ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall on Thursday 8 October 2026 at 6.30pm

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien, L Ashley, J Gilson and M Stronach
Others : County Councillor K Wright, the Clerk and eight members of public attended

26/2622) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence
Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllr MacIntosh and accepted. **Carried.** District Councillor Adams also sent apologies

26/2623) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda
No Declarations of Interest were received.

26/2624) To receive the Chair's report
Cllr Skelton thanked everyone for attending. Negative issues were again raised regarding the broken bus shelter glass, and other ASB in the village. Once again, he urged anyone witnessing such behaviour to report it to the police by phoning 101, or online. The more reports made, the more chance of local CCTV or patrols. The Parish Council will have to fund the insurance claim excess of £250 to repair the damaged exercise equipment on the playing field, Criminal damage comes with financial and custodial penalties, so reports of any incidents will be supported.
The efforts of the parish councillors and clerk were recognised, along with partner agencies.
Village park; now the BMX track has been removed, a job well done by Platts, there are some 'floating' benches which need relocating. Hopefully, volunteers will assist in their removal.
Brough Lane: Our consultant is continuing with the appeal submissions, and we hope for an update in due course.
Vigilance; residents are urged to be vigilant, with incidents of fly-tipping increasing, and other ASB. Only today, there have been sightings of an unknown male trying door handles. Please report anything suspicious on 101. We are still hoping to arrange CCTV with PC Hollie Marsh and BDC. It has been suggested that a residents' WhatsApp group be formed to alert each other to anything suspicious/antisocial. This can be discussed at next month's meeting if residents are interested.
Thanks once again to all that keep engaging positively with village issues, and the steady progress we are making.

26/2625) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors
County Councillor Wright reported that as the Local Government Reorganisation was paused, May 2027 would see district and parish elections only. He expressed concern over recent air-rifle ASB, of which police Inspector Harrison had been made aware. He is also monitoring issues with dropped-kerb parking and e-bike ASB. Cllr Wright is launching a petition to lobby Notts CC to repair the damaged pavements in the village. He is very aware of residents falling due to the poor state and needs local support to speak at Notts CC Council meeting. He announced a new Rural Crime Team within Nottinghamshire Police; the team plans to tackle localised rural crime including fly-tipping etc.

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26/2626) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session
Residents expressed concerns over issues including the recent Yew Tree estate planning application, village ASB, bus stop positioning, and fugitive dust from Plevins. There was also a request for a village 'welcome' sign for Elkesley. Cllr Skelton said a request for funding would be raised with the new estate developers to contribute to the community.
Another resident spoke about the Brough Lane planning appeal, re-iterating that Bassetlaw District Council should now be supported by Elkesley residents to demonstrate to the Planning Inspectorate that the appeal should be dismissed. Whilst the parish council is using a planning consultant to respond to the appeal, there will be a recommended response shared in due course that residents are also encouraged to submit.

26/2627) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 10 September 2026
Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 10 September were proposed by Cllr Gilson, seconded by Cllr Stronach, and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

26/2628) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence
Streetnaming 26/00049/REVPRP No Objection

26/2629) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for October 2026
Resolved. The payments and financial reports were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr Gilson and approved**. Carried**

26/2630) To receive Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2025-26 report and conclusion of audit
Resolved. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2025-26 report and conclusion of audit was noted with one concern reported. The clerk has submitted a file note in respect of the typographical error**.**

26/2631) To consider Community Infrastructure Levy funds for 2025/26
Resolved. It was agreed that the amount of £4956.03 due be drawndown. **Carried.** Options may include the village 'welcome' sign raised by the resident in the public session.

26/2632) To consider the offer from Ecclesiastical Insurance for removal/replacement of the damaged fitness equipment
Resolved. It was agreed that the offer of £1951, being £1835 plus VAT less £250 policy excess, be accepted from Ecclesiastical Insurance to pay Bingham Ground Services to remove and replace the damaged fitness equipment. **Carried.** The clerk is to proceed accordingly

26/2633) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. **Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections**

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The removal of the obsolete BMX track was noted. The grass on the field is ok. Once the zipwire tyre has been sorted, the annual inspection can be booked.

b. **Cemetery**
Grass ok. Water butt still to be sorted.

c. **Defibrillator inspections**
To be done this week

26/2634) To receive highways and service faults
Cllr O'Brien noted that street name signs on Jockey Lane and Dover Bottom were falling over and needed reporting to BDC. A request for the 30mph Interactive Speed Sign is to be made to Notts County Council for a return on Eskil Way.

26/2635) To consider Winter Service order from ViaEM
Resolved. It was agreed that the five free bags of salt be ordered to be delivered to Cllr Stronach. An additional grit bin for Yew Tree estate was agreed, with the exact position yet to be decided. **Carried.** Clerk to arrange

26/2636) To consider Remembrance Sunday event
Resolved. It was agreed that a poppy wreath be ordered along with a further supply of lamppost poppies and Tommies. **Carried.** Clerk to arrange.

26/2637) To receive items for information only
Dates for the next three BDC Joint Parish Forum meetings was shared, going forward into 2027.

26/2638) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 12 November at 6.30pm

The Chair ended the meeting at 8.04 pm

Signed

Chair

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