

ELLISTOWN & BATTLEFLAT PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016 @ 7pm
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ELLISTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr Keith Merrie (CHAIRMAN) Cllr Matthew Pollard (VICE CHAIRMAN)
Cllr George Norley Cllr Ruth Willett-Marshall

In Attendance

Karen Turrell (volunteer - admin duties)
11 Members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Powell
No apologies received from Cllr Morrell

2. Declaration of Interests: Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary

Cllr Pollard - Non-Pecuniary - Item 11c of the Agenda
Cllr Willett-Marshall - Non-Pecuniary - Item 11b of the Agenda

3. Minutes from the meeting

The Council **AGREED** to accept as a true record the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 8th August 2016

4. County Council Report

None

5. District Council Report

Cllr Merrie advised that the Amazon site would have a Transport Management plan in place advising HGV's to turn right out of the depot. A Public Relations representative has expressed an interest in forging relations with Ellistown schools, scouts, churches, local groups, etc.

Cllr Merrie read out a Winvic newsletter stating the Beveridge Lane traffic management would be from Saturday 17th Sept to Friday 30th Sept with closures and further minor work at Rushby Road roundabout finishing on 7th October 2016.

Cllr Merrie would be visiting Leicestershire Police as District Councillor to discuss Section 106 monies received from the Amazon development. Cllr Merrie to report back at next meeting.

6. Police report

None in attendance

7. Public Participation

Mr Singh of Ellistown Fish Bar was not advised as a business of the road closure, he had received no correspondence. Unhappy that Police had visited his premises due to cones blocking his driveway being moved, however he stated that they were not moved by him. Cllr Merrie advised that the County Council does not have a duty to tell every parishioner of a forthcoming road closure. Miss Brown stated that she had seen Cllr Merrie on the day he was delivering leaflets to advise of the impending road closure and he missed out the Ellistown Fish Bar.

Mr George Needham expressed concern that the railway bridge is not wide enough to withstand the HGV's constant use. Cllr Merrie stated that the County Council attended approximately 4 months ago to explain that a survey completed by British Rail detailing work needing to be carried out to widen the bridge and Cllr Pollard claimed that it required in the region of £4,000,000. This item would be put on to the Parish plan to assess. Happy that lighting work now dealt with, shrouds on the building's signage lights and acoustic fencing extended. Only sign is a totem pole in the front of the building.

Mr Burt Holmes was unhappy about the road closure, how it had affected the parking and that the only time a Traffic Warden is seen is when the road closure is in place, giving motorists parking tickets. He didn't feel this was acceptable. Mr Holmes would like a 20mph speed limit in place. Parking also needs to be stopped on footpaths, especially prevalent at school start and finish times.

Cllr Merrie reminded parishioners that Leicestershire County Council pay no regard to Parish Council input on matters relating to highways or planning, etc. However, the Parish plan would look at parking matters.

Corey Gower who lives on Whitehill Road said that she had not seen any signs stating road closures just cones and bollards.

Mr Dave Fowkes didn't feel there was a need for the road closure and questioned why Leicester Heavy Haulage lorries were still using the road when closed. Cllr Merrie explained that the company had received special dispensation to use the road at certain times of the day.

Tina O'Keefe had a complaint about a residents hedge which needed cutting back.

Maureen Parry was unhappy about the allotment vandalism (fencing smashed, windows smashed, apples removed). Police had been notified.

Miss Brown reported that a windscreen had been smashed but the Police had not been made aware.

Several residents left the meeting.

8. Planning

To consider the following and any planning applications received since issuing of the Agenda:

- a. Application Reference: 16/00880/VCU - **NO COMMENTS**
- b. Application Reference: 16/00961/FUL - **NO COMMENTS**
- c. Application Reference: 16/00883/FULM - **NO COMMENTS**

9. Finance

Signatory forms completed by Cllr Willett-Marshall

10. Policies

Cllr Merrie advised that the NWLDC Code of Conduct Policy 2012 was adhered to and minuted every year.

11. Projects

a. Cllr Willett-Marshall agreed to attend the Remembrance Day Service in Ellistown to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council, Cllr Merrie will be attending the Coalville Service and Parade to represent Ellistown & Battleflat Parish Council and lay a wreath on Sunday 13th November, 2016.

b. It was agreed that the Council would purchase 2 A-Board notices at £49+p&p each to highlight the parking issues at Ellistown school. This was proposed by Cllr Pollard and seconded by Cllr Norley.

c. Cllr Merrie noted that the Pickering Drive play area had been omitted from the Agenda and this should also be included. Cllr Merrie confirmed that although 3 contractors had been approached to give quotations only 2 quotes had been received, one from T&G and a very comprehensive quote from LRP. Cllr Merrie contacted the developer who is willing to contribute to one of the kissing gates and the Council will pay for the other 2. Cllr Norley proposed that the LRP quote should be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Willett-Marshall.

d. This item was removed as Cllr Merrie explained that a consultation needs to be carried out first.

12. Parish Councillor Applications (Co-option)

It was agreed by the Council to advertise the post.

13. Parking

Appendix B - Cllr Merrie and Clerk, Helen Dalton had received a letter regarding parking on Whitehill Road in Ellistown, Cllr Merrie contacted Cllr Nick Rushton about this matter, who gave details of the appropriate contact for this issue. The Council will respond with a letter drafted by Cllr Merrie and sent to the Clerk for posting.

14.

- a.** Clerks resignation received and accepted by the Council.
- b.** The Council agreed that a new Clerk needed to be employed and this would be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.
- c.** Prospective Clerk had been approached and accepted to cover the period between the previous Clerk leaving and the next Council Meeting where a formal offer of Employment will be made and remuneration discussed.
- d.** Terms and Conditions re. holiday accrual and references for the outgoing Clerk were discussed and agreed upon by the Council.

15. Date, Time & Venue of next Meeting

Wednesday 19th October 2016, 7pm at Wesleyan Reform Church

Chairman's Signature:

Date: