosterhout stated that when the red bins were being collected earlier today the vehicle left a trail of diesel around the village. Cllr C Sherwood to report.

Cllr C Sherwood referred to information that has been placed on to the Facebook page and it was confirmed that the debris had been removed from the hedge cutting on Front Street. The verges were also an issue in and around the parish due to vehicles running over them. Cllr C Sherwood stated he would raise this when the NATs meetings resume.

Both Ward Cllrs left the meeting.

## 2101/07 Reports

### a. To receive an update report on the play area determining any actions required.

Cllr Ousby confirmed that the drainage in the park was working and the standing water has now drained away.

The painting of the equipment will be carried out when the weather improves.

Sovereign have been out and fixed the pull bar and carried out a visual inspection of the other equipment. The wood has split on a piece of equipment and this will be repaired.

The issue with the rota net is not the bearings as first thought but is the mechanism to the bottom of the equipment. This is not covered under the warranty and a price was provided to repair. Cllr Ousby to provide the spec for repair and the Clerk will obtain a couple of quotes for comparison at the next meeting.

Cllr Ousby to ask Sovereign if another contractor carried out the repairs would this invalidate the warranty?

Due to the latest restrictions the adult gym equipment is taped up.

Cllr Ousby stated that there seem to be fewer moles due to the use of the mole deterrent granules.

**Resolved** – Cllr Ousby to purchase a further pot of the granules.

### b. To receive an update report on the Elsham Nature Reserve, determining any actions required.

NLC have chipped some of the trees on the slope but the vehicle got stuck so work stopped and has not continued.

The information boards will be installed once permitted.

Cllr Ousby stated that there were more protection tubes left than first thought and those still on the trees are rotting the trunks.

Cllr Ousby to contact NLC to see if they will collect them and ask advice on the ones still on the trees.

Clerk to obtain some quotes to provide a method of securing the gates open.

Cllr Van Oosterhout to provide the names of the companies she had found on the website that deal with gates and photos and dimensions.

Cllr Wood to obtain a quote from his place of work for comparison.

Cllr Busby informed the Council that she had received 3 complaints about the resident flying his bird of prey in the Reserve. It was agreed this would be monitored but at present there was no cause for concern.

Cllr Busby asked if there was an update on the replacement of the gate to the bottom of the Reserve to which she was informed there wasn't.

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- c. To receive an update report on the Low Villages Forum determining any actions required.  
Cllr Busby attended the meeting in December.  
The subscription was likely to increase from £60 to £75 to cover all costs.  
Fly tipping was raised and it was suggested the Parish Councils write to NLC and MP Andrew Percy suggesting the sites remain open all week or are staggered in the rural areas and not all closed on Wednesday and Thursday.  
Clerk to do so and to suggest a trial is carried out to see if this reduces the amount of fly tipping which seems to be more prevalent when the tips are closed.  
A good neighbour scheme was discussed but it was agreed that the system the parish are using at present works well.
- d. To receive the completed safety check sheets determining any actions required.  
Cllrs Ousby & Van Oosterhout to provide the Clerk with up-to-date sheets.

## **2101/08 Police Matters / NATs / Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)**

To receive an update verbal / written report from: -

**Humberside Police/NATs** – the meetings will resume in due course.

**NHW representative** – the co-ordinator places relevant information on to the Facebook.

## **2101/09 Highways / Neighbourhood Services / NLC issues/Parish Issues**

- a. To receive an update on a footpath being installed on Barnetby Lane determining actions required.  
Cllr Van Oosterhout stated that quotes were being obtained and discussions were to commence with NLC Planning,
- b. To notify the Clerk of any further issues to be taken up with NLC.  
The Clerk provided an update on when the 30mph signage and pedestrian signage will be installed which will be in the new financial year 2021/22.  
Cllr Guest raised concerns about the flooding at the drain on Maltkiln Lane. This will be monitored and if required report to NLC.  
Cllr Ousby said she had viewed the new drainage system at the top of New Street and this was working well.  
Clerk to report a rotten tree on the verge of New Street which if falls could fall on to the road.

## **2101/10 Planning**

- a. To receive any decisions from North Lincolnshire Council.  
No decision received.  
Due to the time constraints the Clerk will submit the following application under delegated powers.  
**2020/2055 –**  
No objection with the following comments: -
  - If vehicles moving the digestate damage the verges these should be repaired/reinstated by the company.
  - Any mud/debris deposited on the road should be cleared up immediately.

## **2101/11 Correspondence for Discussion/Decision**

- a. To be notified of the E2L Anglian Water access for badger survey information confirming response sent.

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Comments have been submitted to E2L with regard to the badger survey and NLC had been included for comments.

- b. To be notified of the ERNLLCA Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill information determining any actions required.

Item noted.

## **Correspondence for Information**

- c. Highway updates.  
d. Good Councillors guide to community business.  
e. ERNLLCA pay freeze – update from LGA.  
f. ERNLLCA newsletter 12 & 13.  
g. CPRE Jan 21 Newsletter.

## **2101/12 Accounts**

- a. To be notified of the NLC Community Spring in Bloom 2021 grant determining actions required.

Clerk to complete the application.

- b. To consider the letter from LIVES determining actions required.

**Resolved** – a donation to be provided of £60.

- c. To be notified of the correspondence received from NLC for the transfer of grass cutting determining actions required.

**Resolved** – Clerk to provide the relevant information to NLC on the surplus funds and these will be used on additional cuts and various projects throughout the parish.

- d. To consider parish projects for 2021/22.

The following lists of projects were provided by Cllrs.

- New village signage.
- Nature Reserve signage.
- Gates & Access to the Reserve.
- Kiosk enhancement.
- Planting enhancements.
- Installation of grass meshing on footpath due to this area being boggy. Reposition the bin and place a slab in front on the verge. Clerk to contact NLC and ask for confirmation that they own this footpath and if they will look at installing the mesh and slab.
- Remembrance Soldier.
- Benches.
- Farming Implements.

- e. To consider the Low Villages shared speed sign initiative determining actions required.

Item deferred until further information has been obtained.

Cllr Busby who attended the last meeting stated that NLC Highways will allocate the installation locations. The unit is apparently easy to move from parish to parish. Cllr Ousby informed the meeting that due to the current restrictions the Speed Watch Initiative is suspended.

- f. To approve attendance to the planning seminars arranged by ERNLLCA.

**Resolved** – approval of attendance to the training seminars.

- g. To approve the monthly accounts for payment. See financial report.

**Resolved** – approval of the accounts for payment.

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- h. To be notified of the letter received from NLC with regard to the precept and to consider the setting of the budget and precept for 2021/22.

**Resolved** – the budget was approved and precept set at £8,000. This has remained the same for the past 6 years. Information to be placed into the next Leader along with the Parish Council vacancy.

18.11.20	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal donation	£50.00
27.11.20	PCC	J Tomlinson donation	£50.00
27.11.20	Landscape Botanica Ltd	Seeds – Church Lane	£80.00
30.11.20	L Guest	Rubble bags/ Flowers	£51.92
07.12.20	Balfours	Play area rent 25/12-24/03	£30.00
14.12.20	J Ousby	Volunteer voucher	£25.00
16.12.20	S Van Oosterhout	Volunteer fudge	£34.00
21.12.20	P Strawson Ltd	Christmas Tree	£110.00
19.01.21	D Hotson	Salary & Tax	

## **2101/13 Minor Items**

- a. To take any points from members.

- Cllr Ousby to provide the Clerk with contact details for Brigg Garden Centre to see if a discount card can be obtained for the Parish Council to use.
- Clerk to ask NLC Drainage Team to look at the dyke that runs from Church Street up to Vicarage Lane with a view to digging out to improve drainage in this area.

- b. Matters of correspondence for information which arrived after the agenda was posted.

- LVF Minutes.

## **2101/14 Agenda Items for the next meeting**

### **2101/15 To confirm the date and time for the next meeting of the Parish Council as Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 6.30pm via a telephone conference.**

### **2101/16 To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.**

The meeting closed at 8pm.