

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Elkesley Memorial Hall on Thursday 18 September 2025 at 6.30pm

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

Others : The Clerk and nine members of public attended

2324/25) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Stronach and Wright, and County Councillor Wright and District Councillor Adams

2325/25) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest

2326/25) To receive the Chair's report

Good evening everyone,

I'd like to give you a brief update on what's been happening in our village over the past couple of months.

Back in July, Bassetlaw did an excellent job cutting the church grounds, with another recent cut.

I'd also like to thank Jamie Wright, who has been hard at work throughout the summer keeping the village neat and tidy—something I'm sure you've all noticed and appreciate.

Work has continued on tackling issues such as anti-social behaviour and other associated problems, with Hollie and her team making real progress in restoring order in Crookford and surrounding areas.

On a brighter note, resurfacing works into the village have now been completed, along with a new pavement leading to Starbucks, which has been a welcome improvement.

The developments at both the old Paul Headlands land and Manor Farm are moving forward positively, with restoration work progressing well.

Concerns raised around noise and nuisance at The Old Vicarage have been addressed by Cllr Wright, and the responses so far have been encouraging.

It's also been wonderful to see the Village Hall busy with events recently, bringing people together in the community.

Finally, I'm pleased to confirm that the Christmas lights switch-on will take place on **Sunday 30th November**. The Hall will be open from 4.30pm for food and drink, with the official switch-on time to be confirmed.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing more of you at the next meeting.

2327/25) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

County Cllr Kelvin Wright (KW) –

1. Apologies , I am at a Veterans awareness event as County Armed Forces Champion.
2. Roads – please see separate email to clerk re 40mph limit plans in Muttonshire hill
3. Nature plan – I have discussed wetlands and the effect on areas such as Elkesley with the Nature plan team. I am meeting again today with the team and maps to look at this

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further. If the Parish Council (PC) has details and locations of specific issues then I would be grateful for that. (*Flooding at Dover Bottom was suggested by the meeting*)

4. Old Vicarage – please see separate email from Caravan Assoc. Suggest monitor ongoing situation. Need a log of issues and then address if continue. Warning shot may suffice. This may be Environmental Health (EH) at Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) issue rather than County / Caravan association.
5. KW would like to hold a ‘surgery’ in the village. It would be good to liaise with PC to set this up
6. Travellers site – no further action from me based on BDC assurances at last PC meeting.
7. Pavement area/trip case. Visited by KW. Agree the surface is crumbling. Inspected by Via – not at threshold. Also KW walked the paths and most are in a similar condition
8. KW still await the bench details re Councillors' divisional fund (CDF) donation

District Cllr Charles Adams –

Sorry for late apologies however, I am to be Proposing passing of the "adoption of the Elkesley Local Plan" at Bassetlaw Full Council tonight and it is important that it is passed forwards to you for referendum without further delay as there is talk of Local Plan support grants being withdrawn.

Apologies as above, however, note the six months planning appeal time against BDC Planning Refusal for the Travellers Site is due to expire 25 October - I am in frequent meetings with Planning Officers and have got our MP involved in asking BDC why planning enforcement has not taken place- the most recent response 19th August from *BDC Chief Executive* is that "*The applicant's agent contacted the Council with a view to re-submitting the application with a view to addressing the reasons for refusal. With this in mind it has not been expedient to progress with enforcement proceedings until this application has been submitted and decided*" My argument to planning is that 6 months should be long enough for the applicant to gather the information and if necessary, make a revised application. Therefore, if no application is forthcoming by 25 October 2025 then enforcement should commence to remove the unauthorised and failed planning application site.

I strongly recommend that Elkesley Parish Council should press BDC for similar commitment.

2328/25) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

A resident reported that following excessive dust and noise from Plevins site, complaints to EH and gone unanswered. Cllr Skelton proposed a letter be sent from the Parish Council. Concerns were also raised about the effect of the Unitary Authority.

It was requested that BDC were proactive in action regarding the August bank holiday rave. Comments were made regarding cars parking on pavements in the village making it difficult for mobility scooters etc to pass. The parish council will look into what action can be taken. Fallen trees at Crookford had been reported to the Forestry Commission, with a follow up email planned to FC and Environment Agency.

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2329/25) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan review

Cllr Adams reported it being passed by BDC Council tonight - District Councillor proposed and presenting motion at BDC Full Council to approve plan for *Elkesley Public Referendum*. Neil Oldbury from the Steering Group stated once passed, flyers would start being distributed to the village to promote the referendum on 13 November. All flyers must be issued by 5 October, and any help with these would be gratefully accepted. All residents are encouraged to vote at the referendum.

2330/25) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17 July 2025

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 17 July were proposed by Cllr MacIntosh, seconded by Cllr Gilson and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

2331/25) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

None received

2332/25) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for August and September 2025

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

2333/25) To discuss the quotations received for the tennis court project

The clerk reported that quotations from three companies had been received, although one would be discounted due to insufficient detail. Grants are now being sought to fulfil the project. It was agreed that the large BMX track is not maintainable and will be removed as part of the project.

2334/25) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

The Annual inspection was due this week, although it was noted some maintenance was still needed to the zipwire and bin door.

b. Cemetery

Costs for repairs to the wall have been agreed by Notts County Council. No other issues.

c. Defibrillator inspections

Spare pads have been received for the shop defibrillator, and a new cabinet has been priced at approx. £500. Grants will be researched for funding. No other issues reported.

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2335/25) To receive highways and service faults

A message received from a resident resulted in a misaligned streetlight on Jockey Lane being reported.

2336/25) To discuss the ViaEM Winter Service Order

Five free bags of grit will be ordered to be delivered to Cllr Stronach.

2337/25) To receive items for information only

The clerk reported that the parish council's gov.uk domain name has been completed. The website new address is www.elkesleyparishcouncil.gov.uk New email addresses will be provided to the clerk and councillors in due course.

Updates were received on complaints regarding Eco Prime.

2338/25) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16 October 2025 at 6.30pm.

The Chair ended the meeting at 7.51pm

Signed

Chair