

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall
on Thursday 17 April 2025 at 7pm
DRAFT UNTIL RATIFIED

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien, and M Stronach

Others : District Councillor C Adams, the Clerk and 4 members of public attended

2276/25) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllrs Ashley, Gilson and Wright, and County Councillor Turner.

2277/25) Agenda Item 11) was brought forward at this point. To consider application for new Parish Councillor

Resolved. An application for Parish Councillor from Thomas MacIntosh was approved.

Carried. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed by the applicant and the clerk.

2278/25) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest

2279/25) To receive the Chair's report

The Chair reported that as complaints have been received, a letter will to be sent to the landowner regarding the path between Yew Tree and the school. The grass cutting season had started, with JWS carrying out the grounds maintenance. The £300 promised from Starbucks had been received, and will be used towards defibrillators/first aid for the village

2280/25) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Adams reported that the Brough Lane planning application would now not be heard at the planning committee meeting on 23 April, but by a planning officer before the end of the month. Further reports of anti-social behaviour had been reported, along with land encroachment in the field. In other areas, the CCTV proposal from Elkesley Parish Council would be followed up, with the hope that examples of fly-tipping and ASB would decrease. Cllr Adams had been visiting several operations on Jockey Lane with regard to enforcement issues.

2281/25) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

Questions had been put to District Cllr Adams during his report. Other matters raised included the purchase of a burial plot in the cemetery, and motorised toys in the fenced off part of the play area.

2282/25) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

Currently awaiting a decision from the Inspector, with the next step being a referendum.

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2283/25) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 25 March 2025

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 25 March were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr O'Brien and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

2284/25) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

None received.

2285/25) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for April 2025

Resolved. The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr O'Brien and approved. **Carried**

2286/25) To approve the production of the new Elkesley village flags

Resolved. The design from the school would be created as a flag for the flagpole, and a Union Flag with EPC in the middle. **Carried.** The clerk reported that National Grid had approved the site of the flagpole, but was awaiting formal contract and invoice

2287/25) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Cllr Gilson had previously reported issues with the gate and zipwire tyres. These will be dealt with in due course.

b. Cemetery

No issues, and a site visit by councillors on 8 May will address the matter of cremated remains

c. Defibrillator inspections

All ok, however the cabinet at the shop will need replacing in due course. Spare pads are to be obtained for all three devices

2288/25) To receive highways and service faults

Parking on the verges on Jockey Lane and other issues are still pending, following the site visit last month.

2289/25) To receive items for information only

Cllr Skelton reported that the recent party at the village hall was very successful, with £1500 raised for the Air Ambulance. It is hoped that more such events can be arranged, for example a summer fayre, fireworks event.

2290/25) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 8 May, followed immediately by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm. There will be no planned monthly meeting in May.

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.20pm

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Chair

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