

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 20th April 2026 at 8.10 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Hardman

1. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan. Arrangements were in hand for the inclusion of photos and maps in the revised NP and it would be necessary to finalise the arrangements for the Parish consultation.
- b. One application had been received and there was no objection to it: -
 - i. PL/2026/02334/TCA TA Beech – remove. TB Beech – reduce to previous reduced height, Circa 1.5m to 2.0m reduction. Reshape crown. TC Beech - reduce to previous reduced height. Circa 1.5m to 2.0m reduction. Remove branch over summer house. Reshape crown. TE Beech – reduce to previous reduced height. Circa 1.5m to 2.0m reduction. Reshape crown. TF Beech – reduce to previous reduced height. Circa 1.5m to 2.0m reduction. Cut back branches over electricity cables – at Box Cottage, 5 Tinhead Rd for Mr Theo Taylor.
- c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2026/01184/TCA T1 Magnolia – remove at 2B Lower Road for IG Environmental Services – no objection.
 - 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 – no objection.
 - iii. PL/2024/07840/FUL Demolition of 2 redundant Pump House buildings and replacement with a small timber cabin building to be used as a holiday let at Luccombe Mill for Mr Henry Pelly Going on this page playfield– withdrawn.
- d. A request had been received for support and guidance in connection with a proposed planning application. The PC agreed that it could not pre-empt a planning application which, when received, it would consider on its merits. Pre application advice was obtainable from WC and in this particular case due, to the size of the proposal, one request for advice could be whether planning permission was required.

- 2. APM debrief/Casual vacancy.** It was felt that this had generally been successful although there had only been 9 members of the public in attendance and 2 apologies. The clerk had taken the opportunity of mentioning that the PC needed one more to make up its allotted number of councillors.

3. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap. The planning decision was still awaited.
- b. FOI. At the beginning of April, the clerk had been able to send to the applicant all the information as advised by the PC solicitors.

- c. PF generally
 - i. Equipment repairs. These had been undertaken.
 - ii. The PC reflected on the earlier decision that the PF be closed if and when planning permission was granted. It was agreed that Mr King would speak to the Three Dagers as to whether part could remain in use.
 - iii. In any event there would be the necessity to replace the bark or consider some other form of surfacing.
 - iv. When the playfield came back into use whether or not planning permission had been granted the PC considered seeking views as to what additional or alternative equipment could be purchased and if AB grants would be available

4. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LFHIG

- a. Parish Hall footpath slabs. This would be happening in due course.
- b. Greenhills to Tinhead Road trees. The clerk had done a lot of research and was satisfied that the trees did belong to Weirside Court.
- c. Accidents at the crossroads at Crossroads Farm. Highways appeared to agree that this was a danger spot but they were still reluctant to replace the give way signs with stop signs. They were suggesting asking that farm owners of the adjoining land at each corner replace the existing hedges there with fencing. The PC remained unhappy that this was not the appropriate resolution and would consider raising it with the constituency MP and even going to the Press.
- d. Permissive path to the Three Dagers. This was awaiting a meeting with WC
- e. B3098. This was an ongoing issue. Mr Forward would get more data from the SID. The pole for the new SID near The City would be going up soon.
- f. Tinhead junction. One possible solution to exiting Tinhead would be the provision of a mirror.
- g. New road signs had been installed for the Weir, Lower Road and Inmead.

5. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

This had been given by Mr Phillips at the APM and there was nothing further to add.

- 6. Website.** There currently seemed to be no resolution to the issue relating to Spamhaus but Mr. Forward had been experiencing difficulty with emails being delivered to some email addresses and this was being pursued by the clerk.

- 7. Coal Path Field.** A request had been received from the Edington Festival for permission to have a marquee on the field for the festival and this was agreed.

8. Finances.

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. Ideal Grounds maintenance - Invoice 26 £353.32.
 - ii. WALC subscription £324 32.
 - iii. Refund Miss O'Donoghue £121.14 the cost of defibrillator pads from Crest Medical Ltd.

b. Notice of Audit 2025/26 had been received.

9. Correspondence

a. WALC newsletter - March 2026

b. CPRE Countryside Voices – Centenary Issue Spring 2026

c. Advance notice received of the Avon Valley Runners Half Marathon 29th November. They normally ask for the car park to be available.

10. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 11th May 2026 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Annual Parish Council meeting.