



EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

24 Coniston Road, Edith Weston LE15 8HP

Minutes of the meeting of the Edith Weston Parish Council (EWPC) held on Monday 21st August 2023 in Edith Weston Village Hall

In Attendance: Andrew Lunn (AL) (Chair), Peter Vickers (PV), Joseph Akak (JA), Helen Wood (HW), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

Visitors: 4 members of the public were present

Agenda No		Action
133/23	Apologies	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from Juliet Stuttard (JS).	
134/23	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	CC declared an interest in the outline planning application on the Officers Mess (see 142/23)	
135/23	Public Open Forum	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question as to what action RCC was taking in respect of the Appeal on land in Normanton Road (2023/0007/APPEAL. GW responded stating that RCC was taking legal advice – the original application was rejected on the basis that this land is outside of the village limit. Concern was expressed in respect of setting a precedent if this appeal is upheld. AL to write to RCC Chief Executive cc Roger Ranson (Head of Planning) to express these concerns. Question raised as to whether a sign should be bought for the Edith Weston School to further advertise its presence – there is a follow up meeting to discuss speeding with RCC/Rutland & Leicestershire Police and the question of ensuring the presence of the school is well signed posted will be considered at this. Question raised as to whether the speed signs on Manton Road should be more visible i.e., on the other side of the road – there is no electricity on the other side of the road but again this issue will be addressed in the follow up meeting to discuss speeding. 	AL AL/HW AL/HW
136/23	Rutland Council Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCC's Local Plan is not yet ready for public consultation. New bin lorries are being purchased although there is an 18 month wait for delivery. RCC decided not to get electric vehicles because the charging infrastructure is not in place and their routes are lengthy due to the rural nature of the county. The expected lifespan is 7 years at which point greener options will be considered. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oakham Leisure Centre – the next phase of tendering for this service has begun. RCC are struggling to find highways engineers which is impacting any investigative work (e.g., new speed humps). 	
137/23	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31st July 2023	
	Resolution: Approved and to be signed as a true record with a minor correction to the date of the next meeting (21 st August not 22 nd August).	AL/SG
138/23	Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	
	None raised.	
139/23	Update from the Army	
	No representative was present	
140/23	Forum Updates	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council Forum will be open for Councillors only (not Parish Clerks) to attend. The next meeting will be in person on 5th September at 7.00 pm. Parish Clerks will have their own meeting held on Teams. 	AL
141/23	Neighbourhood Planning Committee (NPC) update	
	<p>The NP will be going out for Regulation 14 consultation from 11.00 am on Tuesday 29th August to 11.00 am on 10th October 2023.</p> <p>Printing – PV to chase printers.</p> <p>Distribution of leaflets and posters – AL to liaise with JS.</p> <p>Pop-up venues – PV has asked Edith Weston school and is awaiting a response. The Wheatsheaf, church, village shop and Ketton and Oakham libraries have all agreed that a full hard copy of the NP can be place in their premises.</p> <p>The list of statutory consultees has been received from RCC.</p>	<p>PV</p> <p>PV</p>
142/23	Planning applications	
	<p>i. 2023/0822/OUT: Demolition and site clearance and redevelopment of the site for residential use (Use Class C3) and 168 sqm (GIA) of Use Class E floorspace, open spaces, access, landscaping, infrastructure and associated works (Outline Application with all matters reserved save for main points of access)</p> <p>Site: Officers Mess, 16 Regiment Royal Artillery, St George’s Barracks, Welland Road, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8RL</p> <p>Deadline: 31st August 2023</p> <p>Resolution: Not to support the plan as laid out. EWPC does not object in principle to the development of the site but believes the number of houses proposed to be excessive in view of both EWPC and RCC Housing Needs Assessments (21 and 50 respectively). It was therefore agreed that a number of actions would take place as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AL to contact RCC in respect of the timeframe – the response date of 31st August does not comply with the statutory 6-week consultation period. AL to see advice from our Planning Consultant as to the appropriate wording for a formal response to RCC. EWPC to contact other Parish Councils in Rutland for their support with the concern that this could set an inappropriate precedent in 	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>AL/SG</p>

	<p>other rural villages in relation to Housing Need Assessment determinations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that this application will go to RCC's Planning Committee at which EWPC may have one deputation (i.e., a chance to address the Committee) and one other representation. <p>ii. 2023/0828/FUL: Installation of a modular changing places toilet to be located next to the existing customer toilets on site. The new modular toilet would be flat roof and clad in wood to create a soft natural look. The facility will provide improved accessible toilet facilities at Rutland Water. Site: Normanton Car Park, Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland Deadline: 2nd September 2023 Resolution: Support</p>	AL
143/23	Environmental Issues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tommy's Close – bench – quotes to be obtained (see AOB). Village entry gates – quote received from this work and approved to go ahead. Street lighting – GW to follow up within RCC. 	SG JS GW
144/23	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. It was noted that the grant approved on 25th April 2022 (071/22) to be paid out of the CIL money to Tommy's Close in respect of the new playground (£4,500) has now been paid. 	
145/23	Correspondence received by the Clerk	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to LLR Community IAG Event Tuesday 10th October – agreed would not attend this event. GW advised she was meeting with the Policy Commissioner and would raise the issues of speeding (following the Speedwatch outcome) and lack of safe crossing points for the school with them. Multiply courses in Rutland – suggested we invite them to a Parish Council meeting. 	SG
146/23	Any Other Business	
	A question was raised as to whether a memorial bench should be bought for the late Queen. SG to get quotes but also take advice from the Lord Lieutenant (Sarah Furness) in respect of any conditions that might apply.	SG
147/23	Date of next Parish Council meeting	
	Monday 25 th September 2023 at 7.15pm in Edith Weston Village Hall. Apologies received from PV and JS.	SG