



EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Edith Weston Parish Council (EWPC) held on Monday 24th August 2026 in Edith Weston Village Hall

In Attendance: Chris Malyon (CM) (Chair), Sara Glover (SG), Laura Stephens (LS), Terry Hammond (TH)

Visitors: Ward Cllr G Waller, Ward Cllr T Smith

Agenda No		Action
047/26	Apologies	
	Apologies received from Cllr Cave and Capt. Pallister.	Clerk
048/26	Declarations of interest	
	None.	
049/26	Public Open Forum	
	No members of the public in attendance.	
050/26	Rutland County Council Report	
	GW reported that the new ward boundaries have not been finalised yet, but the ratio of residents to councillors will increase, as the number of councillors will be reduced for the wards in Rutland. RCC has begun to charge village halls for waste collection which will be a significant cost to some village halls. The question of the role of the Lord Lieutenancy in the context of the Local Government Reorganisation is not in the remit of RCC, but instead a Parliamentary matter. TS reported that 1st April 2028 has been chosen as the date that the new Council structure following the Local Government Reorganisation will come into effect. In May 2027 there will be elections to select a shadow cabinet who will work in the background to plan for April 2028 and beyond, while RCC continues to provide the expected services to the public until that date. There is a significant amount of work being done to plan for the merging of Council services, as well as the disaggregation of services from certain District and Borough Councils surrounding Leicester, as the boundaries of Leicester City are set to expand. Work continues to address the projected upcoming budget deficit faced by the County Council. Various works are being carried out to improve the pavements in Uppingham and Oakham, to carry out roadworks and signage maintenance around the County, to upgrade the	GW/TS

	County museum - work is scheduled to begin from December, to renovate a children's home for those with emotional and behavioural difficulties which will save money by reducing the reliance on costly out of county facilities, and to construct a new medical facility part funded by RCC in Oakham Enterprise Park which will provide medical scans and blood tests. A consultation for the new local plan will begin from October, however following the conclusion of the local plan, another new local plan will be required due to changes in planning regulations and the Local Government Reorganisation. The new national planning guidance limits the discretionary powers of the County Council.	
051/26	Update from the Army	
	None.	
052/26	Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 18th May 2026	
	Resolution: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 29 th June 2026 were approved and signed as a true record	Chair
053/26	Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda;	
	Cllr Malyon announced that a property developer had approached him regarding an upcoming planning application, and he had invited the developer to provide an informal private briefing to members of the Parish Council.	Chair
054/26	To consider the findings from the Annual Village Review of Assets	
	Various issues identified in the review have been reported. It was resolved by the Council to carry out the maintenance actions for Council owned assets suggested in the report. Clerk to update the asset register to correct issues highlighted.	CM, TH, Clerk
055/26	To review the Council's Data Audit	
	It was agreed to provisionally approve the Data Audit subject to the Clerk obtaining advice regarding the recommended length of time to store email queries from residents. This point to be reviewed at the next meeting.	Clerk
056/26	To resolve whether to establish a Planning Committee	
	Resolved by the Council to establish a Planning Committee due to the planned decrease in scheduled Full Council meetings through the year, and therefore potentially having planning consultation deadlines fall in between meetings. The Planning Committee will meet when needed if there is a planning application which Councillors are likely to raise objections to. The terms of reference for the Committee were approved by the Council.	Clerk
057/26	Update on environmental issues in the Parish;	
	Cllr Glover reported that she had met with the grass cutting contractors and highlighted to them areas of concern. It was clarified that they are unable to cut verges next to parked cars due to the potential for causing damage. They advised they will message in advance of visiting to carry out the grass cutting – Councillors therefore discussed how they might notify with cars parked in areas that may affect the grass cutting. They are next due to visit in mid-September.	SG
058/26	Finance	

	The finance report was approved by the Council. It was requested for a budget summary report (illustrating year-to-date expenditure by type compared to previously budgeted figures) to be included with the finance report going forwards.	Clerk
059/26	Date of next Parish Council meeting	
	To note that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held is at 7.15pm on Monday 28th September 2026. Updated dates for upcoming scheduled Parish Council meetings will be agreed at the next meeting. Meeting closed at 20:09.	Clerk