

ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Elsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 commencing at 7.00pm, at the Village Hall Elsham

Present: Chair – Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout
Cllr Andrew Horner Cllr Jane Ewen and Cllr Mark Wood
Clerk – Holly Hanson
Ward Councillors - Cllrs Carl and Nigel Sherwood
No members of the public attended.

24/25 - 0501 Apologies

Reasons for apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Burton and Moir.

24/25 – 0502 Public Participation

No members of the public attended.

24/25 - 0503 Declaration of Interest

- a) Cllr Jane Ewen declared an interest in item 24/25 0512 c) Payment of expenses
Cllr Mark Wood declared an interest in item 24/25 0512 h) Payment of expenses
Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout declared an interest in items 24/25 0512 j) and m) Payment of expenses
- b) No dispensations given.

24/25 - 0504 Minutes of Previous meeting

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

24/25 – 0505 Report from Ward Councillors

Cllrs Carl and Nigel Sherwood gave an update stating that the free swimming sessions offered over the Easter Holidays were taken up by over 1,500 people.

NLC will be capping bus fares for young people from 5-19yrs at £1 during school holidays for all journeys within North Lincolnshire

Free Dash Cams are being made available via Operation Snap by Humberside PCC

There is a consultation currently on before, after and holiday childcare offerings in the area, accessed on the NLC website.

There is a consultation on electric vehicle charging points, if there is a location that you think would benefit, please make contact via the NLC website

Cllr Van Oosterhout raised that the Parish Council had had an independent inspection of the trees on Doll Lane Snickett, as they were felt to be unsafe. The outcome of that inspection was that essential safety works were indeed required, and that some of the dead wood that required removing had been there prior to any inspection from North Lincs Officers.

24/25 - 0506 Co-Option of New Councillor

- a) Councillors discussed the application and expression of interest from a resident of Elsham

Resolved – Councillors unanimously resolved to co-opt the applicant

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24/25 - 0507 **Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues**

- a) No updates had been received by Elsham Parish Council from NLC, on any of the issues 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.
 - i) The Parish Council had had an independent inspection of the trees on Doll Lane Snickett, as they were felt to be unsafe. The outcome of that inspection was that essential safety works were indeed required, and that some of the dead wood that required removing had been there prior to any inspection from North Lincs Officers. Councillors discussed the quote for essential safety works to the trees, the Clerk indicated that she would look to secure grant funding from NLC for a proportion of the costs.
- Resolved – To accept the quote for essential safety works and secure grant funding from NLC for a proportion of the costs
- b) Councillors noted that cyclist sign on Church Walk has still not been replaced despite reporting to NLC in November – Clerk to re-report.

24/25 – 0508 **Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs**

- a) There were no Police, Neighbourhood watch or NATs matters

24/25 - 0509 **Planning**

- a) Councillors discussed the following Planning Application and resolve any action:
- i) Application No: PA/2024/511
 - Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline application PA/2021/855 dated 18/11/2021 to erect a detached dwelling
 - Site Location: Orchard House, 12 Barnetby Lane, Elsham, DN20 0RB.
- Resolved – Councillors had no comments or objections
- b) Councillors received the following Planning Decisions:
- i) Application No: PA/ 2024/277
 - Proposal: Planning permission to erect single-storey porch extension to enlarge reception space
 - Site Location: 23 Maltkiln Lane, Elsham, Brigg, DN20 0RH
 - Decision: Planning Permission granted with conditions
- 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 updated on the 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, with

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Planning Enforcement reporting that they have been in correspondence with the developer and he has agreed to carry out all the requirements of the Biodiversity Management Plan.

- e) No other planning matters were discussed.

24/25 - 0510 – Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

- a) Councillors received the following monthly inspections and reports:
- i) Play area – Pidgeon spikes have been installed and the new mole spike is working well.
 - a) Councillors discussed the quote for a solar automated lock for the Play Area Gate. The Clerk to obtain further information on warrantee / guarantee for works, and also refer to the Play Area Lease regarding necessity for locking.
 - ii) Elsham Nature Reserve – NLC will be attending to trim the paths in the next week or so.
 - 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 are growing well – Clerk to obtain a species list for the seed.

- 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.
Councillors also discussed the beacon lighting on 6th June, with additional volunteers required for making tea and coffee.
- d) Councillors discussed Handyman jobs
- e) No other Parish Matters were discussed

24/25 – 0511 Clerk’s Report

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

24/25 – 0512 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) 30th April 2024 – Cllr Jane Ewen – Fertiliser - £5.99 (Public Health Act, s164)
 - d) 30th April 2024 – ERNLLCA – Annual Membership - £345.44 (Local Government Act 1972, s143)
 - e) 30th April 2024 – Autela – Q4 Payroll - £73.73 (Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 ch 39)
 - f) 30th April 2024 – Boston Bulbs – Bulbs - £390.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
 - g) 8th May 2024 – Ian Bowmer – Handyman Wages & Expenses - £48.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
 - h) 8th May 2024 – Cllr Mark Wood – Padlock - £30.84 (Public Health Act, s164)
 - i) 8th May 2024 – Eve Middleton – Elsham Leader Delivery - £18.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s142)
 - j) 16th May 2024 – Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout – Plants - £189.36 (Public Health Act, s164)
 - k) 16th May 2024 – CPRE – BKV Entry - £25.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s137)
 - l) 16th May 2024 – Brian Brooks – Internal Audit - £300.00 (Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014)
- Councillors approved the following invoices for payment:
- m) Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout – Hedgehog House - £15.00 (Public Health Act, s164)

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24/25 – 0513

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) An in depth review of the Emergency Plan was put forward for the June meeting

24/25 - 0514

Date and time of forthcoming meetings

- a) The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th June 2024.

24/25 – 0515

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).