

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall
on Wednesday 18 December at 6.30pm

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J Wright, M Stronach, J Gilson and L Ashley.

Others : The Clerk and one member of public attended.

2196/24) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllr O'Brien and accepted.

2197/24) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

Cllr Wright declared an interest in grounds maintenance matters. There were no other declarations made.

2198/24) To receive the Chair's report

Cllr Skelton reported another quiet winter month, with just highways issues being raised with the Parish Councillors. Condolences were extended to the family of Elkesley resident who recently passed away. It was acknowledged that one of the village defibrillators had been used, and in future training in the use of the devices would be arranged for residents to attend. Cllr Skelton had since met with the manager of Starbucks with a request for funding towards financial support of the village defibrillators. The Christmas Lights event had successfully taken place on 1 December.

2199/24) To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

N/A

2200/24) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

The resident thanked Cllr Skelton for approaching Starbucks and supported future training. He requested that attention be given to the River Poulter, as Battery Lane was flooded and falling trees would add to the problem. The bridleway over Stoneybridge is unusable due to flooding, and Battery Lane towards Thaymar was again blocked.

2201/24) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

The Neighbourhood Plan review was in the hands of Bassetlaw District Council. It was going out for consultation and the inspector will decide if a referendum is required. A response is not expected until the new year.

2202/24) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 21 November 2024

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 21 November were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Wright and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

2203/24) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

Resolved. A pre-application consultation was discussed in private and whilst no objections were raised, the clerk will report back with concerns.

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2204/24) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for December 2024

Resolved. The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr Ashley, seconded by Cllr Stronach and approved. The annual direct debit payment to HugoFox Ltd was authorised, and the donation to Idle Times was agreed for January. **Carried.** The clerk reiterated that £2240.42 of Community Infrastructure Levy was still held by Bassetlaw District Council until a suitable project was decided upon.

2205/24) To approve budget proposal and precept for 2025-26

Resolved. The budget was approved and the precept agreed at £20050. Proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Gilson. **Carried**

2206/24) To consider nominations for Bassetlaw Achiever award

A nominee was suggested, and the item will be discussed further at January's meeting for the details to be submitted.

2207/24) To consider plans for the BMX track

Resolved. It was agreed to seek options for the development of the track into an outdoor tennis court with steel net. The clerk is to research details and arrange site visits with potential play equipment companies for more information.

2208/24) To consider NottsALC training courses for councillors

Resolved. It was confirmed that Cllr Gilson was booked on two courses in 2025, including Playground Safety. The range of courses was shared with the councillors

2209/24) To discuss Starbucks pledge

Cllr Skelton confirmed that after a recent meeting with the manager of Starbucks, the company had pledged to support the funding of the village defibrillators and replacement parts with the sum of £300 per year. Consideration will be given to the acquisition of spare pads and batteries, and replacement cabinet with a light. Thanks were extended to Starbucks for their generous offer.

2210/24) To approve entries on the Lengthsman Diary

Cllrs will report work carried out such as clearing hedges and verges, for the clerk to incorporate on the diary sheet for submission at the financial year end.

2211/24) To consider plans for the footpath between Yew Tree and the school

The clerk is to contact the current owner of the land to establish if they have a maintenance plan for the footpath.

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2212/24) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Cllr Skelton will liaise with others to arrange for repairs to the damaged gates

b. Cemetery

A container will be installed in the new year to collect rainwater for visitors to use for flowers

c. Defibrillator inspections

Spare pads had been obtained to replace those recently used. Consideration will be given to keeping a supply of spare pads in future.

2213/24) To receive highways and service faults

Cllr O'Brien had reported metal on the roads, and broken streetlights to Notts County Council, Highways. Cllr Wright gave a report about a resident who had tripped and fallen badly on the pavement on High Street. An ambulance was called, and she was lucky that there were no broken bones. This issue has also been reported to Highways for attention.

2214/24) To review Christmas Lights Event

Cllr Skelton reported that with the four organisations of Parish Council, Memorial Hall, church and school things had gone very well. There had been a nice Christingle service at the church, followed by a busy event at the hall with Santa, and stalls and refreshments available. A suggestion for 2025 would be to have Christmas music playing. Cllr Stronach commended the appearance of the illuminated Christmas tree.

2215/24) To consider VE Day 80

Further consideration will be given in January's meeting, with a suggestion of erection of a flag pole for future suitable events.

2216/24) To receive items for information only

New Flooding and Resilience Officer at Bassetlaw District Council; the clerk is to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues earlier raised regarding the River Poulter.

2217/24) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16 January at 6pm

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.09pm

Signed

Chair