

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall
on Thursday 13 February 2025 at 6pm

Present : Councillors J O'Brien, J Gilson, M Stronach, L Ashley

Others : County Councillor N Turner, District Councillor C Adams and the Clerk and 10 members of public attended (none in attendance after 7.06pm)

2236/25) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllrs Skelton and Wright.

2237/25) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

Cllr Gilson expressed an interest in item 10). There were no other declarations of interest received

2238/25) To receive the Chair's report

Cllr Skelton was not in attendance; Cllr O'Brien gave a report covering the site visits from Play equipment companies looking at the possible tennis court area. The defibrillator has been returned to High Street. Cllr Gilson recently attended a play area inspection course.

2239/25) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Adams reported that the Brough Lane planning application has until the end of February for completion of required information. After another 4/6 weeks it will be down to the Planning Committee to determine the result. Cllr Adams answered questions raised by members of the public and parish councillors.

Cllr Turner reported on the possibility of Nottinghamshire becoming a Unitary Council, merging District and County councils.

Comments were made regarding rubbish and debris on the A1, which Cllr Adams would report to National Highways.

Cllr Adams left at 6.36pm

2240/25) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

The members of the public present expressed concern regarding the Brough Lane site, which Cllr Adams addressed.

Resident NR had written to the parish council regarding Eco Prime Recycling, listing his concerns about the operation of the site. Cllrs O'Brien and Turner have a planned meeting with a senior manager from ViaEM regarding road issues and the site will be included in the meeting. It was raised that metal debris on the roads again had caused further damage to residents' vehicles. Calls for more frequent sweeps of the roads were made.

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2241/25) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

Neil Oldbury confirmed that the review had been formally submitted to Bassetlaw District Council. The consultation period will run from 6 February to 24 March. A referendum will probably be required, potentially in August. There was a shortfall of funds to pay the consultant fees, which was requested of the Parish Council to fulfil.

2242/25) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16 January 2025

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 16 January were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Ashley and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

2243/25) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

None received.

2244/25) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for February 2025

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

2245/25) To consider future Idle Times articles for Parish Council and Memorial Hall

Resolved. Cllr Gilson reported that Elkesley Memorial Hall are to pay for their own advertising space with Idle Times. The amount of £330 is to be made as a donation to Idle Times. **Carried**

Cllr Turner left at 7.10pm

2246/25) To consider designation of cremated remains area in the cemetery and review of cemetery fees

Resolved. The revised cemetery fees were approved. Proposed by Cllr O'Brien and seconded by Cllr Gilson. **Carried.** It was felt the cemetery rules also required a review. The decision regarding the cremated remains area is deferred to allow the councillors to visit the cemetery and assess the situation. Both items to be included in the agenda for March

2247/25) To discuss parking on verges on Jockey Lane and solutions available

To be discussed at the site visit with ViaEM senior manager.

2248/25) To consider approaching Bassetlaw District Council for CCTV for the village

Cllr Adams had left the meeting earlier, so this item is deferred until March.

2249/25) To consider Severn Trent Community Funding and possible uses

Possible uses might include a new gate at Crookford or towards the tennis court project.

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2250/25) To consider the notice served by St Giles/PCC to take over maintenance of the closed churchyard

Under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972, the parochial church council has requested Elkesley Parish Council maintain the closed churchyard of St Giles Church, Elkesley.

Resolved. Elkesley Parish Council declines this request and will notify the parochial church council and the district council within the required three-month period. **Carried**

2251/25) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Cllr Gilson reported that a new tyre was needed for the zipwire, and the wire required maintenance. There were some end caps missing, and torn gates.

b. Cemetery

Nothing to report

c. Defibrillator inspections

The High Street defibrillator has been returned. Training sessions have been arranged from Retford Lions for Wednesday 26 February and Monday 3 March, which the public are encouraged to attend.

2252/25) To receive highways and service faults

The usual issues of road debris had been reported, and other issues will be raised with ViaEM at the meeting.

2253/25) To receive items for information only

Cllr Skelton has been in contact with the school to design a flag for Elkesley, and the clerk reported receiving some quotes for producing it and a Union Flag.

2254/25) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 20 March at 6pm

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.01pm

Signed

Chair