ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Elsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th February 2025 commencing at 7pm, at the Village Hall Elsham

Present: Chair – Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout
Cllr Jane Ewen, Cllr Andrew Horner Cllr Steve Moir and Cllr Deborah Damary Thompson
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Ward Councillors – Cllr Nigel Sherwood

No members of the public attended.

24/25 – 0101 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

24/25 – 0102 **Public Participation**

No members of the public attended.

24/25 - 0103 **Declaration of Interest**

a) Cllr Sandra van Oosterhout declared an interest in item 24/25 0113 d) Payment of expenses
Cllr Andrew Horner declared an interest in item 24/25 0113 i) Payment of expenses
b) No dispensations given.

24/25 - 0104 **Minutes of Previous meeting**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

24/25 – 0105 **Report from Ward Councillors**

Cllr Nigel Sherwood gave an update stating that Council Tax would be increasing by 5% this year on instruction from Central Government.
NLC have introduced a new Green Badge scheme for people with temporary mobility issues.
The roll out of Air Fryers to over 60s in the area is going well.
In Bloom grant applications are due to be invited in the coming weeks.
Updating on devolution to the Greater Lincolnshire Authority, NLC has given feedback to Central Government on what aspects of devolution would be welcomed. Mayoral Elections will take place in May 2025, with elections to the new devolved Authority in 2027.
Councillors raised concerns about the mud on the road outside the housing development on the approach to Brigg.

24/25 - 0106 **Highways, Drainage, Footpaths and NLC issues**

a) Councillors discussed the following highways issues:
i) Barnetby Lane and hill Resurfacing remainder and drainage works. Programmed for first quarter of 2025, late Feb/March along with Church Street. Will include new channel that the road sweeper can sweep, a new catch pit, and resurfacing down to the previous resurfacing. Councillors requested that the gulleys on Barnetby Hill are cleared frequently throughout the Winter months to prevent highway flooding. It was noted that the gulley on Barnetby Lane was currently blocked – No update.

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ii) Footpaths in the village, Barnetby Lane and Hall Lane have been resurfaced, remainder will be in 25/26 programme

iii) Church Street drainage – Programmed for the first quarter of 2025, late Feb/March along with Barnetby Lane. Will include integrated pipework to take spring water away, and resurfacing.
iv) Missing directional sign at top of Barnetby Lane on approach to Garage – No update
v) Moving 30 mph sign further up Barnetby Lane at Junction of Newland Hill – recent accident at this junction – No update
vi)The hedge The Orchard on Front Street overgrown and causing highway obstruction – Not completed – No update.
vii) Carpark lights at Elsham Golf Club – Clerk has reported – Cllr Sherwood to follow up.

b) Doll Lane footpath – Tree Assessment - Doll Lane trees (footway snicket) – Works scheduled for Jan 25
c) No other highways issues were raised.

24/25 – 0107 Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs

a) The Clerk raised the increase in day and night-time poaching in the area.

24/25 - 0108 Planning

a) Councillors discussed the following Planning Applications received.
   i) Application No: PA/2024/1443
   Proposal: Planning permission to vary condition 2 of PA/2022/1122 dated 19/05/2023 to amend the design of the approved above ground infrastructure at Elsham Water Treatment Works.
   Site Location: Street Record, Access Road To Reservoir and Water Treatment Works, Elsham.
   Resolved – No comments or objections
b) Councillors received the following Planning Decisions:
   i) Application No: PA/2024/1285
   Proposal: Planning permission to install three storage tanks.
   Site Location: Plot 11B, The Flarepath, Elsham Wold Industrial Estate, Elsham, DN20 0SP
   Decision: Approved with conditions
   ii) Application No: PA/2024/1327
   Proposal: Planning application to vary conditions 2 and 3 of PA/2023/1329 namely to provide a new automated security gate for access with a linking path to existing paved areas.
   Site Location: Plot 7a, Pegasus Road, Elsham Wold Industrial Estate, Elsham, DN20 0SQ
   Decision: Approved with conditions
c) No other planning matters were discussed.

24/25 - 0109 – Parish Projects, Reports and other Parish Matters

a) Councillors received the following monthly inspections and reports:
   i) Play area – Cllr Damary Thompson reported that the moles had become an issue again. Clerk to look at mole fencing for the area. Clerk to chase NLC again regarding them providing 2 inspections per year.
   ii) Elsham Nature Reserve – There are 3 bird / bat boxes that require securing. There is a tree lying on the fence at the top, NLC to remove this to protect the fence. NLC to be approached regarding assisting with steps on a slippery section of the path. The handyman is repainting the legs of the information board.
   Nelipak are keen to get a team together to come and collect spent tree tubes, as part of their efforts for World Recycling Day
   Councillors discussed that 2 additional benches would benefit the Quarry – Clerk to look at designs.

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Cllr van Oosterhout is looking into designs for additional information boards.

1) Work is still in progress to repair the damaged bench.

iii) Village Asset Checklists were received from all Councillors with no issues noted.

b) Councillors discussed village planting

i) Councillors discussed the budget for village planting.

Resolved – A budget of £100 was resolved for the forthcoming month.

ii) Cllr van Oosterhout to investigate new planters for the telephone box.

c) Councillors discussed a heritage street light for Church Street Triangle – Clerk to investigate a solution with NLC.

d) Councillors discussed Parish Projects for 2024/25 with the following ideas:

i) Placing information boards in the Nature Reserve – Cllr Van Oosterhout to look at designs.

ii) Replacing the street light at the triangle on Church Lane with a heritage one – Clerk to investigate options with NLC

iii) Siting more benches in the Nature Reserve – Clerk to investigate new bench with different style seat

iv) Post Box Toppers

e) Councillors discussed Handyman jobs.

f) Councillors discussed councillor details on website. Councillors who have not written text to do so.

g) No other Parish Matters were discussed.

24/25 – 0110 LVF Representative

a) Further to the resignation of Cllr Wood, Councillors discussed a replacement representative for the Parish Council at the Low Villages Forum

Resolved – That any Councillor could represent the PC at the LVF

24/25 – 0111 Personnel Committee

a) Further to the resignation of Cllr Wood, Councillors discussed electing a Councillor to the Personnel Committee.

b) Resolved – That Cllr Deborah Damary Thompson will fill the vacancy on the Personnel Committee.

24/25 – 0112 Clerk's Report

a) Clerk reported on any items requiring attention since the November meeting on any subject not separately on the Agenda.

24/25 – 0113 Accounts

a) Current financial position reviewed by all Councillors.

Resolved –That the Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation be noted and signed by Cllrs Van Oosterhout and Horner.

b) Bank statements reviewed by all Councillors.

Resolved –That the document be noted and signed by Cllr Van Oosterhout.

Councillors noted the following invoices already paid:

c) 27th November 2024 – Eve Middlton – Elsham Leader Delivery – £18.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s142)

d) 13th December 2024 – Cllr Sandra Van Oosterhout – Christmas Tree Lighting - £54.60 (Local Government Act 1972, s137)

e) 13th December 2024 – Ian Bowmer – Handyman Wages and Expenses - £93.00 (Public Health Act, s164)

f) 13th December 2024 – Sissons Gardening Servies – Grass Cutting - £169.54 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)

g) 13th December 2024 – Pain in the Brass – Christmas Tree Lighting - £80.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s145(1)(a))

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h) 13th December 2024 – Balfours LLP – Play Area Rent - £30.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
i) 13th December 2024 – Cllr Andrew Horner – Christmas Tree Lighting - £12.49 (Local Government Act 1972, s137)
j) 16th January 2025 – Ermine Street Ceilidh – Deposit - £50.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s145(1)(a))
k) 16th January 2025 – Sissons Gardening Servies – Grass Cutting - £540.04 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)
l)
m) 16th January 2025 – Vision ICT – Email Hosting - £168.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s142)
n) No other invoices were presented

24/25 – 0114 **Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda Items for the next meeting**

a) There was no progress on items not requiring decision and resolution, not otherwise detailed on the agenda.
b) No correspondence received
c) No correspondence received since the agenda was posted
d) Parish Projects were put forward for the October meeting

24/25 - 0115 **Date and time of forthcoming meetings**

a) The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February 2025.

24/25 – 0116 **To consider the exclusion of the public due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.**

a) To pay Clerk's wages and expenses.

Resolved – To pay Clerk's salary and expenses (Local Government Act 1972, s112).

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