

Minutes of meeting of Elkstone Parish Council on 11th March 2026 7:30pm

1. PRESENT: Cllr M Hobbs (chair), cllrs B. Luck, E. Magnuson and D. Collins (Mr Collins acting clerk)
2. Apologies were received from District Councillor J Judd and Cllr D Kearney
3. Minutes of the last meeting on 21st Jan 2026 were approved and signed. There were no matters arising
4. FINANCE:
 - 4.1 Cllr Kearney as responsible financial officer had previously circulated a report on budget and expenditure by e mail. There were no comments.
 - 4.2 Accounts payable: A payment for materials to repair the noticeboard on the village hall was approved and a cheque issued in the sum of £88.80
5. PLANNING:
 - 5.1 25/03765/FUL Annexe at High Cross Farm, Elkstone. Noted that this application is still undecided.
 - 5.2 25/03340/FUL Extensions to Elkstone Manor. Noted that this application was refused.
6. Cllr Collins has inspected all EPC assets. No repairs are required at this time but it is recommended that the green bus shelter is cleaned and swept. Volunteers will be sought. In addition the litter bin at the slip road onto the A417 southbound has a broken lock and has been tagged by graffiti. However the bin is still functioning and repair is not considered economic.
7. No report from County Councillor Harris was available. A report from District Councillor Judd has been circulated by e mail previously.
8. Cllr Collins reported on a meeting with Cllr Harris and others at 500859, lane Penhill Farm to Cockleford. It is considered that the badger activity is negligible. Cllr Harris to report back to CDC
There was general discussion about road conditions. Cllr Harris had previously requested the most concerning areas affecting the parish. These had been reported as the underpass flooding under the A417, the road from Elkstone Studios to Coombe End (since repaired) and the road to Slutswell from High Cross (since part repaired and marked as uneven by a temporary road sign). There was disappointment expressed as to the piecemeal nature of repairs. Councillors would urge everybody to continue to report all deep holes via the Fixmystreet web page or via the county council website. Photographs and a what3words location designator for specific holes are considered more effective in getting work done whereas generalised complaints about "the state of the whole road", whilst understandable, are not.
9. Date of next meeting and Annual Parish Meeting agreed as May 13th 2026
10. There being no other business nor correspondence beyond that already circulated by email the meeting closed at 20:30