ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall on Thursday 10 September 2026 at 6.30pm

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien, T MacIntosh, L Ashley, J Gilson and M Stronach
Others : District Councillor C Adams (*left 6.32pm),* the Clerk and seven members of public attended

26/2505) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence
No apologies were required from councillors. County Cllr Wright sent apologies.

26/2506) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda
No Declarations of Interest were received.

26/2607) To receive the Chair's report
Cllr Skelton welcomed everyone to the meeting. Negative issues started his report with several instances of criminal damage to relay. The bus stop had its glass broken, the recently repaired High Street noticeboard glass has been scratched and the damaged gym equipment on the field will cost thousands to repair. Two metal farm gates have been reported stolen. There have been issues at Crookford with litter, BBQ debris and broken glass left for others to clear up. Whilst it is believed these culprits were not from Elkesley, thanks are extended to the caring residents who picked up after those responsible. The parish council would urge anyone witnessing criminal damage to report it to the police; damage under £5000 has a fine of £2500 and 3 months' imprisonment. Damage over £5000 has an unlimited fine and 10 years in prison. Littering carries a fine of between £100 and £500 but can be extended up to £2500 at Magistrates Court.
Cllr Skelton moved on to thanking the parish councillors for freely giving their time to serve the community. Each has their own set of skills, which make a strong, balanced and effective council.
Thanks were extended to the County and District Councillors, Kelvin and Charles, for their financial and moral support.
In the cemetery, Platts have levelled the rough areas, with final work to complete. On the field, there will be some hedge trimming in the next couple of weeks to allow for the necessary vehicles to remove the obsolete BMX track. They will give us seven days' notice for the two days' work.
With regards to Brough Lane, resident Paul Morris recently attended a BDC meeting representing the views of the village. As related by Cllr Adams, things are progressing and residents will be updated in due course.
The recent village litter pick was not as well attended as earlier in the year, but every effort is appreciated and makes a difference.
Finally, thanks to the clerk, contractors, Notts Police and residents who engage positively and support local initiatives.

26/2608) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors
Cllr Adams gave his report at 6.30pm before leaving for another appointment. He reported that the Brough Lane planning enforcement deadline of 24 August had not been met. Despite

complaints by Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) the Planning Inspectorate (Pins) had further extended the deadline to 8 September to allow for an appeal to be submitted last minute. The contents of the appeal had not yet been processed, but Cllr Adams believes if the appeal fails then enforcement must commence. The future of the land would need to be assessed, with some form of community use desirable.

In his absence, Cllr Wright sent a report including a veterans' coach trip to Manchester Imperial War Museum on Sunday 18 October (see **Dr Kelvin Wright for Worksop South** Facebook page), Nottinghamshire County Council's letter to the government regarding the LGR decision, possible petition about required work on Elkesley pavements, and his thanks to the attendees of the CPR/bleed training.

26/2609) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session
A resident raised the subject of a mobile magnet that could be used on the road to collect metal debris. Whilst the Parish Council acknowledged the benefits, it could not be considered as issues such as Health and Safety, and insurance would be problematic. It was suggested that BDC are pushed to make more regular trips with their sweeper/magnet vehicles.
It was reported that the sandbags at Stoneybridge had been pushed into the water. Cllr Skelton is to speak to the landowner about remedial action.
Paul Morris spoke about his recently submitted question at the BDC meeting, which was read out by their Chief Executive. The District Council, has pledged to support Elkesley with some community project, once the Brough Lane site has been cleared. Residents may be approached to provide suggestions.

26/2610) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16 July 2026
Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 16 July were proposed by Cllr Ashley, seconded by Cllr Stronach, and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

26/2611) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence
26/00959/FUL Four main objections were noted; wrong site access if using Yew Tree Road, commercial units have been removed from the original plans, flats/apartments should not be included in the scheme, and the number of dwellings should be reduced back to the Neighbourhood Plan stipulation of approx. 30 houses. The formalised footpath between Yew Tree and Headland was acknowledged as a benefit.

26/2612) To retrospectively approve consultancy of and payments to Andrew Ryley
Resolved. After confirmation of interim conversations between parish councillors, Andrew Ryley was retrospectively approved as consultant for the Brough Lane planning appeal; acting on behalf of Elkesley Parish Council and residents, and including a £200 holding payment. **Carried**

26/2613) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for August and September 2026

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

26/2614) To approve appointment of Internal Auditor for 2026/27
Resolved. After due consideration, David Dixon Accountancy has been appointed as Internal Auditor for 2026/27. **Carried**

26/2615) To note increase to clerk's salary as per NJC Local Government Services announcement
Resolved. The annual NJC Local Government Services salary increase for the clerk was noted.

26/2616) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. **Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections**
   It was noted that the grass was in need of cutting, now it's started growing again. It was suggested that some of the material from the obsolete BMX track was retained to help repair the surface of the small track. Once the work has been completed, the annual inspection can be booked.
b. **Cemetery**
   All ok. Cllr Skelton stated he has the water butt and guttering ready to install
c. **Defibrillator inspections**
   Cllr O'Brien to check

26/2617) To receive highways and service faults
The two stolen gates from Eskill Way have been reported. There had been some patching noted on the High Street. The two BDC bins on the playing field still haven't been repaired/replaced; clerk to chase. Cllr O'Brien plans to attend the next cabinet or full council BDC meeting.

26/2618) To consider funding of Bassetlaw District Council CCTV
Cllr Skelton welcomed the idea, if funding can be found to keep the CCTV permanently. More details are needed before a decision can be made, for example whether the outlay cost would mean the wiring is permanent, even if the camera is rotated round other sites. Other suggestions included requesting a Refuge Point with CCTV/phone contact. To review next month.

26/2619) To consider damaged exercise equipment in playing field
Resolved. It was agreed to pursue a claim with the insurance company. The clerk is to provide details of the quotes received from equipment companies for removal and replacement of the item. **Carried**

26/2620) To receive items for information only
Next month's agenda will include items on Headland Garages, village Orientation Board, and the winter service order with ViaEM.

 Chair's Initials.....

26/2621) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 8 October at 6.30pm

The Chair ended the meeting at 7.30pm

Signed

Chair

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