

ELWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 26 June 2017 at Elwick WI Hall

Present: Cllrs. P. Hutchinson (Chair), B. Irving, R. Musgrave, H. Thompson, R. Thompson

In Attendance: Mrs. M. West, Clerk; Ward Cllr. B. Loynes, Mrs. D. Atkins (WRA), 7 residents, mainly from Greenlea

1. Apologies: Cllr. J. Hall - **accepted**

- 2. Public Forum:** The Greenlea residents raised concerns about the attitude of the Parish Council to children in the Wildlife Garden. All had received a letter from the Police Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, in relation to damage caused by children in the Wildlife Garden. A letter had also been sent by the school. These, together with comments about parents in the parish Council Report in the April issue of Village Life, had caused considerable upset. Councillors made it very clear that these had not been endorsed by themselves and they wished to disassociate themselves from these comments. They made clear their wish to see ALL residents of Elwick enjoying the Wildlife Garden – and that includes children! All those present were concerned that the Police should issue such a letter without checking the facts first with the owners of the land, viz the Parish Council, especially as no damage has been seen in the Wildlife Garden. R. Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr. H. Thompson that the Clerk should write to the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit expressing this view in the strongest possible terms, also to the school, with copies to all residents of Greenlea. Unanimously **agreed**. It was further **agreed** that the Wildlife Garden be formally renamed the Elwick Wildlife Garden, and that community ownership of the Wildlife Garden should be encouraged, with the possibility of some joint celebratory activity around the Wildlife Garden. **Action:** Clerk to write to Police ASBO Team and school, (copies to Greenlea residents) and to rename the Wildlife Garden.

Greenlea residents left the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest: None

4. Minutes of 22nd May 2017: **Agreed** and signed.

5. Matters Arising:

(a) Elwick Parish fête feedback – Cllr. H. Thompson reported the pre-fete dance had been cancelled due to lack of support. All agreed that the lack of a PA system had led to some activities overlapping, difficulty in running the dog show and caused confusion. To be noted for future events.

(b) Parish Plan - items to be included: New play equipment for Playing Field; maintain the cinder paths at each end of the green; resurface the roads beside and across the village green on line with conservation recommendations; provide dog waste bins for Wynyard; support the development of community facilities in Wynyard; continue to beautify Elwick village.

(c) Play equipment – see Item 10.

(d) Grass cutting - Councillors present felt that the look of the greens had improved considerably;

(e) Stone – The Chairman now has a stone ready to place on the corner of the green near to Pounder House.

6. Chairman's Report: Cllr. Hutchinson reported that he had moved a grit bin back to a safe position after it had been dislodged by vehicles at the Classic Car Rally.

7. Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr Loynes reported that the pavement on Village farm corner is to be inspected and the lamp posts around the conservation area had now all been repainted and repaired – she was informed that 2 lamps on Church Bank remained permanently on. Cllr Musgrave informed Cllr Loynes that the chevrons, on the corner beside Gordon Swain's residence in Coal Lane, needed to be replaced. Cllr Hutchinson asked her, whose responsibility it was to replace/repair kerbs on the corner by Pudding Poke Farm which were damaged by heavy vehicles being driven over them and hitting the wall. He suggested that a crash barrier should be erected at this corner. Cllr Loynes noted that a contribution to the Rural Community Transport scheme was to be discussed and reported that Ward Councillors had been approached for funding by Paul's Travel.

8. Village Maintenance Group Report: Cllr Irving reported that an old rusty tin bath had been dumped by the bins in the Playing Field, and that a large hole had been cut in the new fence around the Playing Field. Cllr Musgrave reported a fridge dumped in Coal Lane. It was noted with regret that fly tipping was on the increase again. Cllr Irving then reported on a resident's concern that when a vehicle is parked at the bus stop, it blocks the view of drivers exiting the green. Councillors felt that there was little that could be done about this. Hutchinson reported that Peter Frost, HBC had offered to provide 2 dog bins for Wynyard – Mrs. Atkins was pleased to accept the offer with, the caveat that they must be in black and gold livery as specified by Wynyard Estates. It was noted that the dead tree on the walk still needed removing – Cllrs R. Thompson and Hall to undertake. Finally, a complaint had been received from a neighbour in Greenlea about the hedge at No 10 overhanging the road into Greenlea. Cllr Loynes stated that this was a Borough Council issue only if the hedge overhangs the public highway. Also noted was that a piece of fence was down again in the Wildlife Garden; it was agreed to fix the fence on the garden side.

9. Financial Report: The Clerk presented the monthly reports, which were accepted.

Income	£	Expenditure:	£
Transparency Fund	466.00	Broadband Line	30.48
Wayleave	<u>8.05</u>	Internal Audit	55.00
		Miscellaneous	980.00
		Grass cutting	914.00
		Clerk's Salary/PAYE (April – June	660.00
		Transparency Costs	466.00
		Rural Community Transport	<u>1,064.00</u>
Total	474.05	Total	4,501.47

10. Red Gap Community Fund: Cllr H. Thompson thought that the application forms had not yet been received, however, it was agreed that Cllr. Irving and the Clerk should investigate the costs of providing further equipment for the Playing Field, ready for the first year's application to the Fund by the Parish Council. Items suggested included: new swings, a roundabout, zip wire and netball Post.

11. Correspondence: (i) CALC – informing of successful bid to Transparency Fund - **noted**.
(ii) Keith Shaw – suggestions for the Parish Plan – **noted** with thanks
(iii) Kit Lofthouse (Chairman WRA) regarding a community hall for Wynyard. It would appear that SBC has given planning approval for a new permanent primary school, but that the final plans did not include an independent hall, to be made available to the community, as WRA were led to believe. She therefore asked what monies were allocated by EPC in their budget, to support an application for an independent building, and how WRA could access these. Mrs Atkins was not aware of this information and requested an opportunity to clarify the position before any decision to release the money allocated within the budget, was made. This was **agreed**.

Cllr. Loynes left the meeting.

12. Planning Applications:

H/2017/0292 - 3, Manorside, Wynyard – No objection

H/2017/0290 - Hazel Bank Cottage, Elwick – Support

H/2017/0308 - Plot 5, The Beaumont, Wynyard – No objection

H/2017/0328 - Old Brierley Drive, Billingham – 61 dwellings – Development accepted, however concern about situation of play park site - too close to Care Home, Over-50's residences and main access road – suggest moved further in to the development.

H/2017/0309 - Plot 2, The Beaumont, Wynyard – No objection

H/2017/0320 - 20 space Car Park adjacent to Old School House, Elwick – Strongly support

14. Matters of Concern to Councillors: None

15. Date of Next Meeting: 7.00pm, Monday 24th July at WI Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.