



# EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Monday 17/09/18

Councillors N. Milne(NM), N. Farmer (NF), N. Appleby (NA), P. Coe (PC), P. Boggust (PB), H. Wood (HW), E. Jarron (EJ)

In attendance: S. Boston, H. Palmer, R. Green, S. Law, J. Milner, T. Wilkin, D. Wilkin, P. Cummings, R. Moore, A. Wood, S. Walling, A. Walling, Captain K. Manson, C. Payne, L. Allen.

1	Apologies for absence	Clerk
	P. Boggust; Councillors Ken Bool and Gale Waller	
2	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	Clerk
	None given	
3	Public open forum.	
	Included in 'Local Plan Consultation' (Item 8)	
4	Minutes of the last meeting held on August 20 <sup>th</sup> 2018.	NM
	Signatories for new transactions; in hand.	
	Minutes signed as a true record.	
5	Planning applications:	Clerk
	4. Tyler Close. Reduce height of tree and spread. 2018/0810/CAT	
	Supported unanimously	
6	Report from St Georges Barracks representative:	KM
	Redevelopment; there was a meeting last week regarding the future of those still living here.	
	Officer's quarters; the housing will remain in use. Some housing remains in use for 'social tenants' – leased out to civilians.	
7	Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.	NM
	Salt bins can be ordered from RCC and sited where needed.	
	A letter received from a resident regarding Council tax has resulted in a complaint. EWPC wish to move on.	
8	Local Plan Consultation.	NM

The responses to RCC on the Local Plan are due in on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. North Luffenham have responded by answering every question; Edith Weston could consider a suitable format. The first draft will be ready by Friday. RCC have now come from a different stance and have reallocated all of Rutland's proposed housing development to Saint George's. Mineral cleansing has been stopped, in Edith Weston's submission placing mineral extraction next to new homes is questioned.

Edith Weston has included responses to specifics in an 'annexe' to the main document. It is a consultation process so the use of the prepared document is advised. The question is asked: How do we know the content is being taken account of? Many issues relating to a masterplan are not addressed in the format given.

Sue Walling and Julie Grey have worked tirelessly (surveys/etc.). Edith Weston would like to record their thanks.

The advisory group meetings show progress from January, the tone from RCC has changed and the number of houses proposed has lessened. There is no longer discussion of 3,000 houses (the number is reduced). More 'concessions' will hopefully be made in the next round of consultations.

RCC are beginning to move slightly but they don't need to build at Saint George's at all as there is plenty of space in Oakham, Uppingham and villages throughout Rutland.

Numbers: it is questioned whether organic growth or a new town is planned. Housing need; the requirement for such a number of houses by 2026 have been manipulated. Edith Weston state there is no need for these houses and require RCC to justify building them. RCC need to establish need and location. Other areas in the County are better equipped to deal with new housing.

EWPC need to expose RCC manipulation of the draft paper. RCC have not adopted principles in overthrowing the 2016 principles; the process needs to be stopped and RCC forced to do the job properly. A requirement is to investigate Ketton and look at the economics.

The limestone is important – richest on the line of where the quarry is. EWPC ask specifically: Are these houses required in Rutland? The overarching feeling is against this.

EWPC will respond to all of the questions and will seek qualification of the term 'brownfields'. It is agreed that some of the site could be qualified as 'green' and not 'brown'.

Concerns were expressed about the RCC leafletting in Edith Weston as these have had the effect of causing undue confusion amongst villagers. RCC's motives are therefore questioned.

MOD and RCC identify local need but there are a range of possible uses for the site which do not include housing. One idea is an 'Eden Project' which has proved very successful.

The Advisory Group meeting several months ago addressed issues regarding alternative uses. Have these been answered?

The PC liaison group identified key questions; significant progress made. Consultation points need to be answered – at this point they will listen and change their plans. Questions have been raised about alternative uses for the site

Mineral extraction; Ketton Cement have only reinstated 2 fields in 90 years. This has not been monitored. RCC need to ensure there is a restoration programme. Mineral extraction must be managed. A mineral site will bring no extra traffic and will not commence until 2029.

A request was made that the PC write formally to RCC to request that other uses are considered and to include a formal request to put to the scrutiny panel. .

It is important that EWPC keep the village informed. This will ensure the confidence of the village is maintained.

Empingham have now started to form their response with the support of a parishioner with planning knowledge.

North Luffenham seem less motivated?

Summary: Where are EW aiming? The key is to ensure RCC stop this process and go back and do it properly.

There are signs on the roundabout in the village. 6 more will be ready tomorrow. It is proposed to place them along the road from Normanton Car Park.

Visitors to Rutland water at weekends; RCC should consider their views?

Those present agreed that EWPC submit their response; they give their full support to all views submitted.

9	Update on environmental issues in the Parish Benches – Re cycled not available in 3m long benches. Agreed to revert to Iroko hardwood, painted green to match existing.	NF
	The Village entrance gate/road signage works are due to be installed sometime in September. Awaiting Rutland CC confirmation.	
10	Update on safety issues in the Parish All completed at present	NM
11	To note the current bank balance of the Parish Council's accounts No change	Clerk
12	To agree payment of invoices from: Rutland Sailboats Printing (NM)	NM
13	To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk  None	Clerk

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 7.15  
p.m 29<sup>th</sup> October, Edith Weston Village Hall