



Elston Parish Council



Minutes for Sports & Recreation Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2025 at 7.00 PM

Location: Elston Village Hall, Top Street, Elston, NG23 5NP

MINUTES

Welcome

- The meeting was opened at 7.00pm.

- Present: Cllrs Richard Hargreaves, Steve Harris, James North, and Angela Smith; Dermot Daly (Clerk); Two members of the public.

25/SR001 Election of Chair for the Committee.

- It was RESOLVED unanimously to elect Cllr James North into the position of Chair of the Committee until the meeting immediately following the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

25/SR002 Apologies for absence.

- There were no apologies received.

25/SR003 Declaration of interests for voting members.

- There were no interests declared.

25/SR004 Vote on non-council members to join the committee (two persons).

- It was RESOLVED unanimously to elect Stuart Cross and Henry Veys as non-Councillor members of the Committee. They will hold position without voting rights.

25/SR005 Agree expected schedule of meetings.

- It was RESOLVED to hold meetings at least once a year with the first one being Wed 27th May 2026 at 7.00pm.

- It was further confirmed that the scope of the Committee will include all recreation facilities including the play equipment on The Green.

25/SR006 Discuss and agree scope of financial management for the Committee including expected running costs.

- The Clerk will provide utilities and other costs to the meeting in May 2026 to aid the budgeting going into the following year (2027-28). This will feed into the main budget process for the full Parish Council.

- It was RESOLVED that the sub-committee will arrange for the hedge-cutting, and dyke clearance for the Park.

25/SR007 Agree to form a sub-committee to handle the day-to-day management of Erasmus Darwin Park, the associated terms of reference, and the membership of the sub-committee.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to form the sub-committee with the terms of reference as circulated; to name the sub-committee specifically for the management of the Erasmus Darwin Park.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED that the sub-committee will comprise the members of the main Committee, with the Chair being Cllr Richard Hargreaves.

- It was suggested that there should be a meeting before any full committee meeting.

25/SR008 Agree the long-term hire agreement with EUFC.

- Changes identified to the circulated agreement...

9.3 – punctuation changes to make understanding more clear.

Schedule 2 – extra point added to explain the build cost overrun and increase in budget.

Limitations on Hiring – brackets on (iii).

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the agreement with the above changes.

- There was a question raised about the state of the pitch. 40 tonnes of sand has been spread on the pitch which has improved it and it is seen that this will be repeated over a few years.

- The Boxing Day game is likely to be played on the small pitch.

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- 25/SR009** Discuss outstanding works required to complete and improve Erasmus Darwin Park.
- Currently the dyke outlet is blocked underneath the road. It needs to be jetted out by Via and a guard placed on the entrance to the culvert under the road by NSDC. It was agreed some years ago but never delivered as the dyke on the football field needed to be dug out. It was RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to progress this work.
 - May need to address the minor flooding on the car park around the disabled parking places.
 - Signage is awaiting the legal action within the full Council.
 - A suggested noticeboard on the site can be moved forward in the new financial year.
 - Possibility of placing some (6-12) trees around the Park, close to the hedge-line - further investigation required together with associated decisions.
 - A solid base (concrete?) is required to site a bench funded by a donation from the Methodist Chapel held by the full Council. The sub-committee to address this in their first meeting (28th January 2026 at 7pm).
 - The grit bin adjacent to the entrance to the Park is broken – needs to be removed - the Clerk to expedite.
 - The wider recreation items to be built into the next Committee agenda.

Close meeting.

- The meeting was closed at 8.08pm.

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