

## **Minutes for Bothamsall Parish Council meeting Held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the village hall.**

Members present; Chair Cllr Hynes, Cllrs Eaglen, Davis, McCombe, Woodcock

Apologies for absence; Cllr Stothard

Members of the public; None Cllr Ogle attended the meeting. Cllr Dinsdale did not attend.

Declarations of interest; none

### **Election of Officers:**

Cllr Eaglen proposed Cllr Hynes continue as Chair for another year. Seconded by Cllr McCombe, all in favour.

Cllr Hynes proposed Cllr Eaglen as Vice Chair, & Continuing to assume financial responsibilities and duties of the Clerk (with continued absence of a clerk). Seconded by Cllr Woodcock. All in favour.

Cllr McCombe asked about the plan going forward. All agreed we need to continue to try to secure a new clerk but also recognised all essential tasks have been well covered with a considerable saving. Cllr Eaglen highlighted that over 90% of correspondence is not relevant, and that the duties of the Clerk do not take the suggested 17 hours/month.

Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024; were proposed to be a true and correct record and proposed by Cllr. Davis and seconded by Cllr. McCombe. All in favour.

### **Cllr Ogle invited to address the council**

New Labour Mayor; Clare Ward. Her priorities include Housing. Members free to write to the mayoral office to request more money for highways in our area, specifically repairing potholes etc..

### **Matters arising from the previous minutes.**

#### **15/001 Highways**

Hedges; How to approach the problem of hedges growing out nearly to the road. Cllr Ogle; Highways dept can act if dangerous, however suggested the council try contacting those responsible first. To raise with Highways, Council should put it in writing with specific locations perhaps using the 'What Three Words' app. Cllr Ogle can pass on if required.

Cllr Hynes to approach owner first.

#### **15/002 Interest Groups/Feedback None.**

#### **15/003 Fly Tipping; None reported**

#### **15/022 Neighbourhood Watch;**

Cllr. Stothard no further with the WhatsApp group. Cllr McCombe to help with leaflets and requests to join etc.

**17/009 Method/Risk** Nothing to report this month.

**21/014 Budget Update**

PE, s report was for the first quarter of the new financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Income in this period £2565.36

Grass cutting £740.00 Zurich Insurance £196.00 Gambles Ltd (mower) £48.00 and Alford Awards £150.00 which was agreed between meetings for the sports day which hopefully will be an annual event. VAT to be claimed back £33.00.

It was proposed the accounts be accepted and signed off by Cllr Hynes & seconded by Cllr Woodcock. All in favour

**3/010 D-Day 80 anniversary celebrations June 2024**

This was well attended by village residents with some member of the Welbeck Archers joining in. Thanks go to the Social Club for opening the bar and AS and PE for supplying steel for the beacon.

Special thanks to Ben Price for fabrication and the donation of some steel. Letter to be sent to him from the council.

Cllr Hynes added thanks for all who participated in preparations, beacon & fitting etc.

**24/010 Village lawnmower**

Cllr Eaglen informed the lawnmower had been taken for a service at Retford, but has been scrapped.

Cllr Hynes has secured an opportunity for the Council to buy a professional grade ride on mower for an excellent price; Its been suggested the management committee may be prepared to contribute as has a villager who would like to be able to make use of the mower too.

Cllr Woodcock raised the likely complications involved and asked if the council wanted to go back to wards doing more of the mowing ourselves. Cllr Eaglen suggested it would be good as a back up and mowing areas not covered by the contractor. All councillors recognised it could be beneficial, but also that its likely to fall to the same people. Cllr Hynes suggested she would be prepared to drive it. Further discussion of costs of servicing and repair, and perhaps formally leasing the mower to villages to formalise the arrangements. Also discussed buying a cheaper, walk behind mower & allowing the contractor to cut more areas.

No clear resolution; Option to buy a mower in the future still remains, however probably not the deal that's currently been proposed; No further action for now.

**24/011 Discovery of used Ammunition shells**

To be followed up no reply to date; No action – remove from agenda.

**24/012 Elkesley Solar Farm and Battery Storage**

Nothing further heard – Remove from agenda

## AGENDA

### **Cemetery Gates**

Cllr Stothard obtained a quote for sand blasting & undercoat for £180. Cllr Hynes proposed we go ahead, Cllr Woodcock seconded; All in Favour.

### **NALC AGM Details**

Council were asked if anyone would like to attend; No interest

### **Bassetlaw Action Centre**

Request received for volunteers for drivers etc. Notice to be posted in village notice boards.

### **Via East Midlands grass cutting**

Via requested we submit a record of the dates when the grass cutting is done.

PE to supply this information.

### **Paved area behind village hall**

Decision was made via emails between meetings for the management committee to go ahead with a paved area behind the village hall to sit the wooden benches on.

### **Financial**

Dealt with in Budget update

### **Plans**

Bothamsall Hall. 2 applications, both for the Hall concerning Variations to the conditions for planning for the pool house; Internal work for door and canopy.

No comments required from the council.

### **Correspondence:**

Sent by email.

Road works bulletin received for works between the 30<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September between Castle Hill and the A614.

### **Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7:30pm

### **Meeting closed:**

8.55pm

Signed



Date 11-9-24