

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall
on Thursday 23 April 2026 at 6.30pm
DRAFT UNTIL RATIFIED

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J Gilson, L Ashley, T MacIntosh and M Stronach

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

26/2437) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllr O'Brien and accepted.

26/2438) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

No Declarations of Interest were received.

26/2439) To receive the Chair's report

Cllr Skelton reported that parish council tasks were starting now the weather had improved. The Christmas event is planned for Sunday 29 November, with the Christingle service 4pm at the church, and the lights switch-on 5.15pm. The goals on the football field would be removed back to Tuxford once a trailer big enough has been found. Other grounds maintenance appears to be progressing well. Cllr Skelton noted that Derek Rushby had sadly passed away, with the funeral Thursday 7 May.

26/2440) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Adams reported that Panettoni were planning a further industrial development south of A57 DHL site, with 180 jobs. This is in addition to the 2000 jobs planned at the Apleyhead development of 8 units, the first two of which will create 1200 jobs. STEP Fusion is proposing a rail station to assist with transport to their site, with Park & Ride for staff. O'Rourke are sponsoring the rail link to join the Robin Hood line, which Cllr Adams hopes would also be available for the public use. There has been an appeal submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for the unauthorised site on Brough Lane, who will make a decision in three/four months. Cllr Adams does not expect the appeal will succeed, but it will mean a further six months period of enforcement.

Cllr Wright started with Highways; £182m has been budgeted for investment in road improvements for 2026/27. ¹Eight new 'hot box' teams have started working on repairs, with two new JCBs in the next few weeks. Fortis Care facility on Lawnwood Avenue; the recent safeguarding visit went well, whilst awaiting CQC sign-off. Cllr Wright is not aware of any recurrence of antisocial behaviour. Poulter Rise drains have been cleared, Jockey Lane grips and ditches have dug out by Notts CC, whilst the riparian landowner issues continue. Further investigations are continuing into an ancient watercourse in a nearby field which would help with drainage. Issues continue with A1 Metal Recycling. Park Lane correspondence has been

¹ <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/highways-capital-programme>

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passed to Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) enforcement. The £500 councillors' fund is still open for applications.

26/2441) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

The public session started opened with the Park Lane landowner explaining, with documentary evidence, why the area had been fenced. Other ownership information was shared, with the conclusion that the issues were not Parish Council responsibility.

Another resident reported that walking around the village collecting metal debris from the road had netted two containers full. Cllrs Wright and Adams took photos to report on to the appropriate authorities. The Clerk passed on a log sheet created for use at the hall for the public to note reported issues.

Another resident urged the outcome of item 13 on the agenda to include a bus-turning area. He also noted that the unauthorised site was following due process and was out of the control of Elkesley, and thanked Cllrs Wright and Adams for their work towards the matter.

The footpath near Stoney Bridge was raised with an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss a raised duckboard over the area.

A further Park Lane issue was raised by the resident with photos being shared of rubbish and bins from The Old Vicarage being inappropriately positioned outside their home. The AirBnB is also using the driveway belonging to them, and their neighbouring field as a toilet. Cllrs Wright and Adams will follow this up with the images provided.

26/2442) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 24 March 2026

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

26/2443) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

None received.

26/2444) To note the clerk's contracted annual salary increase to National Joint Council SCP 18

Resolved. One spine point increase to SCP 18 from 1 April was noted.

26/2445) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for April 2026

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

26/2446) To discuss village information signs

The clerk shared examples obtained from Fitzpatrick Woolmer of the boards they can produce, along with a potential list of points to be included. More quotes were to be sought for discussion at the next meeting. Cllrs Wright and Adams agreed that the Councillors' grants could be used towards funding the project.

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26/2447) To discuss possible compulsory purchase of Brough Lane land

Not applicable due to appeal submitted.

26/2448) To discuss land/border dispute on Park Lane

Covered in public session.

26/2449) To discuss options for District Council garages near school

There was a full discussion about the area with almost unanimous support for Neighbourhood Plan Review Option 4: Bus loop. It was agreed the garages were dangerous, and if BDC were not willing to make repairs, they should be demolished on the basis of Health and Safety. Cllr Stronach strongly expressed his personal feelings regarding the matter, with Cllr Skelton reminding him to moderate his tone to restore order. The subject will be discussed further at the next meeting to allow for exploring the options.

26/2450) To receive updates from Cllr Stronach regarding road repairs

Cllr Stronach had nothing to report. Cllr Skelton will feed back next meeting.

26/2451) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Cllr MacIntosh reported that some minor repairs were still pending. The clerk is to chase BDC about the broken bin door. The blue bins will be emptied and lined ready for Platts to continue with regular maintenance.

b. Cemetery

The hedge maintenance had not yet been completed. The water butt will be dealt with as soon as possible.

c. Defibrillator inspections

To be done this week.

26/2452) To receive highways and service faults

Covered in previous sections.

26/2453) To receive items for information only

The village litter pick was reviewed, with approx. twenty people joining in. Examples of fly-tipping had been reported to BDC, and there was a summer litter-pick suggested.

The clerk reported a recent meeting with BPL's Community Sports Development Officer Connor Pickles. It was suggested that he visit one Chatty Friday to speak to residents about community health and wellbeing.

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26/2454) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

With the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 6 May, the next monthly meeting will be held in June (date to be determined at the May meeting)

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed

Chair

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