

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall
on Thursday 19 June 2025 at 6.30pm

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien, M Stronach, L Ashley, T MacIntosh, J Gilson and J Wright.

Others : County Councillor K Wright, the Clerk and seven members of public attended

2291/25) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received from District Councillor Adams, and PCSO Hollie Marsh.

2292/25) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

2293/25) To receive the Chair's report

**This item was deferred until later in the meeting*

The Chair reported that there was no monthly meeting in May, due to the annual meetings. Local roads resurfacing had caused a disturbance to traffic, but the result would be worth it. An update from PCSO Hollie Marsh was read out, where it was reiterated that Crookford ford area was still a focus of attention for the police, and that the ditches would be re-dug later in the year. She urged residents and councillors to sign up to Notts Alerts to receive messages relating to local crime. <https://www.nottsalerts.co.uk/> After speaking to a local football team recently, there may be some interest from a rounders team looking to use the playing field in Elkesley.

2294/25) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Wright introduced himself to the meeting and stressed his support for a multi-agency meeting with District and Parish councillors to discuss the refused Brough Lane planning application. He offered advice regarding different avenues to follow to progress the situation. He has met with representatives from ViaEM and the Police and Crime Commissioner. There is a discretionary fund for which local parish councils can apply. Cllr Stronach asked him to give attention to the village pavements, and parking issues.

2295/25) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

Residents asked for action from the District Council on the Brough Lane site; much discussion centred around the subject. A matter was raised about a recent event on Park Lane which many residents felt was inappropriate and excessively loud. A resident passed on details of issues she had reported to Notts County Council. The parish council was asked if there were any updates from the Environment Agency regarding the River Poulter. The session lasted 40 minutes.

2296/25) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

Neil Oldbury gave an update, which will be reported on the website. Also on there are the draft plan and design code. <http://www.elkesleyvillage.org.uk/community/elkesley-parish-council-13416/neighbourhood-plan/> The referendum should be later in the year, at which a majority vote in favour will be sought from the residents.

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*** Five members of the public left 7.30pm*

**Chair's report was given*

2297/25) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17 April 2025

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 17 April were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Ashley and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

2298/25) To receive the Annual Governance and Accountability Return

i) To note the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2024/25 included at page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25

Resolved. The Annual Internal Audit Report for 2024/25 included at page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 was noted.

ii) To approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 for BPC on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25.

Resolved. Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 for BPC on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 was approved.

iii) To approve Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 for BPC on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25

Resolved. Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 for BPC on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 was approved.

iv) To resolve that the parish council meets the criteria and therefore approve the Certificate of Exemption – Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 on page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25

Resolved. The parish council meets the criteria and therefore the Certificate of Exemption is approved – Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 on page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25

v) To approve the publication of documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

Resolved. The publication of documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 was approved.

Resolved. All proposed by Cllr Stronach and seconded by Cllr O'Brien. **Carried**

2299/25) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for June 2025

Resolved. The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr Gilson, seconded by Cllr MacIntosh and approved. **Carried.** A request for a donation was approved to North Notts Community First Responders.

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2300/25) To receive feedback from South East Bassetlaw Forum meeting 22 May

Cllr O'Brien reported that the main subject discussed was the proposed Unitary Authority for Nottinghamshire. Other matters for local parish councils will hopefully encourage co-operation between neighbouring parishes.

2301/25) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

25/00519/FUL – no objections

BDC Call for sites – deadline for submissions is 4 September.

2302/25) To approve CCTV policy and appropriate signage

Resolved. The CCTV policy and signage were approved. **Carried.** This will aid arrangement of coverage in the village.

2303/25) To approve Sustainability and Environmental policy

Resolved. The Sustainability and Environmental policy was approved. **Carried.** This will assist in grant applications

2304/25) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Councillors are to meet to complete the repairs necessary before an annual inspection can be booked.

b. Cemetery

The clerk is obtaining quotes to submit to Notts CC for repairs to the wall. There are plans for clearance of areas of debris to create more burial space and an area for cremated remains.

c. Defibrillator inspections

Cllr Skelton is completing the inspections, and logging on The Circuit (British Heart Foundation database). A stock of spare pads is to be obtained.

2305/25) To receive highways and service faults

Cllrs Gilson and MacIntosh had both reported broken lights to Notts CC, which had been repaired quickly. Cllr O'Brien is in regular contact with Planning Enforcement regarding recycling debris. On a positive note, reflective bollards have finally been installed at the Coalpit Lane junction.

2306/25) To discuss potential summer events

Councillors are to explore dates and options, with a suggestion of a 'sports day' type summer event. Residents are to be consulted about participation in a village litter pick.

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2307/25) To receive items for information only

The clerk delivered the new village flags; a Union flag and a design from Elkesley Primary School. The clerk will be away on Annual Leave from Tuesday 8 July until Thursday 17 July.

2308/25) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 17 July 2025 at 6.30pm.

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.40pm

Signed

Chair