

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ellastone Parish Council held on
Wednesday 28th March 2018 in Ellastone Parish Hall**

Present: Councillors Watkin (Chairman), Wain, Robinson, Bailey, Smith, Bland (Part of Meeting), Lawson (Part of Meeting). Also, Borough Councillor Barker

1. Apologies
Julie Sadler – Parish clerk
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 15th February 2018
Signed as a true record
3. Setting of Any Other Business
Beacons
Bowling Club
4. Conflicts of Interest
None
5. Clerk's Report
All four items deferred:
SIDs;
Risk Assessment;
SAAA Fees;
Data Protection Changes
6. Correspondence Received
SPCA Bulletin included item on Governance Arrangements – deferred.
Community Fund open for Applications – the Council has nothing which would qualify to apply for at the moment.
7. Planning Application
P/2018/00335 – Land off Dove Street
Application had been made under "Prior Notification Rules". Councillor Barker advised that in the view of ESBC Planners, it does not qualify. Councillor Watkin will respond within the deadline of 30th March re-confirming all previous objections and noting that the "Agricultural Need" was now actually reduced compared with the earlier applications.
8. Parish Hall Car Park
It was decided not to pursue the idea of a Parking Meter, due to issues of cost, distinguishing between different types of user and also enforcement. Instead an Honesty Box will be considered. This can be used to raise money for the Children's Playing Field and publicised as such.
9. Funding for Ellastone Playing Field
There is a requirement agreed at the previous meeting to seek sources of funding for the repair of play equipment.
Councillor Bailey also raised the subject of Parish Council donations and after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will cease the annual donation of £100 to the Church and instead take over responsibility from the Church for maintenance of the Playing Field, including mowing. This will complement the responsibility for Insurance and, in addition to the contribution of the £100 saved, there would be money raised from the proposal in Item 8 above.
The donation of £100 to the First Responders will continue.
10. Standing Orders Review

Councillor Watkin will re-circulate the model sent out by SPCA for Councillors to read and then discuss.

11. Finance

Discussion deferred

a. Payment of Parish Clerk

12. Any other Business

Beacons - Councillor Barker referred to a proposal from Denstone Parish Council to have a Beacon for the local Parishes to be part of the country-wide commemoration of the end of World War 1. This could perhaps be high up above the Cricket Field in Wootton. This idea was supported in principle and Councillor Barker was asked to liaise with other parties with a view to further discussion on a plan for the event. The possibility of getting together a team of bell-ringers so that Ellastone could join in the national ringing of bells was also raised.

Bowling Club AGM - The Council was advised that at the recent AGM, it was noted that funds were down due to a reduced number of members. The Parish Council wished to be supportive of any initiatives to publicise this excellent facility.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall