



# 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Edith Weston Village Hall

**In Attendance:** Andy Lunn (AL) (Chair), Chris Malyon (CM), Helen Wood (HW), Charlotte Cave (CC), Sara Glover (SG) Clerk

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

Agenda No		Action
106/24	<b>Apologies</b>	
	It was resolved to accept apologies from Joseph Akak (JA), Emily Roden (ER), Peter Vickers (PV), Councillors Gale Waller (GW) and Tim Smith (TS), David Ferguson (DF) (MoD rep) and PC Edd McKinnon (EMc).	
107/24	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b>	
	CM declared an interest in item 117, bullet point 2.	
108/24	<b>Public Open Forum</b>	
	There were no questions from the public.	
109/24	<b>Rutland Council Report</b>	
	<p>There was no representation from RCC however GW had sent in a report by email. The main updates were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bye-election in Oakham NE was won by Liberal Democrat Linda Chatfield.</li> <li>Regulation 19 consultation of the Local Plan is progressing. However, despite this, and the period of grace it will give once implemented, RCC now believe that the number of houses required to be built will be increased from 123/annum to c264/annum and so the 5-year land supply will be lost. RCC will therefore likely be looking for more sites. The Local Plan is unlikely to be in place till March 2026 at the earliest because of the time it takes for the Planning Inspectorate to review it.</li> <li>Collection of food waste is mandatory from next year. Some capital funding has been allocated for the kitchen caddies, but not for the change in services required. RCC is exploring other options to meet the shortfall, for example moving towards a 3-weekly cycle for residual waste (black bins). Currently on average 40% of black bin waste is food, around 15% should be put into recycling. Food waste will be collected weekly.</li> <li>Transport plan – there is no proposal to reduce availability of public transport but RCC is wanting to move towards a demand responsible</li> </ul>	

	system (similar to the old dial-a-ride) which could provide more access to public transport. The only route proposed to be cut is the Uppingham to Peterborough (R4) service – students who use this bus will have to travel into Stamford and out again using two buses. All this is subject to consultation.	
110/24	<b>Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	
	<b>Resolution:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 were approved and signed as a true record.	AL
111/24	<b>Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation to SGB CO – DF was chasing the CO for her availability.</li> <li>• Letter to Emery – JA to progress.</li> </ul>	SG
112/24	<b>Update from the Army</b>	
	There was no representative from the Army. An assessment of street light not working had been carried out and the MoD were waiting a quotation. Part of the issue is that some lights need changing to LED which is more expensive, and funding remains an issue.	HW
113/24	<b>Forum Updates</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Forum – 6/11 – AL attended – the Community Response plan was discussed along with the Local Plan housing numbers (mentioned above). There was also a presentation from Rupert Matthews, the Police and Crime Commissioner.</li> <li>• Parish Forum – 12/2/25 – CM to attend. The focus will be on budgets.</li> </ul>	
114/24	<b>Neighbourhood Planning Working Group (NPWG) update</b>	
	The Independent Examiner’s (IE) final report has now been received with small modifications of wording to reflect current policies. The means that the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan (EWNP) now carries weight in any planning applications/decisions. AL has prepared a referendum version with tracked changes. However, our planning consultant, UVE (Hannah), has recommended a slightly different wording for one point which AL has forwarded to RCC. RCC are meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> November to discuss, and agree a finalised referendum version of the EW Neighbourhood Plan.	AL
115/24	<b>RCC Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation response</b>	
	<p>The Parish Council has taken advice from the planning consultant UVE in respect of the above, particularly in relation to SS4 policy (masterplan for St Georges Barracks (SGB)) and Policy H1.2. A draft response will be circulated to members of the Parish Council by AL for approval. In summary it was agreed that we raise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gypsy/traveller/show people accommodation – this was not identified in the village needs assessment</li> <li>• It’s unlikely that any proposal of development of St Georges Barracks would support new and significantly improved public transport connections despite the increase in population</li> <li>• The area of the SSSI on SGB needs to be finalised before a Masterplan is developed.</li> <li>• Section H1.2 states housing numbers on the Officer’s Mess (OM) at 85 – Our independent report identified a maximum of 60 houses</li> </ul>	AL

	It was noted that SGB and Woolfox sites were unlikely to be developed within the next five years which means that RCC cannot meet their housing requirements as directed by the new government (see RCC report above) with the other identified sites. RCC will have to run the call for sites process again and then go through public consultation Regulation 18/19 processes again. There is also the possibility of changes to the number of houses/hectare from 30 to 35 which could impact the number of houses on the OM site.	
116/24	<b>Planning applications</b>	
	<p><b>i. 2024/1259/FUL: New house &amp; alterations to existing house.</b>                  29 Normanton Road, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HD                  Deadline: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – this is a resubmission and it was resolved to object on the grounds previously outlined as the plans had not substantially changed, and this application did not comply with sections SG01 and DH01 in the late stage EWNP.</p>	SG
117/24	<b>Environmental Issues</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accident on Manton Road – GW has chased for a response which has not been forthcoming. AL will raise again.</li> <li>● Grass cutting contract – along with the current providers, Glendale, three other contractors had been approached to quote for a three-year contract. No response had been received from any of these three contractors and therefore it was resolved to approve granting a three-year contract to Glendale. Glendale has quoted a 3% increase for 2025/26 but to hold this price for years 2 and 3 of a three-year contract.</li> <li>● Community Response plan update – ER was not present to feedback.</li> <li>● Tree champion – it was agreed that the role of the tree champion (Richard Bonser) was to advise on planning applications received in relation to trees in the village, and to help with any tree preservation orders (TPO) that the Parish Council wished to pursue.</li> </ul>	AL  SG   SG
118/24	<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> <li>● It was resolved to approve the pay increase for the clerk for 2024/25 including backpay to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.</li> <li>● It was resolved to send a precept request of £22,479.09 to Rutland County Council for 2025/26. This equates to an increase of 2%, or £69.32 per year for each Band D dwelling (up from £67.32).</li> <li>● It was resolved to set a budget of £24,328.77 for 2025/26 which includes estimated income from other sources of £1,849.69, subject to:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Change of wording in reserves from contingencies to General Fund</li> <li>– a risk assessment of the budget, and the development of a plan for the use of reserves. CM volunteered to help with these.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	SG   CM/SG
119/24	<b>Potential move to a .gov.uk domain</b>	
	Parish Council's are being encouraged to move to a .gov.uk domain, and it was resolved to approve this for Edith Weston Parish Council. SG to bring	SG

**Appendix 1**

	back costings following a meeting with the government's Parish Council domain helper service.	
120/24	<b>Correspondence received by the Clerk</b>	
	All correspondence on the agenda had been circulated and was for information only.	
121/24	<b>Date of next Parish Council meeting</b>	
	Due to the number of absences for the proposed meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, it was resolved to cancel this meeting. Notices to be put on the village noticeboards. Therefore, the next meeting will be held on <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> at 7.15pm in Edith Weston Village Hall.	SG