ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall on Thursday 12 November 2026 at 6.30pm DRAFT UNTIL RATIFIED

Present : Councillors J Skelton, M Stronach, L Ashley, T MacIntosh and J Gilson *(from 6.39)*
Others : The Clerk and six members of public attended

26/2639) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence
Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllr O'Brien and accepted. **Carried.** County Councillor Wright and District Councillor Adams also sent apologies

26/2640) To receive and record declarations of interest from members in any item on the agenda
No Declarations of Interest were received.

26/2641) To receive Chair's report
An informal report this month. The council has been busy with matters including the planning appeal. Thanks are extended to the members of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee, who assisted consultant Andrew Ryley prepare a response which has now been submitted to Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Parish Council and village as a whole. When a decision may be reached is unknown, but it will be shared in due course. Cllr Skelton thanked those volunteers who had helped put up the poppies in the village, and Cllr Stronach for representing the parish council at the Remembrance Sunday memorial. Cllr Skelton commented that as the BMX track has now been gone for a few weeks, the field is already looking better. He extended thanks to Cllr O'Brien for attending the recent Joint Parish Forum, where Police Inspector Robert Harrison met with local parish councils.

26/2642) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors
Cllr Wright sent a report in his absence (appendix A)
Cllr Adams sent a report in his absence (appendix B)

26/2643) To suspend the meeting to hold a ten-minute public session
A resident brought to the attention of the meeting that the gullies that had been cleared so well in the Jockey Lane area had now been filled by the contractors working on the solar farm. The clerk will report this to Nottinghamshire County Council and make Cllr Wright aware.
Another resident asked about the planned erection of 6 Broiler Poultry Houses. The clerk confirmed that there was currently only a scoping opinion with Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) to which the parish council had not been invited to comment. Any comments submitted by the Parish Council would have had limited weight in the final report. The clerk will ensure that when the application is submitted, residents are made aware.
A final resident commented on how well the Memorial Hall is being run recently, and appealed for plans to be considered for when the Brough Lane site is eventually cleared.

26/2644) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 8 October 2026
Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 8 October were proposed by Cllr Ashley, seconded by Cllr Stronach, and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

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26/2645) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence
A question was raised about the Yew Tree application being discussed at the recent planning committee meeting. However, the 4 November meeting was cancelled and the next due date is 9 December.

26/2646) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for November 2026
Resolved. The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr Gilson, seconded by Cllr Stronach and approved**. Carried**

26/2647) To consider village WhatsApp group and QR codes for reporting ASB etc
After a discussion, it was decided that four QR codes were probably the best way forward, with links to Crimestoppers, Notts Police Report Online, BDC Report a Problem and NCC Highways Hub. Sheets could be laminated and displayed in the village. Further discussion will take place at December's meeting

26/2648) To receive feedback from Joint Parish Forum 22 October including Emergency Planning
Cllr O'Brien had attended the Teams meeting and shared documents provided. Cllr Skelton will explore the Emergency Plan template, with further discussion at December's meeting.
The next South East Bassetlaw Forum will be 26 November, to which the clerk shared the link with the councillors.

26/2649) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. **Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections**
   Benches need relocating, with volunteers? The zipwire tyre still needs replacing, and there may be some loose fitness equipment needs sorting.
b. **Cemetery**
   All ok, but the water but still needs sorting.
c. **Defibrillator Inspections**
   High Street checked. Shop defib may need new battery.

26/2650) To receive highways and service faults
The road sweeper is requested throughout the village, as debris is being thrown onto pavements or blocking drains; Clerk to report. A recent accident at the school was reportedly due to poor parking by parents; Clerk to explore 'children bollards'.

26/2651) To confirm arrangements for Christmas Lights event
The event is planned for Sunday 29 November, starting with the Christingle service at St Giles church. The Lights Switch on event will follow at the Memorial Hall, with Slim's Snack Shack providing refreshments. Elkesley Parish Council will endeavour to ask Santa to visit.

26/2652) To receive items for information only

The clerk reported that the drawdown of CIL funds had been requested. The insurance claim has paid the net amount of £1585, being £1835 invoiced less £250 excess. The new grit bin will be sited on Yew Tree Road, exact position to be confirmed with ViaEM.

26/2653) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 10 December at 6.30pm

The Chair ended the meeting at 7.38pm

Signed

Chair

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Appendix A (County Councillor Wright)

Standing items:

Local Govt Review

- Complete pause
- £0.9 M costs recovered from government to pay for work to date
- May 2027 district elections as planned
- May 2028 Shadow election
- May 2029 implement but General Election (?) could change all that

East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) Mayor – trying to recover costs for transport levy from county – we are fighting this but it would mean 0.5% on Council Tax due to Labour Mayor.

200,000th pothole has been filled. Resurfaced 3million sq metres road – country leader.

Budget process is ongoing.

Remembrance events – Notts festival, Ashfield festival, Worksop main event 8th

Relaunch of Local Communities Fund (LCF) – details with parish clerks

Business Items:

LCF outcomes- Climate Action Network Nottinghamshire (CANN), Manton Hub, Elkesley PC. Learning – writing application requires skill.

Rural crime police team

Worksop East by election

Resilience messages from central govt.

Plevins – KW followed up with Notts CC and Bassetlaw DC. NCC have no way in on this as our planning does not cover this area. BDC Environmental Health (EH) and planning are the key stakeholders and this needs taking forward by the district councillor. I have communicated with Thalia at BDC EH who has been very helpful in outlining multiple breaches by Plevins

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Appendix B (District Councillor Adams)

Just three items:

- **Travellers:**
  - BDC submitted appeal (a 44MB document too big to be shown on the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) site- but they confirm receipt).
  - Although The Travellers submitted an intention to appeal, they do not have appeared to have done so, however the deadline for this is 19th November 2026.
  - There is a mixed opinion on such behaviour if they don't submit as we wish to evict them on firm legal contest and not on non-performance technicality.

- **Lawnwood Garages:**
  - BDC Cabinet passed that these can be sold to Elkesley PC for £1.00
  - BDC will conduct asbestos report and remove any such at their expense
  - There is a claw back clause should Elkesley PC attempt the resell the site

- **Fly-tipping:**
  - There has been a noticeable increase in fly-tipping, it is thought that this might be in response to tighter restriction on trade and domestic waste acceptance at NCC Control Waste Disposal sites.

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