

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Greening, O'Donoghue and Dorgan and Messrs Johns, King and Forward

Apologies were received from Mesdames Watts, Henning and Pike and Mr Hardman and Mr Phillips (WC)

1. **Election of Chairman** for the ensuing year. Mrs Greening was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and in the absence of any other nominations was duly elected. She thanked the PC for her appointment.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman** for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mr King that Mr Forward be appointed and in the absence of any other nominations was duly elected.
3. **Appointments.** The following were agreed.
 - a. Cheque signatories/internet banking authorisers – Mrs Dorgan and Mr King
 - b. Planning Liaison – Mr King
 - c. Neighbourhood Plan –Mrs Pike and Mr Forward
 - d. Highways Liaison including B3098 Strategy- Mr Forward with assistance of Mr Johns re B3098
 - e. Footpaths – Mr Johns
 - f. Parish Steward – Mr Hardman
 - g. LHFIG – Mr Forward
 - h. Police Liaison – Mrs Dorgan
 - i. Website – Mr Forward
 - j. Playfield – Mrs Henning
 - k. Westbury Area Board – Miss O'Donoghue
 - l. Newcomers – Mrs Watts
 - m. Burial Ground – Mrs Pike
 - n. News Contact – Mrs Watts
 - o. Civil Emergency Plan/Flood Warden – Miss O'Donoghue
 - p. Speed Watch contact/SIDs – Mr Forward
 - q. Defibrillator – Miss O'Donoghue
4. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 20th April 2026 were adopted as read and signed.
5. There were no **Matters Arising**.
6. **Casual vacancy.** Another name had been suggested and contact would be made
7. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. There would be an update at the June meeting.
 - b. The following application had been received and there was no objection to it

- i. PL/2026/02485/FUL – First storey extension including internal and external alterations at Sunnycroft 60 Court Lane for Mr Sam Munday.
- c. The following decision had been received:-
 - i. PL/2026/02334/TCA – Dealing with various Beech trees – at Box Cottage, 5 Tinhead Rd for Mr Theo Taylor – withdrawn.

8. Policing

- a. There was no report.
- b. Speedwatch. It was understood this was ongoing.

9. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap update. The planning decision was still awaited but it was understood there were still some issues needing to be addressed not involving the PC directly.
- b. FOI update. On 27th April a further communication had been received from the applicant which had been referred to the solicitors. The Clerk had rechecked all the paperwork held and was satisfied that in the light of the solicitor's responses sent direct to the applicant there was nothing further to be disclosed. The clerk had spent a considerable amount of time collating the documentation that had been submitted and the PC was unanimous in its view that all necessary and appropriate documentation had been passed to the applicant, that there was nothing further to add and if he wished to refer it to the ICO then that was up to him.

10. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LFHIG

- a. Parish Hall footpath slabs. All that Mr Forward was able to report was that it would happen, but when was very much in the hands of WC.
- b. Downsview Rd junction car parking etc. There was to be a meeting in a few days with the police on site.
- c. Crossroads Farm Junction. The suggestion that local landowners replace the hedges at the junction with fencing had not been greeted with enthusiasm.
- d. B3098. This was seen as a matter of urgency and Mr Forward would continue to press the AHE.
- e. Overhanging dead ash in Parsonage Lane. Mrs Greening would report this to WC.
- f. The clerk would check who was meant to be cutting the triangles.

11. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. There was no report from the County Councillor, who had tendered his apologies.

12. Finances

- a. It was proposed by Mr Johns, seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. Clear Councils (formerly BHIB) Insurance renewal, £547.09 (last year £530.48).
 - ii. Ideal for Grounds maintenance April 2026 invoice 027, £356.00.
 - iii. MossyMeadow BG Grass cutting Invoices 1420,1421 and 1456, £135.
- b. The 1st tranche of the Precept in the sum of £10500 had been received.
- c. The Annual Return and Audit would be considered at the June PC meeting.

13. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct for May 2026
- b. WALC Circular – April 2026
- c. CPRE Wiltshire voice centenary edition – Spring 2026

14. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

15. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 8th June 2026 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm