

ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Elsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 commencing at 7.00pm, at the Village Hall Elsham

Present: Chair – Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout
Cllr Sarah Burton and Cllr Steve Moir Cllr Jane Ewen and Cllr Mark Wood
Clerk – Holly Hanson
Ward Councillors - Cllrs Carl and Nigel Sherwood
One member of the public attended.

23/24 - 0401 Apologies

Reasons for apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Andrew Horner.

23/24 – 0402 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke to enquire whether neglected gardens in the village would cause the village to be marked down in the In Bloom competition. The Clerk responded that this would not affect the village score, but particularly well kept gardens were often referenced in the commentary from Judges.

23/24 - 0403 Declaration of Interest

- a) Cllr Jane Ewen declared an interest in item 23/24 0411 c) Payment of expenses
- b) No dispensations given.

23/24 - 0404 Minutes of Previous meeting

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

23/24 – 0405 Report from Ward Councillors

Cllrs Carl and Nigel Sherwood gave an update stating that Brigg Police Station was now being manned 24/7, which should result in faster response times for the Brigg and Wolds communities.

NLC has received some funding to install electric vehicle charging points across the area.

There is currently a campaign across North Lincs to encourage people to take up their free bus passes, and utilise the bus routes around the area.

There is also an exhibition starting at Normanby Hall on the works of Stubbs and the Anatomy of the Horse.

Cllr Van Oosterhout stated that she had heard that Baysgarth Leisure Centre was being extended with new gym facilities being built. Cllr Sherwood confirmed these plans, and also stated that the facility was very popular, and demand had driven the plans for extension.

Cllr Moir asked if Ward Councillors had supported the public inquiry into the access to the Ancholme Way, across the level crossing at Carr Lane Worlaby. Ward Councillors confirmed that they had been in attendance to support residents and NLC, and that the inquiry had been extended to include two further days in May.

Councillors discussed the new parking meters asking whether NLC were absorbing the transaction charge for card payments, or whether this was being passed on to residents. Councillors also raised concerns around the very low height of the screens.

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23/24 - 0406 Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues

- a) No updates had been received by Elsham Parish Council from NLC, on any of the issues below, however the Clerk stated that she had received a response to a letter of complaint from all six Low Villages which had included detailed timeframes for works in Elsham. This information is detailed below:
 - i) Drains at the crossroads on Barnetby Lane - investigate blockage between the two drains and clear them. This work was completed on 28 February.
 - ii) Barnetby Lane and hill – Resurfacing remainder and drainage works. Resurfacing is within the 2024/25 programme; however a new drainage channel and catchpit need to be implemented first, this is currently under design and is programmed for delivery in summer 2024.
 - iii) Footpaths in the village, particularly Barnetby Lane and Front Street – Resurfacing required raised by Elsham Parish Council. No footways are programmed for treatment in the 2024/25 programme, however localised maintenance patching of footways is programmed for May 2024 in preparation for micro treatment programme in 2025/2026
 - iv) Church Street drainage – Update on drainage scheme, and resurfacing remainder. This scheme is still under development due to the unpredictable nature of spring activity further updates to be provided as solution is forthcoming
 - v) Kerb drains on Maltkiln Lane – Clearing drainage holes. All of Elsham gully cleansing schedule has been completed.
 - vi) Doll Lane footpath – Tree Assessment - Doll lane trees (footway snicket) was assessed by the tree team week after the walkabout and some hanging branches were removed.
 - vii) Weeds in road edges and kerbs. Elsham is currently having weed treatment with a follow up cleanse planned for 13-14 May, this will be the first year of a new trial system to improve weed treatment and removal
- b) Councillors noted that the potholes on Church Lane had been repaired

23/24 – 0407 Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs

- a) Fly tipping had again been raised as an issue at the recent NATs meeting, and there are plans for Environmental Health to attend the next meeting.
Summer water safety and anti-social behaviour at Ancholme Bridges had also been raised ahead of the Summer Season.

23/24 - 0408 Planning

- a) No Planning Applications received
- b) Councillors received the following Planning Decisions:
 - i) Application No: PA/2023/288
Proposal: Planning permission to create a noise barrier made from soil / stone
Site Location: Village Farm, Wootton Road, Elsham, DN20 0NU
Decision: Planning Permission granted with conditions
 - ii) Application No: PA/2024/131
Proposal: Outline planning permission for two dwellings with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent consideration
Site Location: Clematis Cottage, 2 Hall Lane, Elsham, Brigg, DN20 0QY
Decision: Planning Permission refused
- c) The Clerk stated that there was no update on the application for a TPO for the extremely rare Chinese Bean Tree on Barnetby Lane
- d) The Clerk stated that there was no update on lack of adherence to the Biodiversity Management Plan, with no evidence of installation of bat and bird boxes, or hedgehog highways at the Barnetby Lane Development from Planning Enforcement.

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23/24 - 0409 – Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

a) Councillors received the following monthly inspections and reports:

i) Play area – A new mole spike has been installed.

The Clerk stated that she had ordered pigeon spikes for the top of the toddler swings.

The Clerk had obtained a rough cost for an automatic timed lock for the play park, Councillors discussed this, and instructed the Clerk to proceed with a formal quote and relevant permissions and approvals.

ii) Elsham Nature Reserve – Bird boxes have been installed, Councillors extended thanks to John Clayforth and Alex Cawley from NLC for their assistance. The fence at the junction of Vicarage Lane has also been repaired.

Three small trees have been felled and removed near the fence on Middlegate Lane, with further evidence of sawdust on the ground in the lower quarry.

Nettles have grown up now, so many of the remaining tree tubes are inaccessible.

Some strimming is required to the paths at the top end of the quarry.

iii) Village Asset Checklists were received from Cllrs van Oosterhout, Wood, Burton and Horner – No issues noted.

b) Councillors discussed the budget for village planting.

Resolved – A budget of £500 was resolved for the forthcoming month.

It was noted that the wildflower beds on Front Street had been sown, and may need watering over the coming weeks.

c) Councillors discussed plans to commemorate D-Day with a ticketed ceilidh for 60 people to include a fish and chip supper on 8th June. Cllr Burton stated that she had already sold some tickets for the event.

Councillors also discussed the beacon lighting on 6th June, noting that the tube in the Village Hall Grass required concreting to ensure that the beacon is stable – Cllr Van Oosterhout to refer this to the Village Hall Committee.

Councillors discussed providing refreshments for the evening.

Resolved – A £30 budget was resolved for refreshments for the beacon lighting.

d) Councillors discussed distribution of the hedgehog markers and installation assistance from the Handyman should this be required.

e) Councillors discussed Handyman jobs

f) Councillors discussed the need for toad crossing signs on Church Lane

Resolved – A £140 budget was resolved for toad crossing signs.

Councillors discussed that the lights in the Car Park at Elsham Golf Club were dazzling for drivers at night when travelling towards Brigg – Cllr Moir to raise with Golf Club.

23/24 – 0410 Clerk's Report

a) Clerk reported on any items requiring attention since the March meeting on any subject not separately on the Agenda.

23/24 – 0411 Accounts

a) Current financial position reviewed by all Councillors.

Resolved – That the Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation be noted and signed by Cllrs Van Oosterhout and Horner.

b) Bank statements reviewed by all Councillors.

Resolved – That the document be noted and signed by Cllr Van Oosterhout.

Councillors noted the following invoices already paid:

c) 21st March 2024 – Cllr Jane Ewen – Compost and Plants - £190.55 (Public Health Act, s164)

d) 4th April 2024 – Kyanite – Annual Website Hosting - £247.92 (Local Government Act 1972, s142)

4th April 2024 – Sissons Gardening Services – Grass Cutting - £240.80 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)

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- e) 4th April 2024 – Cllr Andrew Horner – Bird Boxes and Plants - £65.19 (Public Health Act, s164)
- f) 4th April 2024 – Ian Bowmer – Handyman Wages & Expenses - £111.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
- g) 4th April 2024 – Lawn N Order – Hedge Cutting - £384.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
- h) 4th April 2024 – Hedgehogs R Us – Hedgehog markers – £64.99 (Public Health Act, s164)
- i) 11th April 2024 – Newton Printing Services – Elsham Leader - £175.96 (Local Government Act 1972, s142)
- j) 11th April 2024 – Cllr Andrew Horner – Hedgehog Boxes and Plants - £40.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
- k) ERNLLCA – Annual Membership - £345.44 (Local Government Act 1972, s143)
- l) Autela – Q4 Payroll - £73.73 (Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 ch 39)
- m)
- n) There were no other invoices presented for payment

23/24 – 0412 Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda Items for the next meeting

- a) There was no progress on items not requiring decision and resolution, not otherwise detailed on the agenda.
- b) No correspondence received
- c) No correspondence received since the agenda was posted
- d) No items were put forward for the May meeting

23/24 - 0413 Date and time of forthcoming meetings

- a) The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2024.

23/24 – 0414 To consider the exclusion of the public due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

- a) To pay Clerk's wages and expenses.
Resolved – To pay Clerk's salary and expenses (Local Government Act 1972, s112).