

Minutes for Bothamsall Parish Council meeting Held on 12th September 2024 at the village hall.

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

Apologies for absence; None

Members of the public; 3 Bothamsall residents

Declarations of interest; none

Minutes of the July meeting proposed a true record by Cllr Woodcock seconded by Cllr Davis
All in favour

Cllr Adams invited to address the council item 24/016

Cllr Adams introduced himself as the local councillor for the neighbouring area covering five other parish councils including Welbeck, Cuckney & Elkesley. He particularly wanted to highlight the current public consultation on adding Bothamsall and Haughton into his area, i.e. a consultation on boundary reorganisation which will change our local councillor and may affect the 2027 elections.

Consultation ends 7th October if councillors want to make comments, in particular would we be happy to move into the new ward?

Cllr Adams expects to stand in the next election. Current projects include close working with Welbeck Estates in securing of decarbonisation funding, a project to upgrade Cuckney Village Hall with rural funding and in Elkesley working to remove unauthorised travellers and prevent troublesome behaviour at the ford.

The proposals were put together by the rural conservative association, with draft recommendations going forward next week and the consultation running to 7th October.

48 Cllrs are staying the same, but it's an effort to level out the numbers of votes in each area.

Standing orders were suspended at this point.

Mr Pattison; Questioned the validity of the consultation as this meeting was the first he'd heard of it; he asked where it was published. Cllr Adams stated it has been published in various publications and online but accepted that it was perhaps not comprehensive enough.

Cllr Eaglen mentioned historical connections between Bothamsall & Elkesley church, and quite strong connections to the Dukeries being a village previously owned by the Duke of Newcastle so there is some logic in the proposal on historic grounds.

Question was asked: what are the advantages? – Cllr Adams discussed common problems he is already working on, Speeding, big lorries, quad bikes, potholes and the low police presence.

Mr Pattison asked about speeding and the village's frustrations at the lack of action, dangerous corners. Cllr Adams has been working on traffic calming in Manton, but also raised he has five parishes already & whilst he will work hard for the new ward he is neutral on the proposal seeing both advantages & disadvantages.

Cllr Eaglen mentioned a strong reason would be needed if we chose to resist.

Cllr Woodcock couldn't see a strong reason either way, and with that wouldn't be minded to fight the proposal.

General consensus was without strong feeling, and with that no significant objections to resist the draft plan, although there was frustration in the lack of good consultation.

Chair proposed the council accept the draft plan; Cllr McCombe seconded; all were in favour.

Matters arising from the previous minutes.

15/001 Highways

Cllr Eaglen has contacted an agricultural contractor Nigel Leach, he can carry out the work cutting the overgrown allotment hedges and any other work in the village. The council would not be responsible for payment it would be up to the owners. Cllr Hynes to discuss.

Cllr McCombe to report a dead badger to the council for removal.

The patching work has started up to the A614.

15/002 Interest Groups/Feedback None.

15/003 Fly Tipping; None reported

15/022 Neighbourhood Watch;

Chair confirmed the WhatsApp flyer has been circulated and 22 people have provided their details for to join the Neighbourhood watch WhatsApp group.

One resident asked if social news could be put on this group, but the answer is no; strictly for neighbourhood watch matters only so that 'if t pings, it's likely to be important'.

Cllr Woodcock to ask brothers family and Mr Fox of Haughton Kennels if they want to join (Chair will send flyer by emails).

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

21/014 Budget Update

PE, s report was for the period 1st July to 11th September 2024.

Grass cutting £700.00p

No income in this period. Second payment from BDC later this month £1241.50p

2023/24 VAT return of £21.10p claimed but not yet paid.

Approval to circulate and sign the 3 month September financial report so it can be sent to Bassetlaw.

24/013 Cemetery Gates

Last meeting it was agreed to have the gates removed for sand blasted but there is some weld making it difficult to do this.

It was agreed to grind this off providing the gates can be fixed again.

AGENDA

24/014 Grass cutting 2025

Cllr Eaglen has spoken with Jason and he has agreed to next year's contract with a slight increase of £20 per cut. This will save the council going out to tender next year. All in favour of accepting this and PE to confirm this by email.

Notts CC appear to have stopped cutting a large area that has always previously been cut on the bank adjacent to the garages/cherry blossom trees. Cllr Eaglen to enquire why.

24/015 Village Pond area maintenance

Cllr Eagen reported there are a lot of low branches and needs a good general sort out. Suggested Andy Bennett taken on to assist Cllr Eaglen at £150 per day; Proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr Davis; all in favour.

24/016 Ward Boundary changes (Previously covered)

24/017 Donation to First Responders request

It was agreed between meetings that the council donate £100.00p All in favour

21/018 Advertising for Clerk with revised hours

Cllr Eaglen & Chair have been managing for months without a Clerk, and it's clear that with all the changes and new ways of working, the job no longer takes 11 hours.

Council were in general agreement that we must advertise and continue to seek a new Clerk, in part because we need a financial officer and this has usually been the Clerk as the only paid employee. Cllr Eaglen suggested we might be able to introduce various parts of the job more slowly and pay on an hourly basis until they're fully trained.

Chair proposed we make a renewed effort and advertise for the position. Cllr Woodcock seconded, and all were in favour.

24/019 Village-wide camera system

Mr & Mrs Pattison raised concerns over speed in the centre of the village, and asked if we could consider a village wide CCTV system.

Cllrs added the narrow paths, overgrown shrubbery and the difficulty of walking side by side or with a child etc.

Cllrs discussed the extensive efforts made over the years to get reduced speed zones on the approach to the village, discussions on widening footpaths and potential traffic calming measures but so far, all requests for help from authorities have been turned down.

Mrs Patterson suggested if we could investigate getting an independent traffic consultant to prepare a report on the behalf of the village.

Councillors agreed to put on the next meeting agenda & investigate further.

Discussion on the difficulty of getting figures on speed, but Cllr Eaglen suggested moving the village owned interactive speed sign (which records numbers and speed) to the centre of the village to continue to build figures on the speeding.

Financial

Dealt with in Budget update

Plans none

Correspondence; Sent by email.

Also Notice of public rights of Annual governance published 24th May 2024 with a time from frame from the 3rd June 2024 to the 12th July 2024. No members of the public requested to see the document.

Winter Grit order placed and will be delivered to Teranjo DN22 8DW

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th November 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed: 9.08pm

Signed

Sandy Hynes

Date

12.11.24