



# 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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in Edith Weston Village Hall

**In Attendance:** Peter Vickers (Vice Chair), Chris Malyon (CM), Joseph Aka (JA), Emily Roden (ER), Laura Stephens (LS), Charlotte Cave (CC), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

**Visitors:** 2 members of the public were present

Agenda No		Action
139/24	<b>Apologies</b>	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from Andy Lunn (AL), Councillors Gale Waller (GW) and Tim Smith (TS), David Ferguson (DF) and PC Edd McKinnon (EMc).	
140/24	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	None.	
141/24	<b>Public Open Forum</b>	
	A member of the public expressed their appreciation for all the hard work put into the development of the Neighbourhood Plan which had successfully been approved by the village at the recent referendum. The council welcomed Melissa Hoydale as a representative from St George's Barracks (SGB).	
142/24	<b>Rutland Council Report</b>	
	There was no representative from RCC.	
143/24	<b>Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	
	<b>Resolution:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved and signed as a true record with an amendment to 136/24 which should have read: 'Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024'.	PV
144/24	<b>Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to Emery – a letter has been sent with a counteroffer settlement of £1,200. We have yet to receive a response, and a chasing letter will be sent in early March before any further action is taken.</li> </ul>	JA
145/24	<b>Update from the Army</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A successful meeting had been held with the Commanding Officer (Ann O'Flynn), her number two (Major Mike Langham) and Welfare Officer (Sergeant Melissa Hoydale) last week to enhance the relationship</li> </ul>	

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	<p>between the Parish Council and SGB. A family open day is to be held on the barracks on 7<sup>th</sup> June with an invitation to the village to attend. The Parish Council also agreed to let the Army know of any pertinent planning applications that might affect the base. It was noted there might be the possibility of relocating the tennis court to Tommy's Close but suggested it would be worth inspecting first to determine whether this was viable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street lighting – the replacement of faulty bulbs had been approved but there was no budget to do anything this financial year.</li> </ul>	CM
146/24	<b>Forum Updates</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Council Liaison meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January had been attended by CM; this had focused on RCC's budget/financial shortfall for 2025/6, climate change and encouraging parish councils to achieve net zero, along with a brief discussion in respect of government proposals for local authority reorganisation.</li> </ul>	SG
147/24	<b>Neighbourhood Planning Working Group (NPWG) update</b>	
	19% of the village had turned out to vote in the referendum with an overwhelming number supporting the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan. PV thanked all those who had been involved in working on the EWNP.	
148/24	<b>Planning applications</b>	
	<p>i. <b>2025/0103/CAT: T1 – Fell 1 No. Spruce. (T2) Remove 1 No. Silver Birch.</b> 36 Weston Road, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HQ Deadline: passed (18<sup>th</sup> February 2025) – no objection</p> <p>ii. <b>2023/0007/APPEAL: Outline planning for 62 no. dwellings, landscaping and open space with all matters reserved except access.</b> Land to the East of Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland 29 Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HD <b>Appeal hearing date:</b> 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025. No decision received yet. After extensive discussion, the Parish Council agreed to explore submitting a formal complaint about RCC's handling of the appeal. PV/JA to investigate and draft a potential complaint for circulation to the Parish Council.</p>	PV/JA
149/24	<b>Environmental Issues</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dog poo bin, King Edward's Way – it was noted that there was an increase of dog poo in Tommy's Close and this could be a result of the bin being removed. It was proposed that a village walk by the Parish Council be carried out to determine where to site a general waste bin near Tommy's Close. It was also noted that a general waste bin might be needed up near the mini roundabout, and that a wall was bulging that might need action. These issues, and any others, could be picked up on the village walk. PV to circulate dates.</li> <li>Community Resilience Plan. ER to chase TS to send a copy of North Luffenham's Resilience Plan.</li> <li>Anniversaries in 2025: VE day – 6<sup>th</sup> June – at the moment there are no plans by the Village Hall.</li> </ul>	<p>PV</p> <p>ER</p>
150/24	<b>Finance</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance report and current bank balance was accepted and approved as presented.</li> </ul>	SG

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invoices as evidenced on the finance report had been approved for payment by the Finance Committee and were noted by the Parish Council.</li> </ul>	SG
151/24	<i>Missing number from agenda</i>	
152/24	<b>Current Consultations</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same Day Access to Health services – LS had put on social media and was encouraging various groups to respond. This is for individuals to respond to.</li> <li>Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for local authorities in England. PV had circulated a proposed response and it was agreed that this should be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council. The response basically supported full transparency with the ability to sanction breaches of conduct.</li> </ul>	PV
153/24	<b>Grant request from Edith Weston Village Hall</b>	
	A grant in the sum of £2,500 had been requested, however there were questions from the Parish Council about context and completion of the form. SG to request that this is amended and more background information appended so that the Parish Council has a more complete picture.	SG
154/24	<b>Correspondence received by the Clerk</b>	
	All correspondence on the agenda had been circulated and was for information only.	
155/24	<b>Dates for Parish Council meetings 2025/26</b>	
	The date of the APM/Parish Council meeting scheduled for 28 <sup>th</sup> April to be moved to <b>Tuesday 22nd April 2025</b> . All other meeting dates noted.	SG
156/24	<b>Date of next Parish Council meeting</b>	
	The next meeting will be held on <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b> at 7.15pm in Edith Weston Village Hall.	SG