

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL ON 11th DECEMBER 2025 HELD IN EVINGTON HALL**

Present:

Cllr Stanley (Chair)
Cllr P Argar
Cllr Wright

Cllr J Argar
Cllr Francesconi

In attendance: Cllr Martin and the Clerk.

Cllr Stanley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

		To be actioned by
1.	To receive and approve apologies for absence.	
	Cllrs Burge and Castle had sent their apologies.	
2.	To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.	
	Cllr Stanley declared an interest as a neighbour to Martins Court, as discussed under item 4.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2025	
	The minutes were signed as a true record.	
4.	To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.	
	Cllr Stanley had spoken to the owner of Martins Court as agreed. However, no documents have been provided to prove evidenced as to the registered use of the field. Trees and hedging have been planted around the perimeter of the field. There are properties that back on to this. The PC is looking to the Planning Enforcement Department to assist with this. Historically the field has been agricultural. Cllr Martin offered follow this up with the Enforcement Officer.	
5.	To receive a Report from District/County Councillors	
	Cllr Martin had sent a report to be circulated. KCC Cllr Hespe had sent a report that had been circulated.	
6.	Public session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.	
	There were no members of the public present.	
7.	Financial matters:	
	<p>a) To note/authorise the following:</p> <p>i. To note the Parish Council's financial position, Chair to initial bank statement. The financial position as at 30th November 2025 was noted.</p> <p>ii. To authorise any payments The Parish Council had two payments to be authorised. Village Hall (£4000) and Website (£120). It was suggested that the surface of the bridle path towards the wood could be managed. This is Kent PROW responsibility, this should be reported. School signage (Bodsham needs a Travel Plan).</p> <p>iii. To agree the proposed budget for 2026/27 The Parish Councillors agreed the proposed budget for 2026/27.</p> <p>iv. To agree the precept for 2026/27 The Parish Council agreed to precept for £2250.00</p>	
8.	To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.	
	The Parish Council considered there is a concern regarding the tree in the Church car park.	

9.	Planning matters: to approve the responses to any recent planning applications.	
	<p>Misling Farm, Misling Lane – Gate replacement. The PC consider that this is out of keeping in the local vernacular and feels something more in keeping should be installed.</p> <p>Greenfields – No objection but wonder whether the materials used could be sympathetic to the other buildings in the area.</p> <p>Whatsole Street replacement dwelling has been refused.</p> <p>A decision on the camp site has not yet been made.</p>	
10.	Any Other Business (for information purposes only):	
	<p>The tree in the car park in Elmsted Church Car park. The tree leans towards the wall and has been damaged, believe this should be taken down. The Clerk is to investigate this and obtain a quote. Cllr Argar is to find out whether an arborial specialist could look at this.</p>	
11.	Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.	
	<p>Thursday 12 March 2026</p> <p>Thursday 14 May 2026</p>	

Signed:

Date: