



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 27th January 2025 in Edith Weston Village Hall

In Attendance: Peter Vickers (Vice Chair), Chris Malyon (CM), Joseph Aka (JA), Emily Roden (ER), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

Visitors: 4 members of the public were present

Agenda No		Action
122/24	Apologies	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from Andy Lunn (AL), Charlotte Cave (CC) and PC Edd McKinnon (EMc).	
123/24	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	None.	
124/24	Public Open Forum	
	There were no questions from the public.	
125/24	Rutland Council Report	
	<p>The main updates were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Local Plan is on track to be submitted for inspection on the due date although the new housing requirements will mean a new Local Plan will have to be produced after the two-year exemption. RCC has already gone out with a Call for Sites. The public transport consultation has closed and any changes will be implemented in September 2025. RCC is currently out to consultation on the budget. Unfortunately, the government has cancelled the Rural Services Delivery Grant meaning a 14% drop in income, and RCC does not qualify for its replacement (Recovery grant). The council is having to make considerable savings as a result. The issue of combined authorities/devolution is being discussed with neighbouring authorities e.g. Melton Mowbray, with a view to potentially forming a unitary authority. Any structure is required to be co-terminus with health and police services. 	
126/24	Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 28th October 2024	
	Resolution: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25 th November 2024 were approved and signed as a true record.	PV

127/24	Vacancy for one Parish Councillor	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Wood was thanked for her many years of hard work and service on the Parish Council and will be missed. It was proposed and unanimously approved to co-opt Laura Maitland onto the Parish Council. SG to organise the paperwork. 	SG
128/24	Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to SGB CO – DF is continuing to obtain a firm date from the CO but mentioned that there was a lot going on in SGB at the moment. Letter to Emery – an offer of £500 plus some chocolates had been received. The Parish Council felt this was too low. JA to write a letter with a counter-proposal. 	JA
129/24	Update from the Army	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street lighting - DF had again chased up about the street lights not working stressing the health and safety aspect of dark streets. GW also has a contact via RCC and will also pursue this issue. VE Day – the Army will be having a family day on 7th June and DF suggested that if the village wanted any military support we should let him know. 	DF GW All
130/24	Forum Updates	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rutland Water Partnership – PV had attended this and felt it was worthwhile continuing to have parish council representation, especially now that planning issues can be discussed. Parish Forum – GW clarified this is the Parish Council Liaison meeting and the date had moved to 29th January from 12th February. CM is still able to attend. 	
131/24	Neighbourhood Planning Working Group (NPWG) update	
	The Referendum date is 20 th February and voting cards have been delivered to all households in Edith Weston. It was agreed that the Parish Council would distribute a leaflet emphasising the importance of voting (possibly with a QR code). Copy to be sent to DF.	PV/ER
132/24	Planning applications	
	<p>i. 2024/1321/CAT: T1 – 1 no. 12m tulip tree (Liriodendron tulipifera) – Fell to ground level. Pembroke House, 1 Tyler Close, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8ED</p> <p>ii. 2024/1411/FUL: Demolition of existing pump house and construction of a new one-storey dwelling and basement. The Old Pump House, Manton road, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HB</p> <p>iii. 2024/1428/FUL and 2024/1429/LBA: Demolition of existing single storey extension to facilitate two storey extension. Proposed double garage with store. New stone walls and timber gates to driveway. Ladycroft, 10 Rectory Lane, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HE</p> <p>Due to the Christmas period and time since the last meeting of the Parish Council, all of the above were responded to within the timeframe as per the agenda.</p>	

	<p>iv. 2023/0007/APPEAL: Outline planning for 62 no. dwellings, landscaping and open space with all matters reserved except access.</p> <p>Land to the East of Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland 29 Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HD</p> <p>Appeal hearing date: 18th February 2025.</p> <p>This appeal has moved from in person representation to written submissions only. The Parish Council had taken advice and it was proposed to respond in light of the changed status of the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan. PV to draft and response and circulate.</p>	PV
133/24	Environmental Issues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road safety – a response had been received from RCC via GW stating that highways do not believe a reduced speed buffer coming into the village from Manton was necessary, but they would replace the current reflective signs on the chicane with lit signs, and would renew the road markings. To be done within 6 months. AL is still following up in relation to the speed van parking in Edith Weston. Community Response Plan – to be renamed Resilience Plan. ER will try and encourage support from the village via Facebook and posters to create a working group. PV volunteered to be part of the group. TS offered to forward North Luffenham’s Resilience Plan. Anniversaries in 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lancaster crash – 4th March – the bell ringers will be ringing at 4.00pm and it is hoped to get some RAF involvement. VE day – 6th June – the other village groups have been contacted about this. It was agreed that the Parish Council may be able to support financially. SG to follow up. 	AL SG SG
134/24	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 the pay increase for the clerk for 2024/25 including backpay to 1st April 2024. Following Helen Wood’s resignation, it was resolved to stay with three authorised signatories on the bank mandate (Andy Lunn, Peter Vickers and Sara Glover). It was resolved that PV would replace HW as an authoriser on the bank account. 	SG PV/SG
135/24	Domain and website	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to a .gov.uk domain - this has now taken place at a cost of £30 plus VAT for the domain. Email addresses had been set up and passwords will be distributed to Parish Councillors to set up the new email address. It was proposed that a soft move to the new domain was implemented with the website address moving at a later date. It was agreed to ask for volunteers in the village to help with revising the content of the website. 	SG

Appendix 1

136/24	Government Consultation on Standards and Conduct	
	It was agreed that PV would formulate a response for this and circulate to Parish councillors for comment before submitting.	
137/24	Correspondence received by the Clerk	
	All correspondence on the agenda had been circulated and was for information only apart from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email from RCC strategic lead (actually from Leicestershire Council) – it was agreed to invite them along to explain their proposal.	
138/24	Date of next Parish Council meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th February 2025 at 7.15pm in Edith Weston Village Hall.	SG