



EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

24 Coniston Road, Edith Weston LE15 8HP

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Edith Weston Parish Council (EWPC) held on Monday 17^h November 2025 in Edith Weston Village Hall

In Attendance: Andy Lunn (AL) (Chair), Joseph Akak (JA), Chris Malyon (CM), Charlotte Cave (CC), Laura Stephens (LS), Terry Hammond (TH), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

Visitors: 1 member of the public was present

1	There were no apologies.	
2	There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda ⁱ (<i>see Note 1 below</i>)	
3	<p>AL advised that the recent court case appealing the decision of the Inspector to permit planning for 62 houses on Normanton Road had been decided against Edith Weston Parish Council. He informed that Parish Council of further conversations with the barrister representing EWPC who was recommending going to the Court of Appeal as they felt the judge had not taken into account all the issues raised in the appeal.</p> <p>Costs so far are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £7,500 to lodge the appeal• £9,700 disbursement for our barrister• and in the region of £10,800 for the defendant's legal fees (although this may be reduced by £1,000). <p>A total of £28,000.</p> <p>Costs to go to the Court of Appeal will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £650 to submit the appeal, the barrister will not charge for their time for this• £7,500 costs for our barrister• Approx. £10,000 costs for the defendant's legal fees if we lose again. <p>Another £18-18,500 approx.</p>	

	<p>Should EWPC win, we will be reimbursed the costs.</p> <p>It was noted that the appeal needs to be lodged by 28th November, hence the need for an extraordinary meeting. AL also outlined that the process would be lodge the appeal, this would then be assessed by the Court of Appeal judges (2-3 months) and then, if they agree there is a case, up to one year to hear the case.</p> <p>It was noted that other parish council's in Rutland would be impacted by the outcome of this appeal due to the current lack of RCC Local Plan. Also that, as it currently stands, any Neighbourhood Plan would appear not to carry any weight in planning decisions.</p> <p>It was proposed and unanimously agreed that EWPC should go ahead and submit the case to the Court of Appeal. AL to inform the barrister and also to inform the appointed Secretary of State inspector as soon as possible as there was another appeal for planning in the village pending the outcome of this court case.</p> <p>AL was thanked for all his hard work in respect of both the Neighbourhood Plan and this court case.</p>	AL
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ⁱ Note 1: To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. You may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial. A personal interest is prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter.