Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall on Thursday 16 October 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Councillors J Skelton, L Ashley, and T MacIntosh

Others: County Councillor K Wright, District Councillor C Adams, the Clerk and six members

of public attended

2339/25) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs O'Brien, Gilson, Stronach and Wright, and accepted. **Carried**

2340/25) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest

2341/25) To receive the Chair's report

The Chair reported that he had recently attended the online South-East Bassetlaw Forum, along with Cllr Ashley. Elkesley Parish Council (EPC) was commended for its efficiency, partly due to the regular attendance of District and County Councillors. The Chair thanked Cllrs Wright and Adams for their co-operation. Cllr Skelton read out a report from PCSO Hollie Marsh which included updates on antisocial behaviour (ASB) and Crookford. It was confirmed that the cemetery wall has been repaired. Pledges have been received from A1 metals and Eco Prime to contribute towards the upkeep of the village defibrillators.

2342/25) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Adams reported that the industrial estate to be built by Caddick at Apleyhead is progressing through planning. An estimated 2000 jobs from a mixed skill-set will be created. S80 Security Services are to create a rural cctv system to help combat ASB. The Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) review referendum is Thursday 13 November; residents are encouraged to vote. Cllr Adams gave an update on the Travellers site. A heated discussion followed with residents in attendance expressing their concern and apparent lack of progression by Bassetlaw District Council (BDC). The Chair suggested preparing a letter to be issued as soon as the appeal deadline closes. Other suggestions included the ombudsman and local media.

Cllr Wright reported that the High Street pavement should be repaired soon as a 'special item'. He hopes to include other areas in the village need of repair. The Local Communities Fund from Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has opened for applications until 7 November. As an Armed Forces Champion, he is hoping to arrange outreach clinics for Op COURAGE, the Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Service.

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2343/25) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

Many issues had already been covered with Cllr Adams report. A resident raised the issue of the state of Brough Lane, off High Street. Cllrs Wright and MacIntosh promised to report it that evening.

2344/25) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

There was no further update as the referendum is arranged for 13 November.

2345/25) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 18 September 2025

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 18 September were proposed by Cllr Ashley, seconded by Cllr MacIntosh and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

2346/25) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

15/00519/FUL – no further comments from original submission June 2025

2347/25) To consider the payments as listed and the half-year financial reports for October 2025

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

2348/25) To receive feedback from South East Bassetlaw Forum 25 September

This was covered in the Chair's report. The next meeting 3 December will be attended by Cllrs Skelton and Ashley

2349/25) To discuss arranging a further defibrillator training session

The clerk is to organise a session for late November. Details will be shared once arrangements have been made.

2350/25) To confirm arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Event

On Remembrance Sunday, Cllr Stronach or Skelton will represent EPC. A poppy wreath has been purchased from Royal British Legion.

The Christmas Lights event on Sunday 30 November will begin with a Christingle service at the church at 4pm. The lights will be switched on around 5.15pm, with plenty of time to enjoy the food vans and the bar in the hall (open from 4pm). Santa is expected to put in an appearance too!

2351/25) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

The annual inspection from Playdale Playgrounds has been received, and whilst most issues are minor, they will be dealt with by the councillors and clerk.

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b. Cemetery

No issues, other than the wall repair.

c. Defibrillator inspections

Cllr Skelton confirmed the checks were satisfactory. **Resolved**. A decision was made to purchase a replacement defibrillator cabinet for the shop device at a cost of approximately £500. **Carried**.

2352/25) To receive highways and service faults

Cllr MacIntosh was reporting the Brough Lane issue raised by the resident. Other matters have been reported and resolved.

2353/25) To receive items for information only

None not already covered.

2354/25) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 27 November 2025 at 7pm.

The Chair ended the meeting at 7.56pm

Signed		
Chair		

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Appendix 1 - PCSO Report

Crookford Ford

Still working on the issue with off road bikes. Covert cameras have been a success and there has been around 20 ASB letters sent, reports on vehicles and at least 6 Community Protection Notices given.

Still in regular contact with the Forestry Ranger and I can confirm the majority of the trenches have been dug as a preventative.

A meeting with Nottinghamshire Rights of Way took place at the end of September. They have offered signage and a further survey of the area however they have confirmed that it is unlikely the road will be unchanged or closed. They state they require evidence of crime/disruption so I will provide this in due course.

At the Rural Watch meeting last night (01/10/2025), residents did inform me that there is rife drug usage potential dealing in the Crookford area. We will enhance patrols but in relation to all issues, please also report to Forestry Commission on info@forestryengland.uk as they are the land owners and the more evidence, the more likely they will be able to take action.

Rural Watch

Nottinghamshire Police have launched Rural Watch which is a local scheme where residents can sign up to patrol their local area and log any reports live with the assistance of a webpage. The reports then flow through to the local Police force. Residents may be able to operate a drone in order to collect information. Please email me if you would like to know more and sign up! All launch meetings will be advertised on social media.

Brough Lane

I have been made aware of ASB coming from the Travellers Site on Brough Lane. We will continue Police patrol.

Please can I encourage residents and the public to report ASB to the local Council in order for them to take action. I am of the understanding that the site is not legal therefore all reports may help in removal enforcement.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (2014) defines ASB as:

- 1. "conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person"
- 2. "conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises"
- 3. "conduct capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person"

Community

- noise
- rowdy behaviour
- unreasonable behaviour
- drug/substance misuse and dealing
- vehicle related nuisance

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- begging
- prostitution
- street drinking
- sexual acts
- animal nuisance

The ASB Case Review is introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. It gives victims and communities the right to request a review of their anti-social behaviour complaints and brings agencies together to take a joined up, problem-solving approach to find a solution. If an ASB Case Review submission meets the defined threshold, a case review will be undertaken by the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Agencies will share information, review what action has been taken and decide whether additional actions are possible.

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Bevercotes Pit Rave

Unfortunately a large rave took place in August 2025 on Bevercotes Pit. Nottinghamshire Police issued a statement on media. There were reports of noise and ASB to which Police responded to. Local Police were not aware the rave was taking place and are currently working towards a problem-solving plan for 2026; this will involve intelligence and preventative measures.

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