

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Edith Weston Parish Council (EWPC) held on Monday 29th November 2021, Village Hall, 7.15pm

Attendance: Julie Gray (JG) – Chair , Juliette Stuttard (JS) - Vice Chair, Helen Wood (HW), Cathie Gwilliam (CG) - Clerk, Jenna Miles (JM) - Military Liaison, Peter Coe (PC), Neil Farmer (NF), Andrew Lunn (AL), Peter Vickers (PC).

Visitors: 5 members of the public including County Councillor Ken Bool (KB), Peter Shepherd (PS) and Ann Donaldson (AD) from Tommy Close Trustees.

151/21. Apologies

Gale Waller, PC Pete Icke, Gary Rutherford.

152/21. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None

153/21. Public Open Forum

None

RCC Update from KB. RCC officers have started drawing up a new local plan but this will take some time. There is a meeting planned with MOD at RCC offices. KB confirmed that allocations will be looked at again. The Rutland Conversation feedback can also be used as supporting evidence.

154/21. Minutes of the last meeting Monday 25 October 2021. Please see **Appendix A attached.**

Resolved. To accept and sign both as a true record.

155/21. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

None

156/21. Update from the Army

New Commanding Officer starts on Monday. The Army welfare unit has assisted in advertising village projects such as the film club and the poppy project.

157/21. Neighbourhood Planning Committee (NPC) update.

In light of RCC's decision to restart work on the Local Plan, DIO have requested the opportunity to meet with the Edith Weston, North Luffenham, Empingham and Normanton Parish Councils, to discuss next steps regarding St Georges Barracks and it's future following the military vacation in 2024. A meeting has therefore been arranged for Wednesday 15th December at 4.30pm – 5.30pm at the Rutland County Council Chambers. A representative from Edith Weston parish council will be attending.

The NP working group has been making progress with consultants ready to sign off on some of the documentation. The next working group meeting is on 14th December to go through the first draft of the design codes and templates for the final Neighbourhood

158/21. Tommy's Close.

Update from PS. A forum has been set up with representatives from Tommy's close trustees, the Army, King Edwards Way residents and residents from the wider village as well and a children's representative involved in youth services. This forum was set up to get more input and feedback.

The biggest concern expressed in the feedback from the village was the hard surface and a carpeted surface is now being considered that will provide better sound proofing. This surface will be less durable and require more maintenance, but the trustees felt it was the right thing to do.

Questions asked included, will the budget cover the additional cost of the new surface? PS confirmed that as the mugs ends were no longer needed that would put money back into the budget. They will also save money by having no markings.

Is the 5 year warranty the same as the life expectancy of the surface? PS repeated that the surface was not going to be as durable as a tarmac surface. He was also asked if they had built in a yearly maintenance regime onto the budget? PS confirmed that the budget had not yet been finalised until the final design specification had been signed off by the forum. In conclusion the final points were confirmed.

- Design scope documents has to be agreed before it can go to suppliers for bids that can be submitted to Augean for funding.
- Parish Council confirmed that will analyse the bids once they come back and will comment via email as this will have to be before the next parish council meeting in January.
- Layout and village feedback can go on the parish website.
- It was confirmed that disabled access would be a legal requirement as part of the planning process.

159/21. To discuss planning applications received

2021/1324/CAT PROPOSAL: T1 - 1 no. Sycamore - GPO cable chafes on branches. T2 - 1 no. Ash damaging old pigsties. T3 - 1 no. Double Ash - Top part damaged wants removing to let others develop. T4 - 1 no. Double Ash - Rotten on top. T5 - 1 no. Tree - Fell as may damage wall. No. 6 - 1 no. tree - Top broken.

The Spinney 22 Rectory Lane Edith Weston Rutland LE15 8HE

Comments by 30 November

Resolved. No objection. **CG** to action with the following comments: *The parish council would defer to the tree officer in regard to this application. We would request that the Tree Officer inspect the tree to ensure that all works are valid and necessary to avoid unnecessary destruction of trees.*

2021/1327/CAT PROPOSAL: 1 no. Horse Chestnut - Fell, stump ground away.

Lakeland Lodge 23 Weston Road Edith Weston Rutland LE15 8HQ

Comments by 30 November

Resolved. No objection. **CG** to action with the following comments: *The parish council would defer to the tree officer in regard to this application. We would request that the Tree Officer inspect the tree to ensure that all works are valid and necessary to avoid unnecessary destruction of trees.*

2021/1207/FUL PROPOSAL: Careful demolition and rebuild of existing outbuilding due to structural issues faced. Old Hall Coach House 31 Weston Road Edith Weston Rutland

LE15 8HQ

Comments by 3 December

Resolved. Comment once update from planning officer has been received.

2021/1326/DMP PROPOSAL: Proposed demolition of property 6 St Marys Close. Weston Lodge 6 St Mary's Close Edith Weston Rutland LE15 8HF

Comments by 3 December

Resolved. No comments.

160/21. Update on environmental issues in the Parish:

Well Cross TPO Tree work has been completed.

Cleaning of various street furniture. Quote for £160 has been approved via delegated powers and has been booked in for early December.

161/21. Traffic Management Focus Group.

No update

162/21. Finance:

- To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's Accounts. **Appendix B** in draft attached separately with the final to be updated and presented at the meeting.

Resolved. Approval of report.

- Budget 2022/23. See **Appendix C** in draft attached separately.

Resolved. Approval and adoption to confirmed after clarification on Grass cutting budget is correct and includes increased area. Also need to have a look at contingencies to make sure they are adequate.

- Change of Bank Account update.

CG confirmed that HSBC have withdrawn their Community bank account. She has made every effort to find a new bank account that provides for the Community nature of our business and had found Barclays to be the best but they are not taking transferred accounts at the moment due to staffing shortages.

Actions. CG to ask LRALC for further advice. Also look at Melton Mowbray building society.

163/21. To agree payment of invoices: Copies attached to **Appendix C**

- Colemans office supplies/printing - £57.78

Resolved. To be paid. **CG to Action.**

164/21. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk

- Green Space King Edwards Way. See email attached Appendix D
Cllr Gale Wallers email regarding this was read to the council and is attached

Action Point. Parish Council to monitor the situation and reconsider action if the problem

persists.

165/21. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting

Monday **10 January 2022**, 7.15pm at the Village Hall

Appendix A

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Edith Weston Parish Council (EWPC) held on Monday 25 October 2021, Village Hall, 7.15pm.

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Visitors: 5 members of the public including County Councillor Gale Waller (GW)

135/21. Apologies

Andrew Lunn (AL), Peter Coe (PC) and County Councillor Ken Bool (KB).

136/21. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

137/21. Peter Vickers coopt onto council. CV circulated to Parish Council prior to this meeting.

Proposal from: HW

Seconded by: JG

Vote: All Parish Councillors present voted in favour.

Resolution: Peter Vickers is co-opted onto the Edith Weston Parish Council.

138/21. Public Open Forum

None.

139/21. Minutes of the last meeting Monday 27 September 2021. Please see **Appendix A** attached.

Resolved. To accept and sign both as a true record.

140/21. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

CG has completed 99% of budgeting work needed to set next years budget.

141/21. Update from the Army

Operation Poppy is being widely advertised within both the military and village.
Plans for the base Christmas celebrations are under way. Details to follow.

142/21. Neighbourhood Planning Committee (NPC) update.

JG reported that the NPC is pushing forward with work. Feedback from the recent consultation is being collated.

143/21. Tommy's Close

HW reported that there had been a meeting on Monday 18th where disabled access had been discussed. GW confirmed that RCC permission will be needed to remove any gates. Tommy's Close trustees will need to complete an RCC online general enquire form. The Trustees are also compiling the feedback from their recent consultation.

144/21. To discuss planning applications received

None.

145/21. Update on environmental issues in the Parish:

- Bulb planting

JG reported that the bulbs have been ordered and when we know a delivery date, we can ask for volunteers to form a planting party. In the meantime, CG to prepare maps showing locations to be planted.

- Jubilee bench and new noticeboard to replace notice board on corner of Coniston/Weston Road

NF to get quote on a new noticeboard similar to the main notice board but smaller. CG to approach Annington regarding permission to replace the old notice board.

- Other jubilee bench locations?

When preparing the bulb planting maps, other possible locations for a bench to be considered.

- Clean street name signs

NF will look at getting the odd job man who cleans the benches etc to look into it. GR to get someone from the base to look at cleaning the information board by the memorial stones.

- NF continues to chase RCC Tree Officer regarding pruning of TPO tree at Well Cross
- Biffa quote to include Tommy's close to grass cutting contract should that be an option for future management. 2 initial flail cuts £200. 1 rotary cut a month approx. 8 or 9 cuts a year at £71 approx. £600. Other necessary strimming etc may be extra.

146/21. Traffic Management Focus Group.

No update. CG working on completing gathering quotes for works and submitting list of requested works to RCC.

147/21. Finance:

- To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's Accounts. **Appendix C Resolved.** Approval of report.
- Clerk's wages Approval of increase to 6 hours a week to cover additional

Neighbourhood plan work.

Resolved. Approval of increase in hours.

- Budget a 2% increase to cover national pay rise expected next year.

Resolved. Approval of budget increase.

- CIL received for period 1 April to 30 Sep 2021 - £172.93

Action. CG to circulate CIL statement.

148/21. To agree payment of invoices: Copies attached to **Appendix C**

- Bulbs - £135

Resolved. To be paid. **CG to Action**

- Chairs expenses - £38.

Resolved. To be paid. **CG to Action**

- Colemans, Printing - £19.99

Resolved. To be paid. **CG to Action**

- Screwfix Flood defences - £25

Resolved. To be paid. **CG to Action.**

149/21. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk

- Rutland Water Partnership (RWP) Meeting update

CG reported that the meeting had been poorly attended and that yet again Anglian Water had not attended. Action. Cg to draft letter to Anglian Water CEO complaining at their lack of representation. Also copied to Chair of RWP and RCC CEO and other partners suggesting time to rethink the partnership and how it is organised.

- KEW Defib replacement costs. Please see Appendix D attached.

Resolved. To replace old defib with new one on the same lines as the new one in Derwent Ave.
CG to Action.

150/21. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

Monday **29 November 2021** 7.15pm at the Village Hall

Appendix B attached separately

Appendix C attached separately

Appendix D

Hi Cathie, hope you are well.

On returning from our walk this afternoon, my husband Chris and I noticed tyre damage on the green space outside our house on 20 King Edwards Way. I've attached a photo to illustrate what we observed.

My understanding is that this is an area of land that the Parish Council maintain but am not sure that this is the case.

It is upsetting to see vehicles using this space to park on, and the damage that has been caused.

If it is maintained by the Parish Council, please can consideration be given to putting some natural stones next to the kerb to prevent vehicles from parking on this space?

Many thanks for taking the time to read this email.



Cathie,

Ref the e-mail concerning 20 King Edwards Way. We have had experience of this problem elsewhere in our ward. If the verge is owned by RCC and you (as a PC) view driving over it/parking on it a problem you can write to RCC for a solution but be aware you are likely to get white bollards a couple of foot high. They haven't in the past countenanced stones. Anything put into, or on, the ground will add to the difficulty, and no doubt cost, or maintaining the verge.

Best Wishes,
Gale Waller
Councillor, Normanton Ward
Rutland County Council