



Elston Parish Council



Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 2026 at 7.00 PM

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

MINUTES

Welcome and open the meeting.

- The meeting was opened at 7.00pm.

- Present: Cllrs Bertie Pinchera (Chair), Richard Hargreaves, Steve Harris, James North, Angela Smith, Chrissy McFadden, Dermot Dalv (Clerk): 1 member of the public.

26/001 Receive and approve any apologies for absence.

- None.

26/002 Approve the co-option of one Parish Councillor to the Casual Vacancy position either from prior application or from the floor of the meeting.

- There were no interested parties at the meeting.

26/003 Receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting.

- None.

26/004 Suspend Standing Orders for this item and allow for Parishioner Questions and Observations and for County and District Councillor reports.

- District Cllr Neil Allen gave his apologies.

- County Cllr Sue Saddington, District Cllrs Jack Kellas and Simon Haynes were not present at the meeting.

- County Council report has been handed to the Council covering various petitions including the 20mph restriction one submitted by Elston Parish Council.

- Public: The 2026 Newark Half Marathon has been opened online and it appears the route is avoiding Elston village.

PLANNING

26/005 Address any last minute applications and report on decisions taken.

- There were no last-minute applications for review.

i) 25/01795/TWCA - Yew Tree Cottage, 22 The Green, Elston, NG23 5PF - T1 - Cherry tree - Fell T2 - Yew tree - reduce as per annotated photo submitted T3 - 2 x Silver Birch - reduce as per annotated photos submitted T4 - Conifer - reduce as per annotated photo submitted. [Approved] - The decision was noted.

ii) 25/01799/TWCA - 6 The Green, Elston, NG23 5PF - T1 - Wellingtonia - reduce by 1.5m in height and sides by 0.5m all around to allow more light into property T2 - Ash tree - reduce lateral limbs by 2m that overhangs the boundary fence to allow more light into property T3 - Purple Cherry - reduce lateral limbs that hang over fence line by 2m. [Approved] - The decision was noted.

iii) 25/01814/AGR - Field To The North East Of Elston Lodge Farm, Lodge Lane, Elston, NG23 5PG - Application to determine if prior approval required for erection of Two agricultural storage barns under Schedule 2 part 6. [Information only] - The application was noted.

iv) 25/01934/TWCA - Holly Cottage, 1 The Orchard, Elston, NG23 5PL - T1 Cedar tree - Reduce canopy all around by 2 meters. [Approved] - The decision was noted.

v) 25/01984/AGR - Field To The North East Of Elston Lodge Farm, Lodge Lane, Elston, NG23 5PG - Application for prior approval for erection of Two agricultural storage barns under Schedule 2 part 6. [Information only] - The application was noted.

vi) 25/02059/TWCA - 7 Pinfold Lane, Elston, NG23 5PD - T1 oak tree Repollard oak tree back to solid wood. [Information only] - The application was noted.

vii) 25/02061/LDCP - The Delery, Mill Road, Elston, NG23 5NR - Lawful Development Certificate for proposed cat protection fencing within the garden. [Information only] - The application was noted.

viii) 25/02082/TWCA - Holly Cottage, 1 The Orchard, Elston, NG23 5PL - T1 - Cedar - Fell due to outgrowing garden. [Information only] - The application was noted.

26/006 25/01841/HOUSE - The Delery, Mill Road, Elston, NG23 5NR - Proposed side extension. [Deadline: 16/01/2026]

- There is no objection to this application.

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- 26/007 25/02074/S73 - The Old Chapel, Elston, NG23 5PA - Application for variation of condition 03 to re-word condition (as submitted on the application form) in order to comply with requirements of Bat Mitigation Strategy attached to planning permission 24/01598/FUL; Change of use of vacant Methodist church into a dwelling, demolition of extensions, erection of extension and alterations. [Deadline: 20/01/2026]
- There is no objection to this application.
- MEETINGS**
- 26/008 Approve the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 4th November 2025.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes be approved as circulated.
- 26/009 Present draft Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Committee held on 9th December 2025.
- The minutes were noted.
- FINANCE**
- 26/010 Present the period accounts and sign the bank reconciliation.
- The period accounts were presented and accepted.
- 26/011 Present and approve the accounts for payment.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously that the payments be approved as circulated.
- 26/012 Confirm budget and associated precept for 2026-27.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to agree the budget as circulated and set a precept of £32,500 for 2026-27, which is an increase of 4.9% of the precept, and is a 5.86% increase on a Band D property (being £6.37) of the Council Tax for 2026-27).
- GENERAL**
- 26/013 Review action log, making relevant changes and associated actions.
- The actions were reviewed, noting a number of adjustments.
- 26/014 Decide on response to the letter of rejection of Petition for a 20mph speed limit in Elston Village.
- The letter is to be updated by Cllr James North and sent to the LTP coordinator by the Clerk, with a copy to County Cllr Sue Saddington.
- 26/015 Approval of expenditure to progress registering ownership of Church Lane and the Allotments.
- It was RESOLVED to give Larken the approval to proceed with the Poor's Close registration and the Church Lane adoption/registration with a total cap of £3,000.
- REPORTS (For information only)**
- 26/016 Clerk's Report.
- The School Head Teacher is intending to attend the meeting in February.
- Still awaiting a response from Playdale on the play equipment repair work.
- Arranged face to face with meeting with the new Lenathsmen.
- 26/017 Provide an update on the Village Hall Committee.
- The grant application is being prepared.
- The list of trustees representing the Parish Council is being prepared - it is likely to be as the current year.
- 26/018 Provide an update on the Finance and General Purposes Working Group.
- The budget was finalised and presented as part of the precept setting.
- 26/019 Provide an update on the Communications Working Group.
- The February version of the Octave will cover the potential changes tot the No 90 Bus service and a who's-who of the Parish Council.
- 26/020 Provide an update on the Environment Working Group.
- Need to chase the delivery of the grit.
- NEXT MEETING**
- 26/021 Note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (11th February 2026).
- Playdale update.
- Village Hall grant.
- CONFIDENTIAL**
- 26/022 Agree to enter closed session for confidential matters, excluding press and public.
- There were no members of the public in attendance at this point.
- 26/023 Discuss Court claim and follow-up actions.
- It was unanimously RESOLVED not to accept the financial offer and to progress to mediation.
Close meeting.
- The meeting was closed at 8.46pm.

Authorising Signature
Name: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED]

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