

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 17 September at 7pm

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

Others : County Cllr Turner, District Cllr Adams, the Clerk. Five members of the public attended.

2143/24) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllr O'Brien. Proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Gilson and accepted. **Carried**

2144/24) 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.

2145/24) To receive the Chair's report

Cllr Skelton reported that he had attended the scene of the fire at the scrapyard, and that Environmental Health were involved. Grass cutting had continued successfully throughout the village. As there was no meeting in August, there was little to report in general.

2146/24) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

A member of the public asked for an update on the Brough Lane planning application. District Cllr Adams reported that it was in 'pre-application', but that a decision was being pushed for. An issue with the footpaths in the village was raised, with the Parish Council to take this up with Notts County Council.

2147/24) To receive reports from the District & County Councillors

Cllr Adams reported that he had met with the general manager of A1 Metals after the recent fire. There is to be a new industrial development near Apleyhead, starting in 2026 and creating 2000 jobs at the first unit. More rural transport would support those employed there. The consultation on Parish Boundary changes continues, with the number of ward voters expected to increase from 1810 to 2000.

Cllr Turner reported that road repairs were continuing in the areas of Jockey Lane, Brick Lane etc. The Drainage manager is to consider digging ditches to help during wetter months. He will examine and report on the state of pavements on Headlands. Cllr Turner confirmed that there are no plans to close local household recycling units.

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2148/24) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

Resolved. A report was received from Neil Oldbury, giving a schedule of planned actions (see appendix I) The required statement (see appendix II) from Elkesley Parish Council was proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Gilson and approved. **Carried** Both documents will be made available on the website

2149/24) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 24 July 2024

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

2150/24) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence including

- **24/00822/FUL** No objection
- **24/00052/REVPRP** No objection
- **Public Consultation on the Draft Interim Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document and Draft Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document (2024)** As this was a consultation by Newark and Sherwood District Council, no comments were noted by the parish council.

2151/24) To consider a request for a donation from North Notts Community First Responders

Resolved. A suggested donation of £100 was proposed by Cllr Ashley, seconded by Cllr Gilson and approved. **Carried**

2152/24) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for August and September 2024

Resolved. The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Gilson and approved. **Carried** The clerk noted that whilst keeping the overall figure the same, some budget lines had been adjusted to cover payments for the financial year.

2153/24) To receive Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2023-24 report and conclusion of audit

Resolved. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2023-24 report and conclusion of audit has been received with no matters arising.

2154/24) To discuss the issue of speeding in and around the village

This item has been deferred until October's meeting for further consideration.

2155/24) To approve and adopt a Safeguarding Policy for Elkesley Parish Council

Resolved. A Safeguarding Policy has been adopted by Elkesley Parish Council, and will be shared on the website. Proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Wright and approved.

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Carried The clerk is to review the other policies held by the parish council and update the website accordingly

2156/24) To discuss the Winter Service order 2024/25 from ViaEM

Resolved. Five free bags of grit are to be requested from ViaEM, to be delivered to Cllr Stronach. Cllr Turner is to look into the gritting schedule to ensure bus routes around Elkesley are covered.

2157/24) To consider Remembrance Sunday items and arrangements

Resolved. The clerk is to order a wreath, for laying by Cllr Skelton or Stronach at the ceremony on Remembrance Sunday.

2158/24) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Cllr Gilson reported that repairs were needed to swings, bearings and gates. Cllr Skelton is to attend to these. Thanks were extended to Stuart Booth who had very kindly repaired the zip wire

b. Cemetery

Cllr Stronach reported that the grass cutting was very good. Cllr Adams is to look into a water supply.

c. Defibrillator inspections

It was reported that the defibrillator situated at the shop had been accessed and vandalised. It would be repaired as soon as possible

2159/24) To receive highways and service faults

None noted

2160/24) To receive items for information only

Councillors were advised of a new website 7 October for National Association of Local Councils

2161/24) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

Resolved. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 17 October at 6pm

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed

Chair

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APPENDIX I

Up-date on Neighbourhood Plan
for 17th September PC meeting 2024

1. Pre-submission consultation commenced on 23rd August 2024, for 8 weeks ending on 12th October 2024. The legal requirement is for a 6 week consultation but this was extended to take account of the School summer holidays.
2. Post consultation, the Neighbourhood Planning group (NPG) meeting will take place on 22nd October when all comments will be reviewed, and if required, the Elkesley Review Neighbourhood Plan (ERNP) amended to accommodate any relevant comments.
3. Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group will amend ERNP document, if required, and send to PC by 5th November for their approval at the November PC meeting.
4. Once approved, if the PC agree, the Chair of the NPG will submit on Behalf of the PC along with the Consultation Statement to Bassetlaw District Council by Friday 22nd November.
5. Also submit statements to cover Section 15 (1) d, e (i) (ii) and f.
6. We need to included a statement to comply with Section 14. (v) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 to the documents on the PC web site.

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APPENDIX II

Statement from the Parish Council (The qualifying body)

This statement details the proposed modifications to the Elkesley Review Neighbourhood Plan, and the views of the qualifying body on the nature of the changes.

The Vision and Objectives have been amended to reflect the latest views of the community. Six new Policies have been added, Policy 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 13 to reflect what is important to the community. Policies 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 have been amended, changed or combined to enhance the plan and ensure its is compliant with BDC Local Plan. Parish wide analysis has also been undertaken for Maps 4a, 4b and 5 to identify Key Views, Areas of landscape sensitivity, Local Green Spaces.

Plan Area based studies have also been commissioned by the NPG on behalf of the PC for the Neighbourhood Plan, Elkesley Design Guidance and Codes, Housing Needs Assessment and Backland Sites Options (Masterplan) by AECOM.

With reference to the above the Parish Council are of the view that the proposed changes constitute a significant modification to the plan, but acknowledge that it is for the Independent Examiner to make a definitive judgment.

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