



EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

24 Coniston Road, Edith Weston LE15 8HP

Minutes of the meeting of the Edith Weston Parish Council (EWPC) held on Wednesday 27th March 2024 in Edith Weston Village Hall

In Attendance: Andy Lunn (AL) (Chair), Peter Vickers (PV), Emily Roden (ER), Charlotte Cave (CC), Joseph Akak (JA), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

Visitors: 4 members of the public were present

Agenda No		Action
245/23	Apologies	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from JS and PV.	
246/23	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	None	
247/23	Public Open Forum	
	There were no questions from the public.	
248/23	Rutland Council Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care leavers have been designated as a protected characteristic by RCC. • RCC is starting to review arrangements in respect of waste disposal in preparation for the contract renewal in 2028. At that point RCC will be responsible for collecting food waste and so will be focussing, in the meantime, on trying to reduce food wastage in the county. • RCC has set its four corporate priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide good public services ▪ Support the most vulnerable ▪ A diverse and sustainable local economy ▪ Tackling the climate emergency • An Afghan family has been settled in Edith Weston. RCC are hoping that other Afghan families will also be relocated here as there is a concern about this family being isolated. 	
249/23	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th February 2024	
	Resolution: Approved and to be signed as a true record.	AL
250/23	Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs off the lead on Rutland Water – PC Edd McKinnon will raise this issue as part of a wider focus on dog behaviour but it was also agreed to write to Ron Simpson of the Rutland Water Partnership. 	SG

Appendix 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grass cutting contract – unfortunately the churchyard and cemetery areas had been missed off the original quote. SG to request a quote and circulate for approval as an addendum to the SLA. 	SG
251/23	Update from the Army	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defective street lights – someone from Pinnacle (the provider for the MoD) is assessing which lights need repairing – JM is meeting with Pinnacle to follow up but requested that HW send through the information about the street light numbers affected. Dog waste – it was noted that a temporary bin has been put up but JM will formally raise this issue with the incoming Regimental Sergeant Major. Issues with waste on Army housing – HW to contact JM with further information. 	HW/JM JM HW
252a/23	Introduction of PC Edd McKinnon	
	EM explained the key priorities of the Rutland Beat team and how they worked. There are four PCs and 2 PCOs in the Beat team. EM confirmed that they are keen to engage a wider section of the public. He encouraged any issues to be raised via WhatsApp, email or phone.	
252b/23	Forum Updates	
	None since the last meeting.	
253/23	Neighbourhood Planning Committee (NPC) update	
	The EWNPC was recommended by the RCC Planning Committee on 15 th March 2024 to go forward for Regulation 16 consultation (6 weeks) to start after Easter.	
254/23	Planning applications	
	<p>i. 2024/0240/FUL: Renew and repair roof ridge tiles. Repoint verges and chimney stack edges. Repair and renew front cast iron rainwater goods. 13 Well Cross, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HG Deadline: 22nd March 2024 Resolution: Support (submitted to RCC prior to deadline).</p>	
255/23	Environmental Issues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity – draft policy has been circulated for feedback/comment and will be brought for approval at the next meeting. Councillors to note the action in particular for comment/amendment. D-Day arrangements – JS to update at next meeting. Resilience planning – ER had to postpone meeting with representative from RCC’s emergency planning team. TPO assessment – letter sent to RCC’s Tree Officer – acknowledged but no response yet. Street lighting refund/repair – last email acknowledged; still awaiting information about further action. SG to keep chasing. 	All/SG JS ER SG
256/23	Finance	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance report and current bank balance was accepted and approved as presented. Invoices as noted on the finance report had been approved for payment by the Finance Committee and were noted by the Parish Council. 	

Appendix 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of appointment for audit noted. 	
257/23	Correspondence received by the Clerk	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unveiling of late Queen's statue – JA will attend. 	
258/23	Any other business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alicia Kearns visit – rescheduled for 18th April. Village audit – suggested that this is carried out again in the near future. Stavely Solar Farm – discussed pros and cons of application and agreed to object. AL to draft a letter to circulate to Councillors. Renewed planning application submitted for a dog walking field off Gibbets Lane. Applicant has requested to meet with the Parish Council to explain the rationale. Agreed to invite them to the next meeting and if necessary ask for an extension to the deadline. Officers Mess outline planning application – RCC deferred making a decision due to the number of queries raised. GW met with the DiO following this as part of regular ongoing meetings in relation to St Georges Barracks. Tommy's Close trustees have come back with a decision on purchase of a picnic table – it was agreed that the Parish Council should go ahead and order this. 	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>HW/SG</p> <p>SG</p>
259/23	Date of next Parish Council meeting	
	<p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm in Edith Weston Village Hall.</p> <p>Note: This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7.00pm.</p>	SG