

## **Draft Minutes of Meeting of Elkstone Parish Council**

7.30pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026, in Elkstone Village Hall

1. Attendance recorded as being Councillors Hobbs(Chair), Kearney (RFO), Luck Magnuson and Collins (acting as clerk). Two members of the public. There were apologies received from Cllrs Judd and Harris.

2. Minutes of the council meeting held 15th July 2026 were approved.

3. Matters arising:

The review of Elkstone Parish Council standing orders which was led by Cllr Magnuson with assistance from Cllr Kearney is completed and will be published as a document on the Parish Council website.

4. Finance:

Financial reports circulated by Councillor Kearney previously circulated were accepted. Spending is currently well within budget in all areas. There have been no significant payments since the last meeting

5. Planning:

26/01756/FUL Manor Cross has been approved but there were minor conditions to be met

26/02389/FUL Change of use of horse arena. This application was discussed at length, there being some concerns as to the extent of the extension of the domestic curtilage, the design risking a swimming pool like appearance and the erection of a plant room building. However the majority decision was to make no objection.

6. Report from District Councillor Judd:

This was previously circulated. There were no comments.

- 7 Report from County Councillor Harris:

By email Cllr Harris has indicated that the underpass is shortly to be resurfaced but it was not confirmed that this was the Cowley underpass since

the Centurion underpass is also poorly surfaced. He has been requested to clarify.

8. Tree works at The Pound:

The partially detached willow branch which was the intended subject for a tree surgeon has been detached fully and the surgeon is no longer required

9. Highway matters:

9.1 The parish has some stocks of road salt remaining but enquiry has been made of the snow warden, Mr Thorn, and an additional 2 pallets have been requested from CDC

9.2 The Highgate road remains heavily trafficked due to the ongoing A417 alterations and has deteriorated to a condition of barely being usable despite having been fully resurfaced approximately 13 years ago. Discussions have been had with Kier, local residents and council representatives. These have been partially successful in that additional signage has been provided as requested. However the consensus was that traffic will not reduce until A417 work such as the northbound Cowley sliproad are completed. Concern is now that the road is repaired promptly after this phase and Cllr Kearney is to write to County Councillor Harris to voice concerns.

10. Other correspondence

10.1 Mickleton Parish has written a circular warning other parishes of the perceived inadequacies of Regulation 19 in local plans. The contents were noted and discussed but no further action deemed necessary.

10.2 A review of Polling Stations has been made by CDC and was broadly supported as a cost saving measure. However, if adopted, it is likely that Cowley Winstone and Syde residents will have to use Elkstone Village Hall as a polling station in the future which may increase traffic. The Parish Councillors agreed to request the Village Hall Committee via Cllr Luck to review fees charged for polling station use so as to ensure that Elkstone fees remain competitive with other CDC polling stations in the light of possible future reviews.

Meeting closed 8:40pm

Next meeting to be Wednesday 18th November at 7:30pm

