

**ELTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT
7.30PM ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025
AT ELTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:- Cllr Hall, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Marsden, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Swindell and one member of the public.

40.25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Earl and Cllr Buckler (DDDC)

41.25 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations made.

42.25 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to consider any interests they may have on matters on the agenda.

43.25 PUBLIC SPEAKING

It was noted that a local volunteer group who provide transport for people with medical appointments are seeking for more volunteers.

Fundraisers were made aware of a company which purchases unwanted books.

Arrangements for VE Day celebrations were discussed. The Clerk undertook to apply for the grant available from DDDC.

Concerns were expressed about the amount of dog excrement that was being placed in the bin outside the Village Hall which resulted in some very bad smells.

44.25 MINUTES

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th March 2025 were approved and were signed by the Chair.

45.25 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting wishing them a happy Spring and outlined the business for the evening.

46.25 CLERK'S REPORT ON ONGOING MATTERS

Road Surface/Footpath/Verges/Signs condition – Ongoing
Serco Road Repairs – Cllr Marsden gave details of her meeting with Serco and DDDC where it was agreed that Serco would repair the damaged verge.
Street Light – Still to be attended to and no new on upgrade.
Village Hall Legal – information awaited

47.25 VILLAGE REPORTS

(a) VILLAGE HALL – It was agreed that the next Village Hall Committee Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on 5th June 2025 and will be followed by the June Parish Council Meeting. It was reported that all the RBS bank statements have now been received and the yearend accounts can be completed.

It was agreed to list the members of the Village Hall Committee in the next edition of the Elton Echo.

It was noted that the water heater in the ladies is to be replaced and the five yearly electrical survey carried out shortly. Plastering work will also be carried out in the coming weeks. A new toilet seat is also required.

Hire charges for corporate bodies were discussed.

(b) JUBILEE FIELD – It was reported that a further inspection had been carried out by the building inspector. The mower is currently being attended to and some weed killing is to be arranged. The invoice for reimbursable expenditure was passed to the Clerk.

(c) FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS, BINS AND VERGES - It was noted that the road surfaces continue to deteriorate and that there are two very large potholes. It was agreed to encourage members of the public to report potholes on the DCC website.

(d) SCHOOL – Cllr Moseley reported on School matters.

(e) CHURCH – There was no report.

(f) ELTON ECHO - Any articles for the next edition should be submitted by mid-May.

(g) GRATTON PHONE BOX – There were no new matters raised.

48.25 DALC CIRCULARS

January 25 – How to stay safe as a councillor, Planning a VE Day 80th anniversary event, Suspension for bad behaviour consultation, 2025-26 Finance Settlement, All change for audit system, New Year, New Fund, New Plan, New Habitats, Revised National Planning Policy Framework, Peak Park gets new powers, Warning over devolution plans, Energy Partnership update.

February 25 – Local Government Reorganisation, We want to hear from our members, Employment Law update, New gov.uk domain guidance issued, Getting back to nature, Internal Audits, Solar canopy on your car park, Committee resignations

March 25 – Local Government Reorganisation, Member Survey, Payroll error, Prepared for an Emergency, Bolsover Market, Playing our part in climate action and sustainability, Covid Day of Reflection, Surveying your Village Hall, Count down to VE80, Procurement takes a new turn, Wrestling match land councillors in hot water.

April 25 – Out of Hours Contact maintained, Updated Model Financial Regs and template Standing Orders, Sick Pay Threshold reduced, Plans to ban zero hours contracts scrapped, Pre election period guidance notes, Minimum wage rate from April 25, Precept Analysis, Success stories and ideas from Climate Change Forum, S137 Allowance 25/26 is £11.10, Plans for Local Government Reorganisation, Phishing Emails, April Forum, Round Robin- Shared experiences.

49.25 FINANCE

(a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

J Jackson	Salary Apr	£ 127.30
HMRC	Tax Apr	£ 31.22

(b) INCOME

None

(c) BUDGET APPRAISAL/RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk reported on the current balances, budget and risk assessment.

Community Trust Bank still to be contacted.

50.25 PLANNING

(a) Applications –

None

(b) Decisions –

NP/DDD/1224/1395 Second Storey extension over side and rear extension with new garage in garden accessed from Back Lane, Croft Cottage, Main Street – Refused

51.25 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

DCC – Derby and Derbyshire Housing Association Residents invited to share smoking habits for a new project

DCC – Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Arien Signs – Signs

Ariane Edwards – Share your thoughts on climate in the Peak District

PDNPA – Local Plan

DCC – local Plan

DCC – bird Registration

VE Day – Numerous

DCC – Mobile Library

52.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the next monthly meeting be held on Thursday 1st May 2025 at 7.00pm in Elton Church

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.42pm