

Minutes of the Meeting of Ellastone Parish Council held on Thursday 13TH September 2018 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present

Councillors Watkin (Chair), Smith, Wain, Robinson, Read and Bailey were present at the meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllr Bland and Borough Councillor Ed Barker

2. Minutes of meeting held 19th July 2018

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Read and signed by Cllr Watkin as a true record.

3. Setting of Any Other Business

There was no AOB.

4. Conflict of interest – None

5. Clerks Report

a. **Traffic Issues in the area** - Susan Bridgett came to the meeting to discuss the traffic issues in the area to discuss with the Parish Council the increase in the volume of HGV vehicles in the area and the Ashbourne Bypass and the impact on the surrounding villages, Swinscoe and the A52. Things that could be looked at:

- i. New signage in the area
- ii. Weight limit on Tit Bridge – however this would have to be looked into as the local bus goes over the bridge.
- iii. Identifying pinch points

According to SCC there has been a huge increase in the traffic and HGV's are choosing not to use the appropriate roads that have been set up for them such as the A515 and the A50. Susan informed the meeting that she had been invited to a meeting with the Strategic Officers at SCC the first week in October. The Parish Council agreed that they would be interested in joining up together, but wouldn't sign up to an agenda until after Susan's meeting with the SCC. It was agreed that Cllr Watkin and Cllr Smith would be combining the documents they had already produced about the history of traffic issues in Ellastone, and when this document had been produced and agreed by the Council it could possibly be used if we have joint discussions with other Parish Councils about these issues. A number of Councillors disagreed with Susan Bridgett's views about the proposed A515 Ashbourne by-pass and expressed support for the project.

Traffic Issues in Ellastone

It was agreed that the Parish Councillors have the following options to carry out with regards to the traffic in the village:

1. Paying for feasibility study in the village
2. Purchasing a SID for the village
3. Purchasing some Gateways for the village to help to slow down the traffic

It was agreed that before a decision could be made the Parish Council require the answers to the following:

1. How much will the Feasibility Study?
2. What does the Feasibility Study involve?
3. What exactly do the Parish Council get for the money?

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Richard Rayson regarding the above. Once answers had been received the Parish Council would then communicate with the village.

- b. Gardening** - It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. Playing Fields** – The clerk informed the meeting that she had received a report from ROSPA with regards to the playing field equipment. Cllr Read agreed to look at the report and the equipment and update the councillors at the next meeting. Clerk to send copy of report to Cllr Read.
- d. Standing Orders** – the clerk informed the meeting that she had updated the standing orders to incorporate the recent data protection changes.
- e. VAT training** – the clerk asked permission to attend a course on VAT. This was unanimously agreed

6. Honesty Box

Cllr Bailey informed the meeting that Roston Castings had donated an honesty box for the village. This will go on the exterior of the Parish Hall. Cllr Smith to arrange for a sign to accompany the box. It was agreed that the clerk would send a letter of thanks to Roston Castings on behalf of the Parish Council.

7. SPCA Bulletin

Nothing to raise from the bulletins.

8. Planning

- a. P/2018/01060** – Change of use of two holiday lets to ancillary residential accommodation and erection of a single storey side extension – Bentley Fold Farm, Main Road, Ellastone, DE6 2GZ – No Objections
- b. P/2018/00844** - Demolition of existing garage to facilitate the erection of a single storey side extension and erection of a new detached double garage - Abbey Lodge, Calwich Bank, Ellastone, DE6 2HE – No Objections

9. Finance

- a.** Payment of Parish Clerk Period 1.8.18 and 1.09.18 made by standing order

- b. Wootton Parish Council - Gas-Fuelled Beacon to commemorate the end of World War 1 - £144. This was unanimously agreed by all.
- c. Balance of Treasurers Account 11 July 2018 = £3962.67
- d. Balance of Savings Account 11 July 2018 = £570.60

10. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 15th November 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm