

ELKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes
For meeting held on 12th Nov 2025

1.	Attendees were recorded as parish councillors M Hobbs (chair), D Kearney (responsible financial officer), D Collins (acting clerk), District Councillor J Judd. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Luck, Magnuson and County Councillor M Harris
2.	Draft minutes of the previous meeting on 9th Sept 2025 were approved. There were no matters arising.
3.	A report was received from District Councillor Judd. A consultation on the local government review is opening shortly. A newly revised Local Plan is in development. This should provide a better framework when considering planning applications for new housing.
4.	No in person report from County Councillor Harris was available. However, by email he has reported that an unauthorised advertisement at the bottom of Bubbs Hill is considered too large and therefore a potential distraction to drivers. It has been referred to planning enforcement authorities.
5.	The recent 3/190 road resurfacing was discussed at length. Works appear to be to a good standard and disruption to villagers was in the event kept to a minimum. However the councils opinion is that messaging about the works when first proposed was poor and led to greater concern than was necessary. In particular businesses were closed for the greater period of work at considerable financial cost when a discussion with highway authority representatives before commencement might have allowed at least partial opening. In future cases, early discussion between all parties of likely problems should be sought.
6.	There were no payments of accounts due. Online banking has been arranged for three councillors but is not yet working. The Responsible financial officer reports that spending against budget was positive and that a surplus at the end of the financial year is likely.
7.	Planning applications 25/03340/FUL Elkstone Manor, and 25/02242/FUL Dutch Barn, Coombe End Farm were discussed. There were no objections. It was noted that 25/03279/TCONTR Willow on The Pound has been approved. Therefore, the quotation received for maintenance of this tree was approved.
8.	Saplings and young trees available through the Ash Dieback Tree Replacement Scheme have been ordered for delivery later this month.
9.	In other business, Cllr Kearney has updated the EPC Financial regulations and IT policy. These changes were approved and the new documents are to be placed on the website.
10.	Next meeting has been booked for 7:30pm at Elkstone Village Hall on Jan 21st 2026
11.	Meeting closed at 20:46