

ELKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes
For meeting held on 10th Sept 2025

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| 1. | Attendees were recorded as parish councillors M Hobbs (chair), D Kearney (responsible financial officer), B Luck, D Collins (acting clerk), District Councillor J Judd. |
| 2. | Apology for absence received from Parish Councillor E Magnuson. |
| 3. | No councillors declared any personal interest in matters on the agenda. |
| 4. | Draft minutes of the last meeting (09/09/25) were approved and signed. |
| 5. | No members of the Public were present who wished to speak to the Council |
| 6. | A report from District Councillor Julia Judd was presented. Particular attention was drawn to high national government targets for new housing which are considered not to be achievable in the Cotswolds due to 80% of the area being National Landscape and as such protected from development. CDC has therefore appealed the local allocation. |
| 7. | A report on finance from District Councillor D Kearney was circulated. Pension Regulation forms have been submitted and it was confirmed online banking was now available. |
| 8. | Reimbursement of financial officers necessary expenses was approved. |
| 9. | Council considered the various roadworks now proposed for the next 2 months and also those in hand. Councillor Luck has approached Highways officers requesting greater clarification of timings etc. |
| 10. | Council considered a request by Cowley PC for additional signage to deter inappropriate HGV travel through local parishes. This was discussed at length but location and type of signage was considered a problem. Matter deferred pending investigation of appropriate solutions, (if any). |
| 11. | Council considered proposed use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds for community benefit with additional funding from EPC. Total funds likely to amount to c£2000. Village Hall Committee has been requested to submit a proposal for such capital expenditure. Councillor Luck proposed a 50/50 share of costs for blackout curtains and associated works. Quotation to be submitted for EPC approval. |
| 12. | A report of possible disease affecting the willow tree on the Pound was received from a concerned member of the public. Resolved to instruct a tree surgeon to assess said trees on Pound for safety |
| 13. | Further applications for free replacement saplings as part of the Ash Dieback Project have been received but are still under the minimum threshold for delivery. Further advertising within the parish is to be undertaken |
| 14. | Councillor Magnuson reported by email that he met with the website administrator and now has an understanding of its operation. |
| 15. | There being no other business the meeting closed 8:25pm. Next: 12/11/25. |