



EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

24 Coniston Road, Edith Weston LE15 8HP

Minutes of the meeting of the Edith Weston Parish Council (EWPC) held on Monday 24th March 2025 in Edith Weston Village Hall

In Attendance: Andy Lunn (AL) (Chair), Peter Vickers (Vice Chair), Joseph Akak (JA), Laura Stephens (LS)*, Charlotte Cave (CC), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

Visitors: 3 members of the public were present

Agenda No		Action
157/24	Apologies	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from Chris Malyon (CM), Emily Roden (ER), Councillors Gale Waller (GW) and Tim Smith (TS), David Ferguson (DF) and PC Edd McKinnon (EMc).	
158/24	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	None.	
159/24	Public Open Forum	
	Updates were requested in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officers Mess developments – none to report - Neighbourhood Plan – approved by village referendum on 21st February 2025 - RCC's Local Plan – now with the Inspector, no further opportunity to comment. EWPC had responded at each available opportunity. 	
160/24	Rutland Council Report	
	There was no representative from RCC. AL will follow up with GW about the lack of representation from the Council in the last few months.	AL
161/24	Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 24th February 2025	
	Resolution: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24 th February 2025 were approved and signed as a true record.	AL
162/24	Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to Emery – a chasing letter has been sent today with a 14 day deadline to respond before issuing a legal claim. • Update on website – PV had advertised in the newsletter with no response. Aim is to improve navigation within existing website and update content. LS to confirm that her husband was willing to help (confirmed on arrival and PV/SG to set up a meeting with him). 	JA LS PV/SG

163/24	Update from the Army	
	No representative.	
164/24	Forum Updates	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council Liaison meeting on Wednesday 14th May – carry forward to next meeting as no-one able to confirm their availability. 	SG
165/24	Planning applications	
	<p>i. 2025/0228/CAT: T1 – Remove 1 No. Eucalyptus tree to just above ground level. 4 Tyler Close, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8EX Deadline: passed (18th March 2025) – no objection</p> <p>ii. 2025/0281/CAT: T1 – Remove 1 No. Fig tree. 1 Well Cross, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HG Deadline: 1st April 2025 – waiting feedback from village tree champion but no-one had any objection</p> <p>iii. 2023/0007/APPEAL: Outline planning for 62 no. dwellings, landscaping and open space with all matters reserved except access. Land to the East of Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland 29 Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HD Appeal hearing date: Application approved by the Inspector at appeal. We have referred this to our planning consultants who have suggested EWPC may be a possible case for judicial review. AL has approached two barristers for advice and costs. It was noted that, if EWPC go down this route and lose, we would be liable for costs on top of legal fees. It was also noted that the funds in reserve are not earmarked and could be used for this kind of legal action.</p> <p>It was proposed, and resolved to approve, that EWPC should go ahead if that is the advice from the barristers and subject to the cost of doing this. AL will circulate recommendation and costs via email as the deadline for submission is before the next parish council meeting.</p> <p>It was also agreed to go ahead and submit a formal complaint to RCC about their handling of this planning application/appeal.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>
166/24	Environmental Issues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village audit – PV to circulate some dates for this to take place. Dog poo bin, King Edward's Way – it was proposed, and resolved to approve, the purchase of a floor mounted general waste bin to be sited in King Edward's Way – exact position to be determine during village audit. Community Resilience Plan. ER not available to update. 	<p>PV</p> <p>SG</p> <p>ER</p>
167/24	Finance	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance report and current bank balance was accepted and approved as presented. Invoices as evidenced on the finance report had been approved for payment by the Finance Committee and were noted by the Parish Council. It was resolved to approve renewed the Microsoft 365 subscription on the clerk's laptop. 	<p>SG</p> <p>SG</p> <p>SG</p>
168/24	Grant request from Edith Weston Village Hall	

Appendix 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SG apologised that the papers were not included in the other papers circulated with the agenda and will forward the revised grant application as soon as possible. However, after explaining the content and background, it was resolved to approve payment of a grant in the sum of £1,627.27 plus VAT to the Edith Weston Village Hall in respect of the provision of heating in the toilets. ● This application had also highlighted an anomaly in the Grants and Donations Policy in that Section 4 requested notification by September for any grant for the following financial year. This was felt to be slightly immaterial as EWPC budget annually for small grants with the recurrent budget, although village charities should be encouraged to give good notice of any requests for substantial grant requests. It was agreed to update the Grants and Donations Policy accordingly. 	SG
169/24	Correspondence received by the Clerk	
	All correspondence on the agenda had been circulated and was for information only.	
170/24	Date of next Parish Council meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – with the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.15pm, followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm in Edith Weston Village Hall.	SG