

ELKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
agreed minutes
For meeting held on 13th March 2024
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1.	Welcome
2.	Council agreed co-option of Barbara Luck who signed the appropriate form and joined the Council
3.	Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors Matt Hobbs, David Kearney, Graham Hopkins, Barbara Luck & District Councillor Julia Judd,
4.	Apologies for absence noted & recorded Parish Councillor David Collins County Councillor Joe Harris did not attend
5.	Declaration of Interest for matters on the agenda invited -none
6.	There was no Public in attendance
7.	Council did not receive a report from County Councillor Joe Harris
8.	Council received a report /update from District Councillor Julia Judd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter bins/dog bins • A417 updates and hub link to be distributed • Budget/expenditure noted • Planning system changes • Planning enforcement • Grant applications • CDC Local Plan consultation
9.	Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2024 approved
10.	Council considered the website and newsletter arrangements going forward The Village Hall Committee are considering improving/modernizing the website Village Newsletter needs a new editor Council asked for the Village Hall Committee meeting to bring forward proposals for the PC to consider Payment approved the £145.19 contribution for the website
11.	Council approved financial reports
12.	Council approved payment list as discussed at meeting
13.	Council considered highway matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes to be reported via Fix My Street and DC Judd email (Cllr Hopkins) • New Highways Manager (Anne Johns) to be invited to make site visit in the Village (Cllr Kearney) • Concerns expressed over the road surface through the vilage
14.	Council noted there were no outstanding planning matters
15.	Council received update on planting in verges as per email from GCC- Cllr Kearney /Cllr Hopkins – standard agenda item

16.	Council noted Village Hall Accounts as presented- Cllr Hopkins
17.	Council considered Emergency plan update – Cllr Hopkins Possible steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity/Community engagement • working party councillors and other parties • Contact emergency planning officer at CDC
18.	Council received update on matters relating to the assets of the Council Council had previously agreed to consider replacing the wooden frames around the grit piles in the spring (Cllr Collins/Cllr Kearney) Cllr Collins to lead asset management- a map to be produced showing the PC owned assets Asset List noted & confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bus shelter village side of the road b) Bus shelter outside square house – downpipe missing and noticeboard is not fixed and rubbish bin not being emptied – Cllr Kearney c) Land at the Pound d) Grit bin at the Village Hall e) Grit bin at Pike Hill f) Grit bin at North of High crossroads g) Grit bin at 2 Cockleford Lane h) 1 litterbin at the main road i) 1 litter bin at bus shelter j) Defibrillator at the Village Hall Council agreed to adopt all grit bins in the parish- asset register to be updated (Cllr Collins) Council agreed to looking into putting bird boxes for swallows in b) (Cllr Luck)
19.	Council invited reports from other bodies present (standard agenda item)- none
20.	Council noted advice has been received from NALC on donations to Churches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council agreed requests for grants received should be sent to Clerk prior to publication of Agenda to be included as an agenda item and should be considered in line with budget agreed- in line with standard grant application guidance ▪ Council agreed any such request should be accompanied with financial reports from organisation and • Council agreed that any Councillor who plays an active role in the management of the Church or its assets should declare an interest/seek a dispensation at the beginning of each financial year
21.	Council noted other matters for information (no decisions can be made) EVH have applied for grants for refurbishments Future possibility of changes to VH to be discussed at VH committee VH has been “spring cleaned” ONS census data noted Footpath to Elkstone Studies
22.	Council confirmed date of next meeting is scheduled for 8th May 2024 at 7. Pm for AGM and 7.45pm for Parish Assembly
23.	Meeting closed at 21.10