

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Greening, Watts, Pike, O'Donoghue and Henning and Messrs Forward, Johns and King and Mr Phillips (WC)

Apologies were received from Mr Hardman and Mrs Dorgan

There was one member of the public in attendance

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 9th February 2026 were adopted as read and signed
2. There were no **Matters Arising**.
3. **Casual vacancy**. There was currently no candidate
4. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. Mrs Pike reported on a recent meeting with a small group from the village who would take the process forward
 - b. Two applications had been received and there was no objection to either:-
 - i. PL/2026/01184/TCA T1 Magnolia – remove at 2B Lower Road for IG Environmental Services
 - ii. PL/2026/01358/TCA Tree A Beech-Remove, Tree B Beech-remove, Tree C Beech-reduce by 50%, Tree D Beech-remove branches overhanging garden room; all at Box Cottage 5 Tinhead Road for Mr Theo Taylor
 - c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2026/00392/TCA – 2 Maple trees - crown reduce 2m; 1 Silver Birch - crown reduce 2m; 1 Cherry Plum - crown reduce 2m at The Vines 4A Inmead for Mrs Elizabeth Windo – no objection
 - ii. PL/2026/00004/TCA T2 Northofagus (Beech)Tree -Fell – the tree has grown too large for the area and is crowding out surrounding trees at the Old Vicarage, Westbury Road for Mr John D'arcy - no objection
5. **Policing**

There was no Police Report.
6. **Playfield**.
 - a. Land swap update. No planning decision had yet been received
 - b. FOI Request. The clerk confirmed that he had been making progress and hoped to be in a position to send out the documents the applicant was asking for in the next couple of weeks
 - c. Equipment repairs. Mrs Henning reported that this had just started. In the light of this she had postponed the quarterly inspection
 - d. The surface of the proposed MUGA was discussed and it was agreed to review it if and when planning permission was granted and whether there were any conditions being imposed

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

Mr Phillips reported on several matters including:-

- i. WC Budget and Council Tax. This had been passed with what he described as “friendly” amendments
- ii. The Melksham Bypass had been cancelled. The savings would be available for highway maintenance which would also be covered by a long-term loan
- iii. Fly tipping. There had been successful tracking of culprits
- iv. There were plans to reduce the number of Area Board meetings and to change its name
- v. There were also plans to have a booking arrangement for recycling
- vi. Mr Johns raised the question of the state of road surfaces and the future of the B3098 traffic calming

8. Highway matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

a. LHFIG update. Mr Forward reported on the following:-

- i. Crossroads Farm junction. Nothing had yet been heard
 - ii. Parish hall footpath slabs. These had been commissioned
 - iii. B3098 traffic calming. It was agreed that another SID pole with solar panels be erected near the lay-by at the Telephone exchange
 - iv. The junctions of Tinhead Road and Downsview with the B3098. A meeting would be arranged with the AHE on site
- b. Trees overhanging footpaths from Greenhills to Tinhead Road. It was agreed that the clerk get a land registry plan
- c. Damage to verge at Monastery Road bend. Mrs Greening had been in touch with the army and was awaiting a response
- d. Litter Pick. This had been successful with some 14 people involved

9. Website. Much work had been done by Mr Forward and he was able to demonstrate how it would work in practice. He was also able to handout the link for each Parish Councillor for their new PC website address

10. Finances.

a. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed:-

- i. To pay the Charities as agreed at the Budget Meeting
 - ii. Clerks Salary and Expenses
 - iii. Ideal Grounds Maintenance – Invoice 25 £353.32
 - iv. Hiscock Engineers re roadside planter £540
 - v. Playdale deposit re repairs £917.83
 - vi. Refund Mr Forward: Ionos Website host Jan and Feb £32.40
 - vii. Mr Hailstone for repairs to the Monastery road finger post £295.
- b. In addition an invoice had been received from Creative Xolutions for £1099 for Spamhaus removal. This was an unexpected additional charge and it was agreed the clerk would try and see why it had been incurred
- c. £100 had been received from the Three Daggers for Footpaths books

11. APM arrangements.

Refreshments would be provided as usual and it was anticipated that there would be a report on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Playfield

12. Burial ground.

It was agreed to get a second quote for the repairs Coal Path gate

13. BKVC. It was agreed to ask Mrs Wickham if she would front the application again

14. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct -March 2026.
- b. WALC Circular - February 2026

15. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

16. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 20th April 2026 immediately after the APM at 6.45pm for 7.15pm