

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 8th June 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Hardman

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 11th May 2026 were adopted as read and signed
2. **Matters Arising.** The clerk had checked the contract with Ideal from which it was clear that the triangles at the top of Greater Lane, Monastery Road and Footpath EDIN 22 were its responsibility. It was agreed this would be referred to Mr Hardman to clarify with the Parish Steward who could perhaps be asked to check the Parish Hall footpath
3. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. Mrs Pike reported that the updated plan had been submitted to Wiltshire Council for informal review
 - b. The following applications had been received and there was no objection to either of them:-
 - i. PL/2026/03050/TCA Acacia tree - fell because too large in small area at The Grange 4 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton
 - ii. PL/2026/02413/FUL single story extension and works to create an off-road parking bay at the front of the house at 2 Lower Road for Mrs Jennifer Unsworth
4. **PC Priorities for the coming year.** These remained Highway Safety particularly the B3098 and Crossroads Farm junction, Playfield swap and Neighbourhood Plan
5. **Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.** Mr Phillips reported that the proposed new Local Plan had been rejected by government inspectors and WC had decided to withdraw it and prepare a new plan. In addition, the Government was intending to make it easier for developers by restricting councillors' ability to call planning applications in
6. **Playfield.**
 - i. Land swap. The planning decision was still awaited but Mr King and Mr Hardman had met with Mr Sheridan who had reported that a sound acoustic survey had been carried out; and had indicated the Three Daggers would possibly help with the maintenance of the MUGA
 - ii. Equipment update. Mrs Greening had discovered that Longleat was a potential source for playgrade bark and she would get costings
7. **Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG**
 - a. Crossroads farm junction. Mr Forward had send a detailed email to the AHE supporting the PC's case for stop signs
 - b. Parish Hall footpath slabs. This was still awaited

- c. B3098 Strategy. A group of villagers had recently met with Mr Forward and Mr Johns to discuss their concerns about pedestrian safety along the B3098. It had been agreed that a survey of villager views would be conducted to gather data for use in the proposed B3098 strategy document that would be prepared in the coming months by Mr Forward and Mr Johns.

8. Finances

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mr Johns and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. Refund Mr Forward IONOS Website Host March and April 2026 £32.40
 - ii. DGTS for Quarterly PF report £180
 - iii. Wansbroughs for FOI advice and correspondence £570
- b. Audit 2025/2026. The clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had decided to retire. The clerk had made some enquiries and the Clerk to Bratton PC had suggested a Mr Rose of IAC Audit & Consultancy Ltd who was their Internal auditor and with whom they had been very satisfied. Contact had been made and a quotation had been received with company background and experience. He had offered an annual fee of £225 plus VAT reduced to £213.75 if the PC was prepared to commit for 3 years. In the event of there being additional work that would be at a cost of £420 for a full day and £320 for half a day but each would be reduced by a 5% discount in the event of the 3-year commitment. After a brief discussion It was proposed by Mr King seconded by Mrs Pike and carried unanimously that he be appointed the internal auditor and on the 3-year basis

9. Emergency plan. Miss O'Donoghue was satisfied that it was up to date

10. Correspondence

- a. WALC Newsletter May 2026
- b. CPRE Wiltshire Voice – Spring 2026

11. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included

12. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Tuesday 23rd June 2026 to approve the Accounts and Annual Return for 2025/26 and the next monthly meeting was fixed for 13th July 2026; both at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm