

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Watts, O' Donoghue and Hennings and Messrs Johns, Forward, Hardman and King and Mr Phillips (WC)

Also in attendance was Mr Hugh Hancock Treasurer of Edington Priory Church

Apologies were received from Mesdames Greening, Pike and Dorgan

1. **The Minutes** of the meetings held on the 8th and 23rd June 2026 were adopted as read and signed
2. There were no **Matters Arising**
3. Request by the Priory Church for use of the Coalpath Field as an evacuation assembly point. Mr Hancock had prepared a note which is attached to these minutes. After discussion this was agreed. His second point was to request a signpost directing evacuees to Monastery Road via Inmead. The PC could see a number of difficulties in relation to this and so this particular request was not agreed
4. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. There was no update to report
 - b. The following application had been received and there was no objection to either of them:-
 - i. PL/2026/03860/TCA. All trees are Beech. Tree A remove; Adjacent tree B is very close and will minimise the gap created by removal of tree A; Tree B reduce to previous reduced height. Circa 1.5m to 2.0m reduction. Reshape crown; Tree C reduce to previous reduced height Circa 1.5m to 2.0m reduction. Remove branch over summerhouse. Reshape crown; Tree D no action. This is an approximate 3.5m "stump" that was previously reduced. Tree E reduce to previous reduced height Circa 1.5m to 2.0m reduction. Reshape crown; Tree F reduce to previous reduced height. Circa 1.5m to 2.0m reduction. Cut back branches over electricity cable – at Box Cottage 5 Tinhead Road for Mr Theo Taylor
 - ii. PL/2025/07147/FUL change of use of land to form overflow car park and recreational field with associated works. Change of use of public house Car park to pub garden. Change of use of farm shop brewery to café and erection of extension. Change of use of part of Spa Barn (Sui Generis) to include learning and non-residential institute (Use Class F1) – at the Three Daggers and Hillside Cottage for The Three Daggers Limited
 - c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2026/02485/FUL – First storey extension including internal and external alterations at Sunnycroft 60 Court Lane for Mr Sam Menday - approved
 - ii. PL/2026/03050/TCA Acacia tree - fell because too large in small area at The Grange 4 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton – no objection
5. To review and adopt Governance policies. The PC considered the following policies which when finalized would be posted appropriately on the PC website. It was proposed by Mr King seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that they be approved in principle subject to final reviews for correctness and accuracy being made of each one by the Clerk and the named councillors:-
 - a. Standing Orders and financial regulations (Mr Forward and Mr King)
 - b. Contract of employment (Mrs Greening)
 - c. Internal controls (Mrs Watts)
 - d. Risk register (Mrs Henning and Mr Johns)
 - e. IT Policy (Mr Forward)

It was anticipated that these reviews would be completed by mid-August with a view to the clerk Mrs Hennings and Mr Johns collating the final versions to be available for PC scrutiny a week before the September meeting of the PC

6. Policing

- a. Speedwatch. There was no report
- b. SID. This was now set up near The City; and the latest SID statistics were on the PC website. Speed remained the consistent issue

7. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap.
 - i. Messrs King and Hardman had met with Mr Sheridan who was feeling reasonably confident that a favourable planning decision would be made by the end of the month, and in anticipation was getting ready for work to be started. His intention was that the PF would be fenced and usable for as long as possible. It would be necessary to ensure the new boundary lines were correct and confirm those items of PF equipment that would need to be moved and to where.
 - ii. In addition, it was understood that Wessex Internet were intending to put in a full fibre cabling and would be running cable along the eastern edge of the PF. (it was understood from Mrs Greening that Wessex Internet were wishing to talk to the PC as soon as possible and so it was suggested that a meeting be fixed for the 10th August, if necessary, for that to happen).
- b. Bark and PF equipment.
 - i. Mrs Greening had collected a large quantity of bark and some of this had been laid as necessary and thanks were expressed to all who helped
 - ii. Mrs Henning had circulated the DTGS safety inspection report that had been carried out on the 30th June. Its recommendations had been noted and especially relating to the MPU Frame (1) Items 11 (Ladder) and 16 (Peg Ladder). It was proposed by Mrs Henning and seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the PC accept the quote from DTGS relating to item 11 in the sum of £150 and that a quote be obtained from the original manufacturer relating to item 16. Other items would be monitored and dealt with as necessary, as suggested, during the next maintenance cycle

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. Mr Phillips mentioned a number matters including:

- a. WC had that evening Issued a briefing note in connection with planning call- ins. It set out the detail of what must be delegated to officers and those presumed to be so delegated
- b. Fires at recycling centres due to incorrect recycling of batteries etc
- c. A letter and email from WC giving notice of the intention to commence Local Plan preparation, publication of timetable and launch of a call for sites
- d. WC was intending to prepare a variation to the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme. This was effectively a review of bus services
- e. Update on the Future Energy Landscapes (FEL) project – seeking to identify sites for wind turbines and solar panels

9. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG.

- a. Crossroads at Crossroads Farm. Mr Forward's submission to Highways reported at the June PC meeting had been supported by Mr Phillips who had also referred it to his councillor colleague Martin Smith, the cabinet member for Highways, and MP Andrew Murrison. A response had been received from Mr Smith on 12th July after he had discussed the issue with Highway Officers. It seemed that one of the corners of the junction was farmland owned by WC and, with the agreement of the tenant farmer, could be cleared. Highways was still of the opinion that the Give Way signs should remain with an additional sign on the offside of the junction from Bratton, the

- clearance of the verge and the corner. After discussion the PC was not satisfied that this was an appropriate resolution. The junction had proved to be dangerous and keeping Give Way signs was merely maintaining the status quo. The provision of Stop signs meant that it was mandatory for vehicles to stop. It was essential to do all that could be done to prevent further accidents. Mr Forward would respond accordingly.
- b. Parish hall footpath. The left-hand side of the path going down the slope had become overgrown and it was agreed to ask the Parish Steward to deal with it
 - c. B3098 strategy. Mr Forward had organised a survey questionnaire following the decision made at the June PC Meeting. It was hoped that as many people as possible would complete it
 - d. The footpath by the Playfield had become impassible and Mrs Greening had arranged for it to be strimmed
 - e. Footpaths EDN 12 and 35. Mr Johns reported that he was still waiting to hear from Ben Brain the Footpaths Officer as to the provision of footpath posts and signs
 - f. Coach Hollow. He was similarly awaiting to hear from Mr Gale regarding the hedge at the bottom; and a couple of other matters
 - g. A letter had been received from a resident in connection with the leaving of wheelie bins on the verge of Downsvie/Parsonage Lane and obscuring the road name sign. As this was highway's verge it was agreed to refer it to the AHE

10. Finances.

It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-

- i. Ideal for Grounds Maintenance for May and June @ £356 for each. Total £712.
- ii. IAC Audit – internal auditor fee for 2025/26 £256.50
- iii. Refund Mr Forward cost of printing B3098 Traffic Survey forms (Banana Printing) £26.90

- 11. Bus Shelter.** Thanks were expressed to Mr Hailstone for moving the notice board into the shelter. But it was noted that the roof did need some repair and it was proposed by Mr Johns, seconded by Mrs Henning and carried unanimously that quotes be obtained.

12. Correspondence:-

- a. WALC Newsletter – June 2026
- b. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2026

- 13. News items.** Consideration was given to items to be included

- 14. Date of next Meeting.** This was fixed for Monday 14th September 2026 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and, if necessary, to have one on 10th August 2026