

# ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present :** Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien, J Gilson and M Stronach (*left 7.50pm*)

**Others :** District Councillor C Adams, the Clerk and 1 member of public attended

## **25/2372) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence**

**Resolved.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ashley, Wright and MacIntosh and accepted. **Carried.** Apologies were also received from County Councillor Wright

## **25/2373) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## **25/2374) To receive the Chair's report**

Cllr Skelton read out his report \* Appendix A

Cllr O'Brien gave feedback from attending the South East Bassetlaw Forum. Brief notes are available under Appendix B\*

Feedback was also given from a meeting with Michael Tagg from Bassetlaw District Council Conservation Team, who are considering creating a Conservation Area in Elkesley. Relevant properties have been written to for comments, to be returned by 12 January. From these a report will be prepared for the Planning Committee.

## **25/2375) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors**

Cllr Adams read an update from Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) Chief Executive David Armiger regarding the need to follow due procedure regarding the unauthorised development, including necessary welfare checks. Cllr O'Brien brought to his attention reports of recent activity at the site indicating no readiness to move. Residents are reminded to report any incidents of antisocial behaviour. Cllr Adams reported on several avenues of new employment opportunities including Apleyhead, West Burton power station, Small Modular Reactor at Cottam and West Notts College. He also reported receiving positive feedback regarding the new glass recycling bins.

Cllr Wright sent an update –

1. No evidence of House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) can be found but this may relate to licensing laws and HMO less than six people
2. Travellers Site – several conversations with Parish Council Chair.
3. Jockey lane – I need more details but have raised initially with ViaEM – see response below

*There are very few gullies along this road however there are grips dug out to the adjacent fields. Can you please let me know exactly where's flooding and I can get this looked at.*

4. Happy Christmas to all

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**25/2376) To receive update from PC Hollie Marsh and other guests regarding antisocial behaviour**

Item deferred until January/February 2026 as unable to attend. Update report provided by PC Marsh.\* Appendix C.

Attention is drawn to the final paragraph regarding antisocial behaviour/off-road bikes at Crookford.

*Please, PLEASE report any of these types of incidents via 101 quoting OP LUMBERJACK. Alternatively, complete an online report form – [Report | Nottinghamshire Police](#)*

**25/2377) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session**

The resident in attendance commended the policing at the school. He expressed disappointment at the recent BDC council meeting, and raised a couple of issues with Cllr Adams.

**25/2378) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 27 November 2025**

**Resolved.** The minutes of the meeting 27 November were proposed by Cllr Gilson, seconded by Cllr O'Brien and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

**25/2379) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence**

There were no new planning applications received.

**25/2380) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for December 2025**

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

**25/2381) To consider grass cutting contract**

It was agreed that the position would be advertised during January, with a decision made at February's meeting.

**25/2382) To consider noticeboards' repair, replacement or additions**

One quote had been received so far to repair the High Street noticeboard. Other quotes will be sought and a decision made in January.

**25/2383) To receive any nominations for Bassetlaw Achievers' Awards**

There were no suitable nominations suggested.

**25/2384) To consider action regarding the Yew Tree estate footpath**

**Resolved.** It was decided that the landowner be contacted to request permission to lay hardcore along the path to make it more stable for pedestrians.

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**25/2385) To agree budget and precept for 2026-27**

**Resolved.** The budget was approved at £21644, with use of Reserves/Community Infrastructure Levy funds giving a Precept request of £20650 for 2026-27. **Carried**

**25/2386) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:**

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

All satisfactory

**b. Cemetery**

The drain to a water butt will be put in place in the new year.

**c. Defibrillator inspections**

All active. The clerk confirmed that spare pads had now been received for the High Street device.

**25/2387) To receive highways and service faults**

Cllr O'Brien has been in contact with Aidan O'Connor from Notts CC Highways and County Cllr Wright regarding flooding on Jockey Lane.

**25/2388) To receive items for information only**

The clerk had received an email regarding hosting a Textile Bank. The information is to be forwarded to the hall for consideration.

**25/2389) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 22 January at 6.30pm

**The Chair ended the meeting at 8.35pm**

**Signed**

**Chair**

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## \*Appendix A – Chair’s Report

Good evening everyone, thanks as always to those of you here for your attendance, we are a bit short on the ground tonight, but thanks for taking the time to hear our reports and for attending our meeting.

As I reported a couple of weeks ago, I am looking to push a couple of new things to help and assist the PC.

Firstly, if we have anyone that doesn't necessarily want to be a Parish Councillor, so not tied into the legislation and rules around attending meetings etc, but has an interest in the village layout, projects and how we future proof and develop our community, then we would love to have you on board to give us a dig out with projects and any other tasks we undertake. We often lack pairs of hands to help us so you would be warmly welcomed. Not only this, a fresh set of eyes and a new perspective can often prove fruitful.

Do you know anyone who could or would be willing to help?

Secondly, we don’t often have too much input or many ideas raised by the you, the residents.

As a Parish Council we are always looking at ways to be innovative, productive and efficient and maybe once again, some of you have thoughts and ideas on things that affect the village good and bad. That’s why it’s a shame we don’t get such a big turn out to these meetings. If so, we would be really keen to hear from potential volunteers and bring them to this forum for future discussions.

Onto what we typically do as your Parish Council through the month. We as a collective have spent in excess of 20 hours doing the things that matter, things such as:

- Putting up the Christmas Tree's in conjunction with Jamie and others.
- Christmas event at the Church and village hall. I attended Christingle at the Church and the lights turn on at the hall. Both events very well attended and Santa dished out around 90 gifts to the kids. Once again, a very decent turn out and nice to see so many socialising and using our lovely facilities.
- Liaison with the School over mutual topics.
- Input, information and social media posts and updates regarding village matters.
- Regular conversations with other agencies, Police, BDC and both the Councillors.
- Meetings with VIA regarding pavement and highways issues.
- Meetings and conversations regarding industries in the village such as ECO Prime, A1 metals, the Gamston airfield etc.
- Meetings and conversations regarding the HMO issues.
- Meetings and conversations with other Parish Councils regarding mutual topics, defibrillator training and other matters.
- Attendance at the Bassetlaw South East Forum.
- Attendance at the Bassetlaw Council Meeting.
- Park safety inspections

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As you can see, a lot of what we do goes on behind the scenes and it's not always obvious how much work and investment we as a Parish Council are making in the background.

I would also once again like to thank both the Village Hall and the sub-committee for their continued hard work and input in supporting the PC, from opening, closing and hosting events in the Hall, to being a part of the Elkesley Village Plan assembly, promotion and input. It really is humbling that we have such a vast amount of knowledge within the village and people who are willing to get involved. Particularly busy month for the Hall this time around with the lights switch on, breakfast with Santa and the Christmas lunch event.

I reported at the last meeting I would be sending a letter off to BDC regarding our position and the frustrations we as a Parish share. Since this point, there has been some dialogue with BDC and this is still a work in progress. Whilst we await a replacement for Alastair Curran, I am keen to make sure what we supply is accurate, reflective, to the point and whilst helpful to their new replacement, it will also show we are not a walk over and we require action. I will keep you all updated in the new year.

Onto a lighter note, for those who don't know, so far we now have pledges from other businesses within the area who have agreed to match Starbucks. Eco Prime and A1 metals from Jockey Lane have now also pledged £250 each per year to the Parish Council to go towards defibs, maintenance and other life-saving equipment. This means each year as a minimum we will receive £750 for the upkeep and replenishment of items. The money has already been received and more than £400 of this has already been well spent on the new plastic defibrillator cabinet housed at the Best One Shop.

Thanks to Kumar and Abiya for their continued support and selfless kindness to the village.

Also massive thanks to Scott Redfern for fitting the cabinet for us, very decent of him.

I have yet to hear back from Grantham Caravans, Plevins and the Vicarage, if I don't receive a reply by the next meeting I will assume they don't want to assist or contribute towards vital lifesaving equipment within our village.

Those with a keen eye will also note that we've had bulldozers and clearance equipment on the Elkesley side of the airfield. As it stands, they are demolishing all the old commercial buildings and clearing the wasteland with future plans to re-build and modernise the site. For anyone with an interest, Google "M1 agency Nottingham" and put Retford or Gamston into the search bar and you'll see the information. I don't think it's a bad thing, it's certainly better than the eyesore we've endured over the past years.

I will also pass you over to the vice chair for a brief precis or update on the South East Bassetlaw Forum I couldn't make due to illness.

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\*Appendix B – Notes from South East Bassetlaw Forum

Attended by Cllr O'Brien from Elkesley, representatives from Gamston and Tuxford, Jonathan Brassington (Communications Manager, Bassetlaw District Council), Alastair Curran (Head of Planning and Place, Bassetlaw District Council), Inspector Robert Harrison (Bassetlaw's neighbourhood policing team)

Cllr O'Brien reported that it was a useful meeting to attend and provided feedback from the main guests.

RH – Explained his role and how the units under his control work, he was also asked about non-attendance for calls. Confirmed if there is evidence available there-and-then, the police will call, however if there isn't any evidence, no CCTV & no witnesses they will not attend they will take the information over the telephone, this will be done and used for the case.

AC – Confirmed the procedures to be followed to process any Enforcement. About the site, AC confirmed the occupants are legally allowed to submit a new application. The Brough Lane case is currently with BDC legal department, who are conducting checks such as human rights. Due diligence must be followed to avoid any future comeback. Ja requested a timeline/flowchart for EPC so the PC can keep up to date with the processes. He also explained the option of compulsory purchase on land as an alternative way of progressing enforcement action. AC only has 1 full time member of staff & 2 members under training. 1 member of staff who was due to start didn't turn up which has caused problems when he should have 9 members of staff. AC is due to leave, but will stay in a consultancy capacity on a 12 month contract.

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\*Appendix C – PC’s Update

## **Elkesley Update**

### ❖ Reports of ASB on local park:

Bassetlaw Council have distributed letters/ASB leaflets to the properties surrounding the park. They have also delivered some additional leaflets to the Village Hall letterbox for you to distribute if needed, or to add to the noticeboards around the village.

If Bassetlaw Council receive a number of reports, we will form a multi-agency approach in order to stop or prevent the ASB. We may even be able to request CCTV or other safety methods.

In January 2026 and during the spring time, I will be doing a presentation at the Primary School as a preventative action. This will include awareness on ASB, littering, Wildlife and taking care of the community.

### ❖ Loose Horse on Brough Lane:

There is an Irish Cobb which keeps getting loose on Brough Lane.

Police have received reports and have completed referrals to RSPCA a number of times however they are yet to attend.

If you/anyone has safeguarding concerns about the horse, please report to RSPCA:

[Report A Concern | RSPCA - RSPCA - rspca.org.uk](https://www.rspca.org.uk)

9am-16:30pm Mon-Fri (closed Sat & Sun & Bank Holidays)

0115 784 1110

[info@rspca-nottinghamandnotts.org.uk](mailto:info@rspca-nottinghamandnotts.org.uk)

I am hoping to work with the land owner to have the horse either made secure or to be moved to a secure location. We are aware of the dangers of the horse escaping to busier roads.

Council and Environmental Health are not able to assist.

### ❖ Loose dogs on Brough Lane:

Reports of loose dogs on Brough Lane/surrounding areas. Dogs have been reported to attack livestock and other wildlife on private land.

Police are aware of the issue/s.

Please report any loose dogs or incidents of a similar nature to the dog warden at Environment Health as I have asked the question and been told the following:

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**Thank you for letting us know the situation happening at the Travellers site at Elkesley. Our Dog Warden is able to help with any found dogs belonging to the site and can go out to any reports of a loose dog.**

[Stray dogs and reclaiming a dog | Bassetlaw District Council](#)

[Animal welfare | Bassetlaw District Council](#)

Please telephone the Dog Warden service on 01909 533 219

Monday to Friday 8.40am to 5pm

[environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

**For information** - Bassetlaw District Council has made a Public Spaces Protection Order pursuant to Section 59 of Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2024 and takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027.

This covers dog fouling and dogs off lead.

Places in Elkesley:

- St Giles's Churchyard, Elkesley
- Elkesley Cemetery, High Street, Elkesley

Dog Exclusion Areas

- Children's Playground off Lime Tree Avenue, Elkesley.

For full details please refer to following website:

[Dog Control Order 2024 | Bassetlaw District Council](#)

❖ Rural Watch:

Rural Watch is a scheme where members of the public can sign up (via Notts Alert) and report incidents to Fix My Street, local council, the Police and other valuable agencies. This scheme has been rolled out in many other forces and in some circumstances, drones can be made available for those reporting. The scheme is lacking members so if anyone is interested, please contact me.

Rural Watch has been released with the incentive of keeping the community safe and well looked after. This includes graffiti, damage, fly tipping and other similar incidents. All can be reported via Notts Alert.

I will try to organise another meeting for residents in February/March time.

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❖ Traffic at the Primary School:

Reports received regarding vehicles travelling to/from the school at drop off/pick up times. I have met with the Head Teacher and processed any offending vehicles.

Special Constables have attended the school during peak hours and advised parents/guardians regarding their manner of driving. They will continue to do this sporadically in order to prevent traffic incidents and offences.

❖ Off road bikes through the village/Crookford Ford:

Trenches are nearly complete throughout the ford.

A rights of way meeting was held where a traffic closure was discussed for the full Road through Crookford. I was informed this was not possible and not a priority for the department. They have offered a TRO (Temporary Road Order) however this would only be considered if there were multiple reports of crime and disorder. This would be perfect for certain months such as August and December when we see a rise in off road bike offences in the area.

Please, PLEASE report any of these types of incidents via 101 quoting OP LUMBERJACK.

Alternatively, complete an online report form – [Report | Nottinghamshire Police](#)

If I have an audit trail of reports, I can then apply for restrictions.