

# ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall on Thursday 17 October at 6pm

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

**Others :** District Cllr Adams, the Clerk. 1 member of public attended.

### **2162/24) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence**

**Resolved.** Apologies were received from Cllr O'Brien, and County Cllr Turner and accepted.

### **2163/24) 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.

### **2164/24) To receive the Chair's report**

Cllr Skelton had nothing to report for October.

### **2165/24) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session**

A resident reported that he was suffering from a rat infestation again due to a neighbour overfeeding birds in her garden. Cllr Adams will take the matter forward to Bassetlaw District Council.

The member of public enquired about benches promised for Sandy Lane etc, which he was told will be replaced in due course from storage. He also commented on potholes on Coalpit Lane; Cllr Skelton will report this but requested a reminder to the residents of the websites available for County Council problem reporting.

### **2166/24) To receive reports from the District & County Councillors**

Cllr Turner not in attendance but sent a report that he had looked at the drains on Lawnwood and Headland, and all seemed in order.

Cllr Adams wished to remind residents to check if they were eligible for Pension Credit, to enable them to claim Winter Fuel Payments. He also said that further anti-social behaviour had been reported about Brough Lane occupants.

### **2167/24) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review**

Neil Oldbury gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan review, stating that the plan was progressing well.

### **2168/24) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 24 September 2024**

**Resolved.** The minutes of the meeting 24 September were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Wright and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

### **2169/24) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence**

24/01026/HSE – no objections raised

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### **2170/24) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for October 2024**

**Resolved.** The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Gilson and approved. **Carried.** The clerk is to prepare a draft budget for the meeting in November

*Cllr Wright stepped out of the meeting to allow the next item to be discussed*

### **2171/24) To consider an amendment to the contract of JW Services to include attending to the blue bins over winter**

**Resolved.** It was agreed that one hour per month was sufficient to allow the emptying of the cemetery and Memorial Hall bins. This will be invoiced at £22.50ph. Proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Ashley and approved. **Carried**

*Cllr Wright re-entered the meeting*

### **2172/24) To consider arrangements for Christmas events**

The event is planned for Sunday 1 December. Christingle service at 4pm, followed by the lights at the Memorial Hall at 5.15pm. November's agenda to include any updates or changes to the plan.

### **2173/24) To consider the issue of speeding in and around the village**

A report was received from PCSO Dale that the camera team had visited Elkesley twice and had noted ten offences.

### **2174/24) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:**

#### **a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections**

Cllr Gilson reported no issues. The clerk is to delay the inspection by Play Inspection Company until the new year

#### **b. Cemetery**

Cllr Stronach reported no issues but reminded the clerk to inform him of any burials due.

#### **c. Defibrillator inspections**

No issues reported, and the damage last month has been sorted by Cllr Skelton, who will carry out the monthly checks in future.

### **2175/24) To receive highways and service faults**

ViaEM had been around the village checking streetlights. Potholes on Coalpit Lane were raised by the member of public earlier.

### **2176/24) To receive items for information only**

Cllr Skelton is looking into grant funding for footpaths. Residents are reminded that the bottle bank at the Memorial Hall is available for use by the public, and recycling is encouraged.

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**2177/24) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting**

**Resolved.** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21 November at 6.30pm

**The Chair ended the meeting at 7.23pm**

**Signed**

**Chair**