

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall
on Thursday 17 July 2025 at 6.30pm

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien, T MacIntosh, J Wright, J Gilson, L Ashley and M Stronach

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

2309/25) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

No apologies were required

2310/25) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest

2311/25) To receive the Chair's report

The Chair reported that after several months of procedures, the responsibility for maintenance of the closed churchyard has now been transferred to Bassetlaw District Council (BDC). It is understood there will be six cuts per year.

The repairs to the A1, slip roads etc are ending, with the improvements noted.

Councillors have been making repairs to equipment in the play area.

Recent damage to a bench in the playing field was reported to PCSO Hollie Marsh.

Juliet Webber, Nottinghamshire Police's rural and wildlife crime partnerships manager, has offered to look for funds to replace the bench.

Several incidents involving fires have also been reported to the police. Residents are encouraged to report any antisocial behaviour online

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/> or by calling 101. 'Notts Alerts' is a way of receiving updates from the police

<https://www.nottsalerts.co.uk/> and 'My Notts' app gives access to Nottinghamshire County

Council services such as highway faults reporting <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/news-and-media/mynottsass>

2312/25) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Kelvin Wright reported that plans for the Unitary Authority need to be with the Secretary of State by November. The new County Council is carrying out reviews of Highways, ViaEM and county finances. He confirmed the Councillor's grant was still open for applications from local parishes.

Cllr Charles Adams reported that six fires at the travellers site within the last month had occurred, resulting in Fire Services attending. He reiterated the need to report any antisocial behaviour either to the police or Crimestoppers <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or phone 0800555111. The District Council is waiting to see if an appeal will be lodged against the refused planning application. He also reported that an appeal had been lodged following the

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refusal of the planning application for the solar farm off A614. Three small modular reactors are planned, creating 4000 jobs, and ensuring better power transmission for the local area.

2313/25) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

A resident wanted to share a recent incident that had caused her to make a report to the police. Whilst walking her dog late one evening, she and her husband had been subjected to frightening and intimidating behaviour by several young men on scooters and in a white van. The parish council thanked her for bringing the matter to their attention, and reporting it promptly. Several other incidents were discussed with suggestions for the root of the problems.

Another member of the public was a representative from Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council, wanting to show support for Elkesley's issues and offering to co-operate in joint efforts to address neighbouring matters.

2314/25) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

Cllr Adams gave a brief update on the Neighbourhood Plan. The plan will be discussed at the District Council meeting in September, and the Parish Council will share the outcome as soon as possible.

2315/25) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 19 June 2025

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 19 June were proposed by Cllr Gilson, seconded by Cllr Stronach and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

2316/25) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

No planning applications had been received

2317/25) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for July 2025

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

2318/25) To agree details of summer events

A possible summer fair may be out of time for this year, although something late summer/early autumn might be arranged on a small scale. Cllr Skelton proposed to apply to CC Wright for a grant towards building a new circular bench around the site of the flagpole/Christmas tree on Headland Avenue. Plans for an event in 2026 will be started early next year.

2319/25) To approve an application for gov.uk domain name

Resolved. The clerk is to proceed with migrating to a gov.uk domain name and email addresses for the clerk and councillors. **Carried.** The current website provider Hugo Fox are offering a suitable package

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2320/25) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Many repairs have been completed, with a final few left. The annual inspection is to ordered

b. Cemetery

The clerk is still awaiting quotes for County Council repairs to the wall.

c. Defibrillator inspections

All the defibrillators are emergency ready. The clerk is to purchase spare pads

2321/25) To receive highways and service faults

The 20mph sign on Lawn Wood Lane is still obscured by a tree in a householder's garden. Brick Yard Road is to be closed for resurfacing. Cllr O'Brien is in almost constant contact with authorities regarding ongoing issues at businesses on Jockey Lane. Cllr MacIntosh had reported an issue at Crookford using the 'My Notts' app. Cllr Gilson expressed concern about sewage still being discharged into the river Poulter; this matter will be raised with Severn Trent.

2322/25) To receive items for information only

The clerk had been in contact with the church regarding the clock repairs

2323/25) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

There will not be a meeting in August; the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 18 September 2025 at 6.30pm.

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.17pm

Signed

Chair