

# ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall  
on Thursday 21 November at 6.30pm

**Present :** Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien, J Wright, M Stronach, and L Ashley.

**Others :** PCSO Hollie Marsh and the Clerk. No members of public attended.

## **2178/24) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence**

**Resolved.** Apologies were received from Cllr Gilson and District Cllr Adams and accepted

## **2179/24) 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.

## **2180/24) To receive the Chair's report**

Cllr Skelton reported that Cllr Stronach and he had put the poppies on the lampposts for Remembrance Sunday, with Cllr Stronach representing the Parish Council at the service. Plans were progressing for the Christmas Lights event on Sunday 1 December. He thanked PCSO Marsh for attending the meeting and gave her the room.

PCSO Marsh was concerned about the rural issue of off-road bikes and quads, particularly around the Crookford ford area. She requested that members of the public witnessing any suspicious activity to please report it or any anti-social behaviour. This can be done anonymously through any of the following-

**Notts Police** - website <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

**Notts Police** - Call 101. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use textphone service on 18001

**PCSO Hollie Marsh** email - [Hollie.Marsh@Notts.Police.uk](mailto:Hollie.Marsh@Notts.Police.uk)

**Crimestoppers** phone - 0800 555 111

The more reports are received, the more evidence the police can use.

## **2181/24) To receive reports from the District & County Councillors**

Cllr Adams was unable to attend but sent a report. The Brough Lane planning application is progressing very slowly. The only benefit may be that this would allow the Neighbourhood Plan Review to be ratified ahead of the application decision. Several more incidents of anti-social behaviour have been reported. He has visited Elkesley with the new Bassetlaw MP, Jo White, showing her the areas of concern within the village.

New government funding for Warm Homes: Local Grants will soon be open for expressions of interest. This will benefit residents not previously covered by the HUG2 programme.

## **2182/24) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session**

No public in attendance

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**2183/24) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review**

Cllr Skelton reported that there were currently no updates.

**2184/24) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17 October 2024**

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

**2185/24) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence**

None received by the date of the meeting.

**2186/24) To note the salary increase for the clerk as per NJC Local Government Services, back dated to April 2024**

**Resolved.** The clerk's salary increase was noted

**2187/24) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for November 2024**

**Resolved.** The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr O'Brien, seconded by Cllr Stronach and approved. **Carried.** The invoice for the Christmas Tree licence was still awaited, so payment will be made once received.

**2188/24) To consider draft budget presented by the clerk**

The first draft of the budget was presented by the clerk, with a suggestion from the chair for allocation of funds for a potential Summer/Easter fayre. The clerk requested updates to the asset register, confirming what equipment is held in storage. The consideration will be included in December's agenda, ahead of precept application in January 2025.

**2189/24) To review the plans for the Christmas Lights event**

Cllr Skelton reported that plans were going well for Sunday 1 December. The Christingle service at the church at 4pm will be followed by the lights switch on around 5.15pm at the hall. Raffle tickets are being sold at the school to raise funds, with the winner helping Santa turn on the lights. Refreshments have been organised, and the hall is renting tables for a Christmas fayre.

**2190/24) To consider maintenance of the BMX track**

After floating a couple of ideas, the item will be discussed further on December's agenda.

**2191/24) To consider an application to Notts County Council for adoption of footpath from Yew Tree to school**

The clerk is to establish what costs would be involved, and report back at December's meeting.

**2192/24) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:**

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

No problems reported

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**b. Cemetery**

All ok. Plans are for a butt to collect rainwater

**c. Defibrillator inspections**

All ok

**2193/24) To receive highways and service faults**

Nothing to report

**2194/24) To receive items for information only**

**Correspondence received from residents; Dog Control Order breach**

Dealt with at the time of receipt

**2195/24) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 December at 6.30pm

**The Chair ended the meeting at 7.55pm**

**Signed**

**Chair**