



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 29th January 2024 in Edith Weston Village Hall

In Attendance: Juliet Stuttard (Vice-Chair) (JS), Peter Vickers (PV), Emily Roden (ER), Helen Wood (HW), Joseph Akak (JA), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

Visitors: 2 members of the public was present

Agenda No		Action
213/23	Apologies	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from AL and CC.	
214/23	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
	None	
215/23	Public Open Forum	
	There were no questions from the floor.	
216/23	Rutland Council Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the RCC Local Plan had closed. • RCC's 2024/5 budget was currently out for consultation to be discussed in council on 26th February. • Additional funding had been received for Adult Social Care; cost pressures on the budget due to a care home closing at Christmas. • Still in process of finalising Catmose leisure facility offering. • Levelling Up funding projects (bus service, meditech centre, possible digitisation of Roman Mosaic and dinosaur found in Rutland Water) still progressing. • Re-organisation of bus services to run on a hub and spoke basis from villages into town centres. Spoke element to be run by RCC, main routes by commercial companies – but no officer at the moment to lead this project. 	
217/23	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd January 2024	
	Resolution: Approved and to be signed as a true record.	JS
218/23	Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticeboard – Andy Wood looking at fixings before this is ordered • Street lights – 14 lights for which the Army is responsible have not been working for a while. HW is liaising with Pinnacle (referred by DiO) to get 	SG HW

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	<p>these repaired (problem has also been reported by residents). ER is attending a housing meeting on the base and will raise the issue there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street light refund – still no response from RCC regarding refund or details of what we have been charged for this financial year (although this is much reduced). SG to review past invoices and email again copying in GW. GW to raise again. It was resolved that if there was still no response a formal complaint should be lodged with RCC about their lack of engagement. • Road sweeping – to be logged on FMS • Flood signage – advised to wait until the review of flood response has been completed by RCC before taking any local action due to risks of taking independent action. Agreed this might be an expansion of resilience work generally in the village with the development of an Edith Weston Resilience Plan. ER to lead on this work. GW to find out if there is any general guidance on resilience. TS informed that North Luffenham had gone through this process. • Outline planning for OM – will be considered sometime before March – SG to check to see whether any information in RCC Cabinet forward plan. 	<p>ER</p> <p>SG</p> <p>SG</p> <p>ER</p> <p>SG</p>
219/23	Update from the Army	
	<p>No-one attended. SG to write a letter to the Commanding Officer requesting that if JM is not available, the Army send another representative.</p> <p>ER mentioned the amount of dog poo on the airfield but said it was mainly Army issued poo bags being dumped. ER to write to Army CO to request a dog poo bin is put on the airfield.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>ER</p>
220/23	Forum Updates	
	<p>Parish Liaison Meeting – attending by JS/CC. Discussed up-coming budget current out for consultation, flood response review, and the change in regulations to allow churches to apply to parish councils for grants.</p> <p>It was proposed to review EWPC’s policy on grants/donations, including statutory limits, and to circulate to the three main village groups who may seek funding. JS to write to other charities in the village to discuss funding/donation requests as a collective.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>JS</p>
221/23	Neighbourhood Planning Committee (NPC) update	
	<p>The Basic Conditions Statement and Equalities Assessment was approved by email, as per minute 204/23 in order for the NP documents to be submitted by the deadline of 22nd January 2024. It was resolved to ratify this email approval.</p> <p>It was noted that submission for Regulation 16 now accords the Neighbourhood Plan more materiality.</p> <p>It was requested that we discuss the process of communication in respect of the referendum, which is the next stage of the process and will be run by RCC. It was noted that North Luffenham had been through this process.</p>	<p>PV</p>
222/23	RCC Local Plan	
	<p>Once all responses had been analysed and actioned, as appropriate, the next stage would be Regulation 19 which looks at the soundness of the plan. This will happen in the autumn with a six-week consultation period in order to</p>	

	submit the plan in January 2025. If RCC miss this deadline, housing numbers for planning may well change.	
223/23	Planning applications	
	<p>No planning applications had been received at the time the agenda was published but the following application was subsequently issued and circulated to the Parish Council.</p> <p>i. 2024/0085/CAT: T1 Ash – Crown reduce by 3 metres 5 King Edward’s Way, Edith Weston LE15 8EZ Deadline: 13th February 2024 Resolution: no objection</p> <p>ii. 2024/0066/MIN: Proposed extensions to Grange Top Quarry, for construction and use of a new access and site access road from the A606, a security gatehouse, bridleway bridge and associated works to facilitate the continued supply of minerals to Ketton Cement Works, the consolidation of existing mineral extraction permissions and a restoration scheme to recreate agricultural land and biodiversity enhancement works Castle Cement Ltd, Ketton Works, Ketco Avenue, Ketton PE9 3SX Deadline: 16th February 2024 Resolution: no objection provided there is appropriate monitoring of air quality protection for Edith Weston using the most up-to-date equipment (real time date), and there is safe access onto A606.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>SG</p>
224/23	Environmental Issues	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quotes for grass cutting: three companies had been approached for quotes and at the time of the meeting two of these, plus an approach by ex-Biffa staff, had been received. It was proposed that Emery be asked to provide a per cut price for each area and that final prices would be emailed to Parish Councillors for a final decision to be made. <i>Post meeting note: a quote had also been received from the third contractor originally approached – 4 quotes to be circulated for a decision.</i> TPO comparison has now been done. JA to submit request for TPO’s on OM site, SG to submit for two trees identified in Andrew Belson’s report. 	<p>ALL/SG</p> <p>JA SG</p>
225/23	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. Renewal for subscription to CPRE had been received – they were asking for a voluntary increase in contribution from £50 to £74 – it was proposed and agreed that EWPC pays the increased amount as their work was valuable. It was also noted that CPRE is becoming more political in their work. 	SG
226/23	Correspondence received by the Clerk	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that PC Edd Mckinnon will be attending the March 2024 Parish Council meeting. 	SG

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that it would be useful to meet the Police and Crime Commission at one of the drop-in sessions in Rutland (and noted that it was election year) but to request details of time and location of these meetings. 	SG
227/23	Approval of policies	
	<p>It was resolved to approve the following policies which had been updated to reflect increased financial levels for tendering and current practice in relations to finances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing Orders Financial Regulations <p>It was also resolved to approved the Code of Conduct (which had no changes other than formatting).</p>	SG
228/23	Any other business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity – all to consider ideas for increasing biodiversity around the village, and liaise with other village groups. It was noted that a policy needs to be developed prior to an action plan. SG to draft. 80th Anniversary of D-Day – agreed to liaise with other village groups and the barracks to co-ordinate ideas/plans. East Midlands Airspace consultation – Councillors to check the website for further information but unlikely to impact airspace above Rutland. 	AL
229/23	Date of next Parish Council meeting	
	<p>Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.15pm in Edith Weston Village Hall. Apologies in advance from JA, HW and Councillors Gale Waller and Tim Smith.</p>	SG