

Elmton with Creswell Parish Council



Minutes of the

Meeting of the Parish Council Property Committee held on Wednesday 23rd July 2025

At 10.00AM in the Cavendish Room, Creswell Events Centre

Present:

- Cllr Steve Smith (Chair)
- Cllr Jim Wells

Also in Attendance:

Jade Wilson (Clerk), James Palmer (RFO)
There was 1 Member of the Public (MOP) in attendance.

ECPC – 1/25PS

To elect a Chair for the ensuing year

Cllr Wells nominated Cllr Smith to be Chair. Cllr Smith agreed and took the chair.

ECPC – 2/25PS

To receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were **received** from Cllr Paul Colbert.

Cllr Smith proposed that the reason for absence be accepted. It was **agreed** to accept the reasons for apologies.

ECPC – 3/25PS

To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wells declared an interest in regard to the H&WC (being a member of the Charitable Trust).

ECPC – 4/25PS

Public Participation

N/A

ECPC – 5/25PS

Co-option Recommendations to Full Council

- a.) To agree if the committee believes members of the community should be permitted to apply to be co-opted onto this committee

The committee **recommends** that non-Councillor members do not be co-opted onto this committee in support of the Officer's recommendations and reasoning.

- a.) To agree (if permitted) whether the committee believes non-Council members of this committee should have voting rights

N/A – co-option not recommended.

- b.) To agree (if permitted) recommendations for any specific amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference, (specifically for non-Council members) shall be put in place

N/A – co-option not recommended.

ECOC – 6/25PS

To agree the individual responsibilities of reviewing specific property and land, with a deadline to feedback to the committee (NALC Report)

It was agreed that final recommendations after reviewing all property and land that the Parish Council own, manage or lease will be given to Full Council at the 25th September 2025 meeting.

Initial recommendations for immediate action were **agreed** as follows:

Markland Campus:

1. To increase the rent to £400 per club, per season
2. To allow U11s football teams free use of the campus
3. To promote the use of the Tennis courts as a 5-a-side area and charge for the use (after speaking to the teams and the community to gauge views)
4. To start up the Bike Club, if there is assistance to facilitate this
5. To promote events on the campus and maximise its use and potential

Cricket Club (Multi-Use Games Facility):

1. To increase the rent to £500 per club
2. To promote the facility to an athletics club/running club and promote the facility as Multi-use, not just cricket
3. To consider the use of the Cricket Equipment for children's games/sessions
4. To consider other potential uses for the area and building to cover costs

Skinner Street Cemetery:

1. To meet with the undertaker as soon as possible (August) to discuss the management/control of the cemetery, records, mapping and rules enforcement
2. To do a full review of the fees for resident/non-resident burials and cremated remains (considering fees in neighbouring parishes)
3. Look into Phase 2 Plans and what needs to be reconsidered i.e. consider individual plots and the direction the trenches are facing
4. Consider the flood potential of the ground (heavy clay)
5. Look into capacity and emergency planning for Phase 2 and collate figures
6. Address the 'quiet area' by laying at least 6 x new slabs

Community/Youth Club:

1. To meet with BDC management to discuss the potential lease agreements and what issues need to be rectified before this goes ahead (urgent)
2. Write to the builders on Colliery Road regarding their use of the facility (toilets, water, electric, container placement etc.). Agree that they should be charged for this.
3. The future of this facility should highly depend on the outcome of meetings with BDC management

Events Centre

1. To request that future Property Committee meetings will be attended by the Centre Manager to provide financial updates
2. That support or training may need to be provided to expand the offer of the centre
3. Future large events or operational changes need to be fully costed and business plans/proposals put to Council/Officers
4. That the Property Committee has more control over the scrutiny of the centre (as they have had, in the past) in terms of audits/stock takes, asset management etc.

Bowls Club:

1. That quotes should be obtained for completely clearing up the area and Full Council agree that this is a priority to clean up

ECPC – 7/25PS

To agree a date that the recommendations will be finalised and sent to Full Council (NALC Report)

The committee **agreed** to report finalised recommendations on the 25th September 2025.

ECPC – 8/25PS

To discuss cemetery complaints and issues – agree action plan

Cemetery complaints were discussed and will be addressed.

ECPC – 9/25PS

To discuss playpark complaints and issues – agree action plan

The Clerk and RFO said that specialist paint was being ordered to improve 2 play parks for the summer holidays. It was expensive but the Parish Council were not in a financial position to purchase new equipment. The maintenance team will work on this over the coming weeks and Officers wanted to emphasise this should be made a priority.

ECPC – 10/25PS

To discuss any current issues or outstanding decisions regarding other Parish Council land or buildings and agree actions, if required:

a.) Fun Fair request – use of Fox Green or Markland Campus

It was **agreed** that access to both Fox Green and Markland would pose significant problems for a fun fair

b.) Legionnaire Testing – All sites

It is **recommended** that quotes are obtained and a full programme of testing be scheduled for all properties

c.) Cemetery Management, Compliance and Capacity – To receive an update from the Deputy Clerk

Addressed in Item ECOC – 6/25PS

d.) Markland Campus car park

The correspondence was considered. It was **agreed** that the gates should remain closed due to the problems it causes when they are left open – it is full of vans/cars so that the club cannot use the spaces

e.) Bowls Club plans

The correspondence was considered. The Bowls Club had been addressed in Item ECOC – 6/25PS. It was **recommended** that Officers/Councillors inspect the area to the rear of the H&WC to see if the land is fit for use by the public. If so, the gates could be open for access to the event and then closed again afterwards.

ECPC – 11/25PS

To discuss the current issues with dog fouling in the Parish and resolve to make the open spaces PSPO compliant. Resolve to order necessary signage and permit officers to liaise with Bolsover District Council regarding an enforcement plan

The RFO gave an update about his conversations with BDC. In summary, for the area to be PSPO compliant and therefore enable proper enforcement, new signage would need to be purchased. It was agreed dog fouling was a significant

problem in the parish. It was **recommended** that Officers should liaise with BDC and be given a budget to purchase the signage.

ECPC – 12/25PS

To discuss the cost-effectiveness of tendering out the full grounds/ maintenance schedule

It was **agreed** to **DEFER** this item until costing options were provided by the Officers. Officers had not had time to prepare this for the meeting.

ECPC – 13/25PS

The date and time of the next Property Committee Meeting will be Thursday 20th August 2025

MEETING CLOSED 12.30PM

SIGNED: _____

NAME: _____

DATE _____