

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall on Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 7pm

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien (from 7.24), J Gilson, J Wright, M Stronach (left 7.50) and L Ashley

Others : District Councillor C Adams (from 7.25 until 8.34) and the Clerk and 3 members of public attended (left 7.55 and 8.09)

2255/25) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies for arriving late were received from Cllr O'Brien and District Councillor Adams, and for absence from County Councillor Turner

2256/25) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

Cllr Wright expressed an interest in item 12). There were no other declarations of interest

2257/25) To receive the Chair's report

Cllr Skelton reported that a new defibrillator and bleed-kit has been installed at Starbucks, funded by Heart-Beats DN22 charity. Starbucks have also promised to provide £300 annual funding for defibrillator upkeep and first aid training. PCSO Hollie Marsh had previously arranged for ditches to be dug around problem areas near Crookford to deter quad bikes and off-roaders. It appears that these ditches have been refilled, and the process will need to be repeated. An option to install a barrier would not be allowed as this would block the right of way. District Council litter pickers had been around near the A1, although a fridge was fly-tipped on the playing field (now removed). Building work on the new houses off Twyford Lane has started, which may help combat any further thefts of the EV charger cables from Starbucks. The footpath from Twyford Lane to Starbucks has been resurfaced by ViaEM.

2258/25) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Adams reported that the Brough Lane planning application will be heard at the Planning Committee meeting on 23 April. The public are welcome to attend the meeting at 6.30pm, Ceres Suite, Town Hall, Worksop. He was aware of more anti-social behaviour occurring. The outdoor table tennis table funded for the memorial hall should be installed soon.

2259/25) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

A resident spoke about a potential project to realign the football pitch, thus enabling it to be increased to full size, and to be used for adult matches. Funding may be available from Football Foundation. Cllr Adams commented that there may be some Bassetlaw District Council funding available. Cllr Skelton will follow up on a Steering Group/Committee.

2260/25) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

Cllr Skelton confirmed that the plan was progressing and has been sent to the inspector. A response is expected within the month, and if he's satisfied the next step will be to go to referendum.

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2261/25) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 13 February 2025

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 13 February were proposed by Cllr Gilson, seconded by Cllr O'Brien and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

2262/25) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

None received

2263/25) To retrospectively approve the payment of the remaining part of the invoice from Planning with People

Resolved. The payment of the remaining part of the invoice from Planning with People was proposed by Cllr O'Brien, seconded by Cllr Gilson and approved. **Carried**

2264/25) To review the CPR training sessions and approve a donation to Retford Lions

The CPR training session were attended by around 22 people, and it was suggested that an annual first aid session is planned. **Resolved.** There will be a donation of £100 made to Retford Lions. **Carried**

2265/25) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for March 2025

Resolved. The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr Gilson, seconded by Cllr Ashley and approved. **Carried**

2266/25) To consider renewal of the grounds maintenance contract with JW Services

Cllr Wright stepped out of the room for this item.

Resolved. It was agreed that JW Services continue with the contract for grounds maintenance for the Parish Council until the end of the season in October. Proposed by Cllr Gilson, seconded by Cllr Ashley and **Carried.** The clerk requested a copy of the Public Liability Insurance policy once renewed.

2267/25) To consider the review of the cemetery rules and cremated remains area

Resolved. The amended wording to the cemetery rules was approved, and will be in place from 1 April along with the revised fees. Proposed by Cllr Ashley, seconded by Cllr Wright and **Carried.** The site visit to the cemetery to discuss the cremated remains area will be arranged.

2268/25) To discuss CCTV options from Bassetlaw District Council

District Cllr Adams had requested certain details including sites and specific reasons for requirement of CCTV. Cllr Skelton is to forward a plan, suggesting a camera on/near the playing field and opposite the end of Headland Avenue. The main reasons to be cited are anti-social behaviour and speeding through the village.

2269/25) To discuss South East Bassetlaw parishes forum and representatives

Resolved. Councillors volunteered to join the Teams meetings planned for the rest of the year. The clerk will forward the link and agenda, when received.

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2270/25) To agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 8 May at 7.15pm, and followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm. There is no plan to hold a monthly meeting in May. **Carried**

2271/25) To approve Susan MacDonald as Internal Auditor for financial year 2024/25 at a cost of £50

Resolved. The Parish Council agreed to appoint Susan MacDonald as Internal Auditor for 2024/25. **Carried**

2272/25) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Cllr Gilson reported that there were repairs needed to the gates and the zipwire. Cllr Skelton will arrange for the repairs.

b. Cemetery

It is hoped the water butt can be set up in May. The clerk has reported the damaged wall to Notts County Council.

c. Defibrillator inspections

Cllr Skelton reported the existing devices were ok, although a battery may need replacing. Also, the cabinet at the shop is showing signs of deterioration and the clerk is to look into funding for a replacement.

2273/25) To receive highways and service faults

Cllr O'Brien recently met with County Councillor Turner, Aidan O'Connor from ViaEM, and Daniel Ambler from Enforcement. Several areas of concern were pointed out for attention and action planned.

A report of fly-tipping was made for Jockey Lane, and will be required for dumped conifers on Sandy Lane.

2274/25) To receive items for information only

The clerk updated the council on quotes for flag designs, although approval for the flagpole is still awaited. Quotes are still being obtained for the tennis court project.

2275/25) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 17 April at 7pm

The Chair ended the meeting at 9.13pm

Signed

Chair