

ELKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present : Councillors J Skelton, J O'Brien, J Gilson, L Ashley and M Stronach

Others : The Clerk and seven members of public attended

26/2421) To receive and approve apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved. Apologies were received from Cllr MacIntosh and accepted. County Councillor Wright and District Councillor Adams* also sent apologies.

26/2422) To receive and record declaration of interests from Members in any item on the agenda

No Declarations of Interest were received.

26/2423) To receive the Chair's report

The Chair reported that the new contractors had started on the playing field and cemetery work, although tyre tracks had been noted from the hedge-cutting work needed before bird nesting season commenced. Improvement had already been seen, and will continue with better weather. Cllr Jamie Wright has submitted his resignation from the parish council due to relocating for family reasons. The Neighbourhood Plan review may have some relevance on the development at Gamston airport; this will be monitored. Thanks were made to the volunteers and Cllr MacIntosh who went out on Saturday for the village litter pick.

26/2424) To receive reports from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Wright sent a report (see appendix)

*Cllr Adams joined by WhatsApp to report that an enforcement notice has been issued regarding the Brough Lane site. From 6 April there is a six months' timeframe for the site to be cleared and put back in the original state. Cllr Adams encouraged residents to continue to report any issues of antisocial behaviour, illegal activity, etc as these will still be recorded in case of further appeal. He will be able to update councillors and residents at the next meeting in April.

26/2425) To suspend the meeting to hold a 10-minute public session

Resident thanked the county, district and parish councillors for their work regarding Brough Lane, but concerns were raised as to prevention of it happening again. The suggestion of compulsory purchase will be added to the agenda for April. Further discussion followed regarding the appeal process. Other issues raised included the stalled Conservation Area and Poulter Rise drains. Punctures from metal debris on the road are still occurring, and an instructions/log sheet was discussed for residents to use at the hall.

26/2426) To approve the minutes of the meeting held 24 February 2026

Resolved. The minutes of the meeting 24 February were proposed by Cllr Stronach, seconded by Cllr O'Brien and accepted as a true record. **Carried**

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26/2427) To receive letter of resignation from Cllr Jamie Wright

Resolved. A letter has been received from Cllr Jamie Wright, resigning from the parish council due to relocating from the village. Bassetlaw District Council will be informed and the position will be duly advertised.

26/2428) To consider any planning applications or planning correspondence

None received

26/2429) To consider the payments as listed and the financial reports for March 2026

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

26/2430) To confirm Susan MacDonald as Internal Auditor for Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-26

Resolved. Susan MacDonald duly appointed as Internal Auditor for Elkesley Parish Council Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-26. **Carried**

26/2431) To consider opening a separate bank account for Community Infrastructure Levy funds

Resolved. The clerk is to proceed with opening a new account to separate the CIL funds due from Bassetlaw District Council. Signing instructions will be the same as the existing accounts. **Carried**

26/2432) To consider plots of land for sale neighbouring the playing field

Resolved. No further action will be taken.

26/2433) To receive reports and consideration of any expenses on the following:

a. Sports field, play area and BMX safety inspections

The field is looking better after a few cuts. The secondary goal posts are to be removed by Tuxford FC

b. Cemetery

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it had not been possible to install the water butt yet. The holly tree had been crown lifted, and looked good. Platts had started the planned groundwork on the hedges etc.

c. Defibrillator inspections

Cllr O'Brien to carry out this week.

26/2434) To receive updates from Cllr Stronach regarding road repairs

Deferred to April's meeting for further enquiries.

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26/2434) To receive highways and service faults

County Cllr Wright had requested a nomination of the road in the worst condition in the village to take forward to Highways; Jockey Lane was suggested, with Low Street and Lawnwood as runners-up.

26/2435) To receive items for information only

Nothing not discussed in the meeting.

26/2436) Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting, the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Resolved. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 23 April at 6.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 May at 6.30pm, and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6 May at 6.45pm.

The Chair ended the meeting at 7.43pm

Signed

Chair

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Appendix – **County Councillor Report March 2026**

Council Feedback

Highways

£2M emergency works

Team lobbying EMCCA for more £

Full list of works available on NCC website – link sent to clerk previously

Request for 1 urgent road in the parish for consideration

Defence Employer GOLD award – as AF champion, I am of course delighted

April is month of the Military Child – local choice re activity. A special assembly on 24th is suggested by wearing purple

Local Issues

Poulter rise – drains escalated by County councillor twice. Via have been asked to clear grates and drains. No date as yet.

Jockey Lane grips / ditches - some ditch and grip work planned week commencing 30th March by Via. Ditch ownership still disputed. Council legal investigating. Area to be done A1 to JL/Brickyard junction

A1 debris – EH, Trading Standards all pulled out – not an issue they can help with. EA involved but somewhat slow to action. 3 escalations by County councillor. Thanks to those in the community who are emailing the EA.

Armed Forces Feedback

Reserve recruitment day at County Hall March 25th

KW – 100 miles in May challenge for combat stress

Adult Social Care Feedback

Fortis – Sheffield SS still investigating. No new placements pending CQC inspection. NCC collating and submitting any safeguarding issues. Nothing has been escalated to me.

CQC of Council

Nottinghamshire County Council has been assessed as **Good**. This means the CQC has judged that the Council is meeting its duties under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014 and delivering a good standard of care and support for people who draw on adult social care services. This outcome provides external assurance of the overall quality of adult social care provision in Nottinghamshire.

Councillor Barry Answer, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, said:

“It is fantastic news to hear we have been rated ‘Good’ by the Care Quality Commission. I’d like to thank colleagues and partners who were involved in sharing their views and experiences with the inspectors. Everyone working in adult social care does so because they are committed to making a real difference to improving the quality of life for our residents. We are all proud of this

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external validation. This is a good result, but we are not complacent. We are committed to continually making improvements so we can be the best we can.”

Councillor Kelvin Wright, Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, said:

“Having been involved in several CQC visits in my NHS role, I fully understand the hard work that goes into the preparation and conduct of these visits. The outcome of Good is both rewarding for all the hard work that goes on in Adult Social Care but also reminds us that we can improve in areas which I know the team will be keen to take forward.”

This outcome recognises the commitment and professionalism of colleagues across Nottinghamshire County Council and provides a strong platform for continued improvement.

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