

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 Andrew Horner Cllr Steve Moir and Cllr Deborah Damary Thompson
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Ward Councillors – Cllr Nigel Sherwood, Cllr Carl Sherwood and Cllr Rob Waltham

No members of the public attended.

24/25 – 0201 **Apologies**

Reasons for apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Jane Ewen.

24/25 – 0202 **Public Participation**

No members of the public attended.

24/25 - 0203 **Declaration of Interest**

- a) Cllr Andrew Horner declared an interest in item 24/25 0211 e) Payment of expenses
- b) No dispensations given.

24/25 - 0204 **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 – 0205 **Report from Ward Councillors**

Ward Councillors gave an update stating that a wheel wash and road sweeper services had been engaged at the new housing development in Brigg to reduce mud on the road. Cllr Moir asked if there was a requirement for the development to have a proportion of sustainable housing? Cllr Sherwood confirmed that the development would be made up of 2, 3 and 4 bed roomed properties.

NLC will start receiving additional powers in April 2025 as part of the Government devolution to the Greater Lincolnshire Authority, this is likely to mean bigger projects on highways infrastructure and public transport as the area joins up with the neighbouring areas of Lincolnshire.

The announcement of plans for a 3rd runway at Heathrow is likely to mean increased production for British Steel who make a large proportion of construction steel. In addition, it has been agreed that NLC will take over the surplus land of c.300 acres for a brownfield business and skills development site.

NLC have sent out their 1 millionth book through the Imagination Library initiative, which has been running in the area for just over 10 years. There is evidence of the positive effect of the initiative in increased reading age in children entering Primary School.

Speaking in the Council budget, Cllr Waltham announced that the Government have forced Local Councils to implement the maximum Council Tax increase of 5% or incur financial penalties.

Over 100,000 trees have now been planted in North Lincs towards the Northern Forest scheme.

NLC are working on an integrated system for reporting of potholes and drainage issues etc, in addition, the Council is looking to source additional pothole repair machinery.

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Councillors asked again when Barnetby Lane and Church Street drainage works would be completed, as they had been promised for Feb/Mar 2025, but are not appearing in the weekly streetworks list – Ward Councillors to follow up.

24/25 - 0206 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 gully on Barnetby Lane was currently blocked – No update.
 - 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 – 3 recent accidents at this junction – Clerk to forward request to NLC Officer
 - vi) 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) – NLC Community Grant has been awarded Works not yet scheduled
- c) No other highways issues were raised.

24/25 – 0207 Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs

- a) Councillors raised the incident where a car smashed the Newland Hill sign again and also destroyed the salt bin – Clerk to report to police and make insurance claim for replacements.

24/25 - 0208 Planning

- a) No Planning Applications received
- b) Councillors received the following Planning Decisions:
 - i) Application No: PA/2024/1150
Proposal: Planning permission for change of use from agricultural land to use of land for the stationing of six shepherds huts, along with associated works including drainage, hardstanding and landscaping.
Site Location: Elsham Hall, Elsham, DN20 0RA
Decision: Approved with conditions
- c) No other planning matters were discussed.

24/25 - 0209 – 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 ground had become very soft. Clerk is investigating mole fencing for the area. Clerk to chase NLC again regarding them providing 2 inspections per year.
 - ii) Elsham Nature Reserve – NLC have repaired the bird and bat boxes and will come back to cut in the steps at a later date.
Councillors discussed additional benches and are reviewing designs ahead of resolution at the March meeting.
Councillors discussed designs and content 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.

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- b) Councillors discussed village planting
 - i) Councillors discussed the budget for village planting.
Resolved – A budget of £250 was resolved for the forthcoming month.
 - ii) Councillors discussed entry into BKV and EMIB for the 2025 year.
Resolved – To enter both BKV and EMIB.
- c) Councillors discussed a heritage street light for Church Street Triangle – Clerk is investigating a solution with NLC.
- d) Councillors discussed Parish Projects for 2024/25
- e) Councillors discussed Handyman jobs.
- f) Councillors discussed councillor details on website. Councillors who have not written text to do so.
- g) Councillors discussed organising a litter pick for early March, and discussed that the Christmas Tree still requires removing.

24/25 – 0210 **Clerk's Report**

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

24/25 – 0211 **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) 12th February 2025 – ERNLLCA – Training - £36.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s145)Councillors approved the following invoices for payment:
 - d) Cllr Andrew Horner – eBay - Planter brackets - £199.76 (Public Health Act, s164)

24/25 – 0214 **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) No items were put forward for the March meeting

24/25 - 0215 **Date and time of forthcoming meetings**

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

24/25 – 0216 **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).