

**ELKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Approved minutes**  
**For meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

1.	<b>Welcome by Chair of Council</b>
2.	<b>Council noted there were no co-option candidates who have contacted the Clerk and confirmed their eligibility. Councillors discussed ways of publicising the vacancy.</b>
3.	<b>Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors Matt Hobbs, David Kearney, David Collins, District Councillor Julia Judd</b>
4.	<b>Apologies for absence accepted/noted recorded from Parish Councillor Graham Hopkins &amp; County Councillor Joe Harris</b>
5.	<b>Declaration of Interest for matters on the agenda were invited -none</b>
6.	<b>Public Participation was invited -none</b>
7.	<b>Council has not received a report from County Councillor Joe Harris</b>
8.	<b>Council received report /update from District Councillor Julia Judd (report distributed via email)  Lorry Park planning appeal outcome- dismissed  A417 road closures postponed  A417 missing link forums- clerk has sent another request to be on the distribution list  A417 missing link Archaeology dig update  Fly-tipping update  CDC budget consultation programme  Town and Parish Council Forum 6pm 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
9.	<b>Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 13th September 2023 were approved</b>
10.	<b>Council approved financial reports  Council noted update on national agreement on salary increase with effect from 4/23 (agreed in principle)</b>
11.	<b>Council approved budget/precept in the sum of £5500 for 2024/25</b>
12.	<b>Council approved payment list as discussed at meeting  Village Hall £70  HMRC £110.40  Expenses £65.32</b>
13.	<b>Council noted that the Clerk has received an invoice for hire of the Village Hall – May 23 to May 24 (see above)</b>
14.	<b>Council noted highway matters-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ash Dieback update</li> <li>• Increased traffic volumes – cfwd</li> <li>• A417 missing link updates – consultation awaited from Missing Link team.</li> </ul>
15.	<b>Council considered outstanding planning matters  23/03310/LBC and 2303309/FUL balcony at Priests House- Council would</b>

	<p>like to see more of a vernacular style with use of natural materials. Council would like to see more detail in the application paperwork. Council agreed to make no comment.</p> <p>23/03035/CLUED - Highgate House – noted- no comment</p>
16.	<p>Council received update on planting in verges as per email from GCC from Cllr Kearney</p> <p>Grant application form update – out of time</p> <p>Further advice sources were discussed</p> <p>Council agreed to finance initial outlay to start the project this winter</p>
17.	<p>Council considered matters relating to the assets of the Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• replacing the wooden frames around the grit piles was discussed- cfwd to be discussed in the Spring when grit levels were lowered</li> <li>• Gutter changed on the bus shelter and has been cleaned</li> </ul>
18.	<p>Council noted correspondence regarding allotment costs and that this has been forwarded to CC/DC as it is outside of the jurisdiction of the PC</p>
19.	<p>Council considered empty properties in the parish and any actions that the PC may take, noting this outside the jurisdiction of the PC -noted</p>
20.	<p>Council confirmed date of next meeting is scheduled for January 10th 2024 at 7.30pm, next scheduled meeting is 13/3/24</p>
21.	<p>Meeting closed at 20.33</p>