

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 24 February 2026 at 6.30pm
DRAFT UNTIL RATIFIED

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

Others : County Councillor K Wright, the Clerk and four members of public attended

26/2405) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllrs Gilson and Wright, and accepted. District Councillor Adams and PC Hollie Marsh also sent apologies.

26/2406) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

No Declarations of Interest were received.

26/2407) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

This item was brought forward to enable Cllr Wright to give his report before leaving.

Cllr Wright reported that it was budget season for the County Council, and with the full meeting this week he would take any questions at next month's parish council meeting. He reported on recent site visits regarding problem areas including Poulter Rise/Jockey Lane flooding issues, A1 Metals spillages and road debris, and Green Lane blocked drains. 75 Lawnwood Avenue housing/occupants problems were covered with reassurance that no new placements would be made until an internal investigation has been completed. He took questions from two residents, promising to take them forward, before leaving the meeting at 7pm.

Cllr Adams sent a report stating that the new Head of Planning will be in post from 2 March, at which time the enforcement notice for Brough Lane will be presented and discussed.

26/2408) To receive the Chair's report

Cllr Skelton thanked Cllr Wright for all the work and effort that he has put into dealing with the issues on behalf of Elkesley residents. Cllr Skelton reported that recent site visits had kept councillors busy, reviewing responsibilities for potential contractors. As PC Hollie Marsh was unable to attend, her report was read out (see appendix)

26/2409) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

A member of public thanked Cllr Wright and the clerk for pursuing the issues with the River Poulter and the Environment Agency. Another resident enquired about the rainwater butt for the cemetery (see 26/2417). A question was asked whether a 'welcome' sign could be erected in the village, and also regarding plots of land for sale near the parish playing field; these two items to be included in the agenda next month.

All residents left the meeting at 7.20pm

26/2410) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 22 January 2026

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 22 January were proposed by Cllr MacIntosh, seconded by Cllr Ashley and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

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26/2411) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

None received

26/2412) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for February 2026

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

26/2413) To consider the grass cutting contract for 2026

Resolved. After a full discussion, it was agreed that Platts would be asked to carry out the grass cutting contract at a price of £5600 for 2026-27, with a view to renewing for two further years if both parties were in agreement. **Carried.** The clerk is to inform all applicants of the decision

26/2414) To consider quotes for cemetery groundwork

Resolved. After discussing the options, it was decided that Platts quotes for the cemetery work and playing field hedges was the best value for money, with some clearance included in the grass cutting contract, and hedge maintenance £500 annually. Additional work to clear the redundant big BMX track area on the playing field was also agreed at £1500.

Carried. The clerk is to inform all applicants of the decision.

26/2415) To consider quotes for noticeboard repair

Resolved. It was agreed that HG Bespoke Joinery would be asked to repair the noticeboard on the High Street for £400, and Cllr MacIntosh is to liaise with the joiner regarding the job specifications. **Carried**

26/2416) To discuss village litter pick

Resolved. It was agreed that a community litter pick be arranged for Saturday 21 March, meeting at 10am in the car park at the Memorial Hall. The clerk is to arrange collection of the free kit provided by Bassetlaw District Council for the event, and advertise the litter pick on social media, website etc.

26/2417) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

Once the weather improves, the gates will be welded to repair. Cllr Macintosh is to explore quotes for improvements to the small BMX track

b. Cemetery

The water butt will be installed by councillors and volunteers in the next week

c. Defibrillator inspections

Cllr O'Brien is to check the devices during the week, but no issues are anticipated

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26/2418) To receive highways and service faults

Cllr Stronach commented on the recent resurfacing of Hollybush Close, and expressed his dissatisfaction with the County Council's level of service with regards to pavement and pothole repairs. Cllr O'Brien reiterated that County Councillor Wright was using all his allocated repair funds to support work on Elkesley's pavements. Cllr Stronach was tasked to chase up Notts County Council with regard to the issues, and feedback at next month's meeting.

26/2419) To receive items for information only

The clerk reported that as the member of staff at Bassetlaw District Council dealing with the planned Conservation Area was still off sick, the project was currently on hold. Cllrs O'Brien and Skelton have received emails to confirm drawdown of the requested Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

26/2420) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March at 6.30pm

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.25pm

Signed

Chair

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Appendix – PC Hollie Marsh Report

- Continuing work with the Forestry Commission regarding Crookford Ford. Ongoing work to prevent off road bikes/quads. As always, please report to Police, Council and the relevant agencies. I have recently requested a data result for the past year and there has been at least a 33% decrease in incidents so I do hope this is noticeable to residents. This is due to heightened patrols and other preventative measures however I am aware that the issue persists.
- Last week, I held a meeting with land-owners and other professionals in relation to ‘the rave’. We have not received any intelligence thus far to state this will occur again this year however I am hoping to have measures already in place should we have information to say this is going ahead in the area.
- Rural Watch: there are not many volunteers from Elkesley so if any residents are seeking to take part, please contact me and I can organise this.
- Supported Housing: I am fully aware of the new supported living facility in the area. I have been working with Bassetlaw Council regarding any Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents caused by the residents. Please report any incidents to the ASB team at Bassetlaw Council as they may be able to take action.
- I have launched a safeguarding scheme for children/teens based in rural areas who may be at risk of criminal exploitation. Whilst this may not affect Elkesley directly, I am hoping this will have a long term positive effect for wildlife and rural crimes. The scheme is a preventative measure to amplify the risks and dangers associated with Wildlife and Rural crime.
- In the past few weeks, a number of vehicles have been stopped off the A1 on private land. This is due to Police patrolling and other reports. Please continue to report any suspicious vehicles to Police.
- Just a reminder that hunting a wild mammal with dogs is still a crime and unfortunately may be occurring in surrounding areas. Please call Police if this crime is witnessed.
- I attended a presentation given by Crimestoppers last week. They highlighted the fact that they accept reports regarding wildlife and rural crime (including suspicious). If the community does not feel comfortable reporting to Police, please call Crimestoppers. They cannot source contact numbers and will never ask for your details. This obviously includes any crime also.