The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall Edington on Monday 10th August 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mr Paul Cleary of Wessex Internet was also in attendance for the first part of the meeting

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 13th July 2026 were adopted as read and signed

2. There were no Matters Arising**.**

3. Mrs Greening then invited Mr Cleary to outline the Wessex Internet proposals. He explained that this was the provision of full fibre broadband in 2027 that would then be available throughout the village. It would be carried to participating properties via cables that would be laid in the nearby fields and through gardens rather than having necessarily to dig up roads. The advantage, he said, would be a faster and a better connectivity of broadband. He confirmed that he would be contacting residents, but he thought that it was important that the PC should be aware of the proposed works. After dealing with a few questions Miss Greening thanked him for his attendance.

4. **Planning**
   a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The position was the same as at the last meeting
   b. The following applications had been received. There was no objection to either of them:-
      i. PL/2026/04154/FUL - construction of a small agricultural building of timber construction on a concrete base at land southwest of Holmelea for Mr and Mrs Miller.
      ii. PL/2026/04197/FUL – two storey extension to detached dwelling at Dairy House Farm Lambourne Lane for Dr Annabel Brook.
   c. The following decisions had been received:-
      i. PL/2026/02413 and PL/2026/03345. Both applications for off road parking had been refused, but the application for a rear extension at No.2 Lower Road – no objection.
      ii. PL/2026/03860/TCA this related to the felling and maintenance of several Beech Trees at Box Cottage Tinhead Road for Mr Theo Taylor – no Objection.
      iii. PL/2025/07147 – PF Swap etc – approved subject to conditions.

5. **Governance**. The following were now ready to be approved and adopted and after an explanation by Mr Johns, Mrs Henning (particularly on the risk register and the level of risk to be considered and assessed and confirmation of the PC's public liability insurance level) and the Clerk, it was proposed by Mr King seconded by Mr Hardman and carried unanimously that they be formally approved and adopted and that they be reviewed at PC meetings held in February/March of each year:-

   a. Standing Orders
   b. Financial Regulations
   c. IT Policy
   d. Contract of employment
   e. Risk Register

6. **Playfield (PF)**
   a. Land Swap. A slight adjustment to the southern boundary of the PF swap had been suggested to avoid having to move the main piece of PF equipment. It effectively created a dogleg, the PC gaining 2.2m on the western leg and losing the equivalent on the eastern leg. In addition, there was some drainage work to be carried out. The PC could see no objection to either and so it was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the dog-leg arrangement be approved and the drainage agreed. The PC solicitors would be notified.
   b. Vandals had damaged the concrete base of the bench just inside the current southern boundary. It had been reported to the police, and the bench had been taped off. It was noted that in the process of completing the land swap It would have to be moved in any event.

7. **Highway matters/footpath/LHFIG**
   a. B3098. There had been 66 responses to the survey questionnaire. Mr Forward would collate them, and in discussion with Mr Johns produce a potential strategy.
   b. Crossroads Farm junction. A further letter had been received from the WC Councillor holding the highways portfolio who accepted the advice of the highways engineers. He considered it important from a road safety engineering perspective that improving visibility was the fundamental issue that should be addressed. Whilst the PC accepted verge clearance was important it still considered that the provision of stop signs required an obligation to stop.

8. **Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.**
   WC had contacted the Clerk seeking confirmation of community facilities available within the village as part of its preparation of the new Local Plan. In addition, Mr Phillips confirmed that there would be a number of meetings organised by WC and in particular there would be a workshop event on Monday 21 September at County Hall between 6 and 8pm.

9. **Finances**.
   a. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Pike and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
      i. Ideal for grounds maintenance July 2026 Inv 30 £356.
      ii. Refund Mrs Greening cost of bark from Longleat for playfield £308.
      iii. Refund Mr Forward cost of barrier tape for damaged PF bench £12.85.

10. **Burial Ground.** Mrs Pike reported that one of the headstones was loose possibly as a result of the dry weather and **i**t was agreed that an expert be contacted with a view to checking Headstone safety.

11. **Civil Emergencies Plan.** It was agreed that Miss O'Donoghue would prepare a note with a view to the reviewing of the plan at the next meeting.

12. **Date of next Meeting.** This was confirmed for Monday the 14th September at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall.