



Minutes of the Meeting of Elford Parish Council

Held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7:01pm at Elford Village Hall.

Present: Cllr A. Payne (Chairman), Cllr B. Delderfield, Cllr H. Herrmann, Cllr J. Oakley, Cllr H. Robertson (arrived 19:03pm), Cllr Turley (Vice-Chairman).

Guests In attendance: 0

Public attendance: 2

Minute Taker: Kate Pritchard, Parish Clerk.

25/180. Apologies: Cllr T. Dougherty sent her apologies due to attending another Parish Council meeting.

25/181. Public participation:

- Issues of potholes and flooding on Brickhouse Lane
- Planning application for Home Farm
- Litter picking working group

25/182. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None.

25/183. Minutes: The Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th February 2026, having been circulated, be confirmed, and to be signed as a correct record.

25/184. Reports from County and District Councillors (for information only) if present: None.

25/185. Planning:

a) To consider new application/s:

Reference	Address	Details	Elford PC	LDC Decision
26/00175/PNC	Home Farm Brickhouse Lane Elford Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9DE	Prior Notification (Commercial): Change of use of land to allow storage of touring caravans	The Council RESOLVED to object due to risk of highway safety issues, risk of flooding, vehicular access, traffic	Pending Consideration

			generation and the dangerous state of repair of Brickhouse Lane.	
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b) To report decisions on previous applications:

Reference	Address	Details	Elford PC	LDC Decision
26/00078/FUL	46 The Beck Elford Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9BP	Erection of 3-bedroom detached dwelling and associated works	No objection.	Refused 25.02.26
25/00224/REMM	Land at, The Shrubbery, Elford, Tamworth.	Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of permission 19/00662/REMM	No Objection. Submitted comment 27.03.25	Pending Consideration

25/186. Clerk Report: The Clerk report was NOTED. **ACTION:** Clerk to draft a letter to Highways to re-consider the review of weight restrictions, the current road markings and road signage for the Fisherwick Bridge.

a) Correspondence

- Harlaston Parish Council requested joint representation re the Mease Valley Pipeline
- Elford Village Hall room hire price increase
- LDC sent a letter regarding LGR consultation
- SPCA Feb 2026 bulletin

b) Administration

- VAT refund claimed from October 2025 – February 2026 for £215.25
- The monthly update was sent to Tarmac and LDC regarding the playground project
- Grit bin request sent to the County Council Highways Team
- Location agreed by SCC for the bus shelter
- First aid training for the coffee shop has been arranged for Tuesday 28th April 1pm – donation to be added to April payment schedule
- Staffordshire Community Fund and the County Cllr have been made aware the Parish Council will return the community funding of £150

25/187. Local Government Re-organisation: The Council RESOLVED to support the Lichfield District proposal.

25/188. Pipeline: The Council RESOLVED to support a joint Parish Council representation.

25/189. Bus Shelter project quotes: The Council RESOLVED to defer the item to the April meeting as more information is required.

25/190. Birmingham City Council permission: The Council RESOLVED to approve the amendment to the playground lease with Birmingham City Council, with associated legal costs not to exceed £500. The Council also discussed the sub-lease arrangement for the Cricket Club. It was agreed that the current arrangement would remain in place and that the Council would review the sub-lease in due course.

25/ 191. Playground Design: The Council reviewed the proposed design amends to the project. The Council RESOLVED to approve the three proposed changes to the sensory area. The Council agreed that the preferred option for the treehouse unit would include an open slide, with a closed slide to be installed should the open slide prove not to be viable. The inclusion of the zipline was discussed in relation to the Cricket Club. It was agreed that if the Cricket Club consents to the installation of the zipline in writing, the project will proceed with the agreed design changes. If the Cricket Club does not consent, the project will proceed with the agreed design changes but without the zipline for the time being, with the zipline to be considered as part of a phase 2 in order to provide more time to address any potential concerns raised by both the Cricket Club and the Football Club.

25/192. Neighbourhood Plan: The Council RESOLVED to defer the item to the April meeting as more information is required.

25/193. CIL Fund utilisation: The Council RESOLVED to not use any additional CIL funding towards the playground project.

25/194. Policies:

- a) The Council RESOLVED to approve the Risk Management Scheme.

25/195. Financial Matters:

- a) The Council RESOLVED to authorise the bank reconciliation to 28th February 2026.
- b) The Council RESOLVED to approve the March payment schedule.
- c) The Council NOTED the Q4 Budget Monitoring Report.

25/196. Reports from Chairman and Councillors (for information only):

- Awoingt Association visit
- Mease Valley pipeline
- Severn Trent Water flooding liaison visit
- Football club secured £14,500 LDC CIL Funding to improve the car park

25/197. Items for future meetings: Insurance, Awoingt visit, neighbourhood plan, bus shelter project quotes, Policy Review: Publication Scheme.

25/198. Date, time & venue of Parish Council meetings for 2025/26: Monday 13th April 2026, 7pm, Elford Village Hall

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:21pm.

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