



# EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

24 Coniston Road, Edith Weston LE15 8HP

## Minutes of the meeting of the Edith Weston Parish Council (EWPC) held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 in Edith Weston Village Hall

**In Attendance:** Andy Lunn (AL) (Chair), Peter Vickers (Vice Chair), Joseph Akak (JA), Laura Stephens (LS), Chris Malyon (CM), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

**Visitors:** 4 members of the public were present

Agenda No		Action
001/25	<b>Apologies</b>	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from Charlotte Cave (CC), and Councillor Tim Smith (TS). Emily Roden (ER) was not in attendance.	
002/25	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	None.	
003/25	<b>Public Open Forum</b>	
	There were no questions from the public.	
004/25	<b>Rutland Council Report</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GW confirmed that, as a result of the Government changing the targets for 5-year housing land supplies on 1<sup>st</sup> January, RCC now had to find land for 266 house/year instead of 123 houses/year. The Rutland Local Plan was submitted on time for independent review and should come into force in May 2026 when housing targets would revert to 123 houses/year. In the meantime, both Woolfox and SGB was being included as potential available land for housing although GW confirmed that SGB would not be fully considered until the site had been completely vacated.</li> <li>Devolution to combined authority – various proposals have been put forward that include Rutland within a wider unitary authority. Initial feedback from the Government is due in early May, with any final proposals to be submitted by November 2025. RCC is now moving into a public engagement phase. However, GW warned that whilst preferred options can be submitted, the Government will have the final say in the outcome.</li> </ul>	
005/25	<b>Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	

	<b>Resolution:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved and signed as a true record.	AL
006/24	<b>Update from the Army</b>	
	AL welcomed Captain Darren Pallister (DP) as the new representative from the Army. DP mentioned that the Family Day had been moved to 6 <sup>th</sup> September – this would be advertised in the village as it was open to everyone. CM mentioned the offer from England Netball of a pop-up netball court for this event. DP to confirm whether this is required. The Parish Council also made DP aware of the ongoing issue of street lighting on Pennine Way.	
007/24	<b>Presentation re. Rutland Community Connectors project</b>	
	AL welcomed Mitchell Harper (MH) who gave a presentation on the above project which had been trialled with four villages around Greetham and was now being rolled out in other areas. Slides had already been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting giving more detail. GW commented that it might have been helpful to have contacted Local Councillors as well. It was agreed to put this on the agenda to discuss how to take this forward but would require liaising with North and South Luffenham and Manton as our nearest village neighbours. MH confirmed there was no budget, this was a facilitation/capacity project to enhance health and wellbeing.	SG
008/25	<b>Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to Emery – a letter confirming repayments of £100/month had been sent.</li> <li>Update on website – still to be actioned.</li> <li>Village audit will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>Community Resilience Plan – ER not available to update.</li> </ul>	PV/SG
009/25	<b>Forum Updates</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Council Liaison meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – LS and AL to attend.</li> </ul>	
010/25	<b>Planning applications</b>	
	<p>i. <b>2025/0351/FUL: Construction of two-storey side and rear extension and front porch. Demolition of detached garage and lean-to. Monir internal works.</b> Bluebottle Cottage, Wytchley Warren Lane, Edith Weston, Rutland PE9 3RY Deadline: passed (15<sup>th</sup> April 2025) – no objection</p> <p>ii. <b>2025/0352/FUL: Proposed single storey rear extension and single storey front extension.</b> 8 Ullswater Avenue, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8JD Deadline: 25th April 2025 – no objection</p> <p>iii. <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 It was resolved to formally approve expenditure of £1,400 plus VAT for the appeal submission to the High Court.</p>	

	<p>The appeal has been submitted; the other party has 21 days to file acknowledgement of the claim then the barrister working for EWPC has 7 days to respond. The case is then submitted to a judge – any decision will take a further 2-3 months, so the next stage will occur in July.</p> <p>Potential future costs - £6,500-7,500 for preparation of the case plus £4,500-5,500 for the hearing. If EWPC's claim is lost, then EWPC will be subject to the other party's costs which are of a similar level i.e. £11,000-13,000.</p> <p>It was noted that there was funding in the Parish Council's reserves to cover any such costs.</p>	
011/25	<b>Environmental Issues</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car Parking on Normanton Road – a complaint had been lodged by a member of the village in respect of the number of cars parking within the double yellow lines on Normanton Road. RCC has confirmed that their parking enforcement officers do not work weekends or evenings but will come out on ad hoc occasions. AL commented that he had seen parking tickets on some cars. PC Edd McKinnon (Emck) confirmed that the police no longer had powers to issue fixed penalty fines but was requested to take this issue to the Community Safety Partnership. GW had also raised this issue within RCC. Further options to be discussed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	EMCK SG
012/25	<b>Finance</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance report and current bank balance was accepted and approved as presented.</li> <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 SG
013/25	<b>Governance</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was resolved to approve re-engagement of LRALC to provide the internal audit service for the financial year 2024/25 and to accept the personal, financial and professional independence of any such internal auditor appointed.</li> <li>The draft AGAR documents were circulated in relation to the financial year 2024/25 (AGAR Sections 1 and 2 (Governance Statement and Accounting Statements respectively, Receipts and Payments 2024/25, bank reconciliation and explanation of variances). SG reminded Parish Councillors that they had to approve Section 1 Governance Statement.</li> </ul>	SG  All
014/25	<b>Grants and Donations Policy</b>	
	It was resolved to approve the amendments to the Grants and Donations Policy.	SG
015/25	<b>Change of email address/website</b>	
	<p>It was resolved to fully move to the .gov.uk emails addresses - .gmail addresses will no longer be used for communication and, if appropriate should be deleted although it was acknowledged that some historical emails would need to be kept.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the amendments to the Email Policy.</p>	All  SG
016/25	<b>Correspondence received by the Clerk</b>	

**Appendix 1**

	All correspondence on the agenda had been circulated and was for information only.	
017/25	<b>Date of next Parish Council meeting</b>	
	The next meeting will be held on <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.15pm – this will commence with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, followed immediately by the Parish Council meeting</b> in Edith Weston Village Hall.	SG