



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Edith Weston Village Hall

**In Attendance:** Andrew Lunn (AL) (Chair), Joseph Akak (JA), Juliet Stuttard (JS), Peter Vickers (PV), Emily Roden (ER), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

**Visitors:** 2 members of the public were present

Agenda No		Action
179/23	<b>Apologies</b>	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from Helen Wood (HW) and Charlotte Cave (CC).	
180/23	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	Agenda no 188/23 for AL (2023/1162/CAT, 2023/1179/CAT) and JA (2023/1169/CAT)	
181/23	<b>Public Open Forum</b>	
	There were no questions from the floor.	
182/23	<b>Rutland Council Report</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings have moved to every other month from May 2023.</li> <li>Consultation on closure of Park School due to lack of numbers currently taking place. Savings would be used to fund SEND children in mainstream education.</li> <li>GW having regular meetings with MOD/DiO re SGB.</li> <li>RCC income will reduce in 2024/25; reserves have been used to support expenditure but this cannot continue and so real services cuts are likely going forward.</li> <li>Free bus travel within Rutland in December and free parking on late night shopping evenings to be widely promoted.</li> <li>GW to check whether OM outline planning application will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> December planning agenda in response to a query from the Chair.</li> </ul>	GW
183/23	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	
	<b>Resolution:</b> Approved and to be signed as a true record.	AL
184/23	<b>Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appeal on land on Normanton Road (agenda item 126/23) – appeal dismissed.</li> <li>TPO comparison – still to be done</li> </ul>	SG/JA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street lighting – current year’s invoice shows a significant decrease; prior year over-payment refunds to be chased up with RCC.</li> <li>Tree planning grant via The Woodland Trust – send information to Tommy’s Close.</li> <li>Rutland Climate Change Network is the same as RCC Climate Action Group.</li> <li>Noticeboard replacement – AL has now measured. It was proposed and approved to go ahead with an aluminium replacement at a cost of approx. £515 + VAT.</li> <li>Reporting sewage overflow – AL has written to Anglian Water.</li> <li>Purchase of Christmas tree – JS/HW to circulate quotes from Digby Farm/Dwayne Cloxton with tree due to be collected on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.</li> </ul>	SG  SG  SG  AL/SG JS/HW
185/23	<b>Update from the Army</b>	
	No representation but ER reported that villagers are still confused by the flag system with the rules around access to the airfield not being very clear. ER also said it would be helpful if the Army were able to share their exercise dates so these could be publicised. SG to contact JM.	SG
186/23	<b>Forum Updates</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCC Climate Action Group had met but PV was unable to attend. However, this was a re-launch meeting clarifying structures etc and the minutes/notes had been received.</li> </ul>	
187/23	<b>Neighbourhood Planning Committee (NPC) update</b>	
	Comments received have now been reviewed and responses are being checked by Hannah Barter; these will then be circulated to the Parish Council who need to read and comment so that the final version can be brought to the meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024 for formal approval. AL/PV are available to meet with Parish Councillors to discuss what has been done thus far.	All  All
188/23	<b>RCC Local Plan</b>	
	<p>JS/JA have read through the document and pulled out various comments. The following chapters need a more detailed look to highlight areas of interest and inform the public meeting discussions on 11<sup>th</sup> December; these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change – PV agreed to lead</li> <li>Spatial Strategy – ER agreed to lead</li> <li>Housing – JS to contact HW/CC to see whether one of them might lead.</li> </ul> <p>JS to let SG know what other support might be required. It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a laptop would be available on the night</li> <li>posters to advertise meeting to be put on noticeboards</li> <li>paper would be available for any comments to be collected although villagers attending would be reminded that they need to put in their own feedback direct to RCC.</li> </ul>	PV ER JS  JS SG SG
189/23	<b>Planning applications</b>	
	<b>i. 2023/1162/CAT: Lime trees (T1-T3) – Reduce substantial timbers (those &gt;30cm diameter) of 3 Lime trees by a further 4m, and reduce remaining</b>	

	<p><b>timber by a further 4m with the aim to produce a more rounded shape (rather than ovate).</b></p> <p>The Limes, 9 Church Lane, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8EY Deadline: passed – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. Response of no objection submitted to RCC</p> <p><b>ii. 2023/1169/CAT: Thin 2 no. Hazels (T1 &amp; T2) by 50%, targeting taller growth and those growing toward road. Reduce height of Cherry tree (T3) by 4m and reduce lateral branches by 2.5m to balance shape.</b></p> <p>16 Well Cross, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HG Deadline: passed – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Response of no objection submitted to RCC.</p> <p><b>iii. 2023/1179/CAT: Reduce overall height of group of 5 no. Silver Birches by 5-7 Metres.</b></p> <p>The Limes, 9 Church Lane, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8EY Deadline: passed – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Response of no objection submitted to RCC.</p> <p><b>iv. 2023/1204/FUL: General replacement of existing windows and glazed screens, with removal, blocking up or reduction in size of certain windows and screens – all to improve thermal performance and security of house.</b></p> <p>24 Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HD Deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – no objection.</p>	SG
190/23	<b>Environmental Issues</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bulbs – JS had ordered bulbs but these were all perished when they arrived and it is now too late to get any more to plant this year. This action will be completed next autumn.</li> <li>● Village noticeboard replacement – dealt with under matters arising above.</li> <li>● Street lighting – dealt with under matters arising above.</li> </ul>	
191/23	<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 noted on the finance report had been approved for payment by the Finance Committee and were noted by the Parish Council.</li> <li>● The pay increase for the Parish Clerk was accepted and approved as presented.</li> <li>● The proposal not to increase the Parish Precept for 2024/25 was accepted and approved.</li> <li>● The budget was accepted and approved as presented. SG was requested to check whether a CIL payment would be due on the new house in Rectory Road.</li> </ul>	AL SG
192/23	<b>Correspondence received by the Clerk</b>	
	<p>The items were for information only although it was agreed that some feedback should be given in respect of the proposal to extend Grange Top Quarry in Ketton. Concern was expressed about the impact of dust particles spreading should the wind blow towards Edith Weston, and that a request for monitoring air quality should be in place within the EW Parish Boundary.</p>	SG/AL

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193/23	<b>Policies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was resolved to approve the Media Policy as presented. PV noted that all should be aware that anyone from EWPC speaking to the media would need to present the corporate view unless they were very clear they were commenting in a private capacity.</li> <li>It was resolved to approve the Grants and Donations Policy as presented. PV noted the clause stating that only one application per organisation per year could be considered and advised sharing this widely within the village. JS requested that the form be made into a writable pdf; SG informed that current software did not enable this and was requested to get a quote to upgrade to Adobe Pro.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>SG</p>
194/23	<b>Any other business</b>	
	Meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> December in respect of RCC's Local Plan – to start at 6.00 pm – see 188/23 above.	
195/23	<b>Date of next Parish Council meeting</b>	
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 7.15pm in Edith Weston Village Hall.	SG