

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 8th December 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mr Sheridan and Mr Martin Smith were also in attendance representing The Three Daggers, and Mrs Wickham who wished to raise a road safety issue.

Apologies were received from Mrs Henning and Mr Hardman.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th November 2025 were adopted as read and signed.

2. There were no Matters Arising

3. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mrs Pike anticipated that she and Mr Forward would be able to give an update at a PC meeting in the New Year.
- b. **Land swap planning.** In accordance with the contract for the proposed land swap the Three Daggers had sent full details of the proposed planning application which the PC went on to consider. Messrs Sheridan and Smith confirmed the proposals set out in the documentation. Mrs Greening read out the email that Mrs Henning had sent. Some of her points would be dealt with when the PC formally considers the Planning application itself. One point that was raised was the future of the brewery. Mr Sheridan said that it would either stay or be moved to Station Yard - no final decision had yet been made. Another point was on the question of the access onto the main road. It was felt it ought to be widened to avoid some of the restrictions that occurred when vehicles entering and leaving met; and also that the signage there ought to be moved to ensure clear visibility onto the road. Mr Sheridan confirmed their proposals had been discussed with highways who were satisfied. He also confirmed that the boundary between the PF and the new car park would be a bund with hedge on top, as it would on the northern boundary facing Weirside Court. Subject to those few points the PC expressed its satisfaction with the plans thereby enabling the planning application to be formally submitted. Mrs Greening thanked Mr Sheridan and Mr Smith for attending and engaging with the concerns the PC had.

The following planning applications had been received and there was no objection to either of them :-

- i. PL/2025/09272/TCA Handkerchief tree – raise Crown by 4m. Cypress Tree – remove because fallen apart. Small self-seed Horse Chestnut tree – remove at The Grange 4 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton

- ii. PL/2025/09495/TCA Self seeded small Horse Chestnut tree – remove at 6 Inmead for Mrs Lucy Arnold
- c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2025/08157/TCA T1 London plane – removing to ground level due to the root system fouling the underground heat source pump. T2 T3 Rowan – removing 2 dead Rowan trees and replacing new. G1 conifer – remove dead conifer from existing hedge and replace with new Conifer trees at the Priory Inmead for Mr Chad Pike - no objection.
 - ii. PL/2025/08256/TCA T1 Maple: repollard the tree pruning back to previous points; T2 Maple: Remove the tree, at 2 Lower Road for Mr and Mrs Pike – no objection.
 - iii. PL/2025/08464/TCA Walnut tree – up to 4m reduction all over back to previous pollard cuts at Edington Cottage 2 Inmead for Mr P Threlfall – no objection.

4. Policing

- a. Drop in. Mrs Greening reported that our PCSO had attended the last drop in.
- b. Speed Watch. It was also reported Mr Burgess and Mr Andy McNeilis were interested in being part of a new Speedwatch team.

5. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap. This was dealt with at 3.b above.
- b. The advice from Playdale was awaited.
- c. The Christmas lights switch on would be at 6.30pm on Friday 12th December.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

- a. Parish Steward. An email had been received from WC that steward visits would be temporarily suspended until the New Year due to the high volume of pothole repairs required.
- b. A number of the 20 and 40 mph roundels needed repainting and WC would be asked to look into that as well as checking various trees in Cowleaze Lane.
- c. Mr King reported that the “No through road” sign at the bottom of Cowleaze Lane was now missing.
- d. Crossroads farm junction. As the PC had not been satisfied with WC proposals to not have a stop rather than a give way sign on the 2 minor roads Mr Forward had escalated the issue.
- e. Parish Hall footpath. The potential cost to the PC was awaited
- f. B3098. The latest statistics were awaited.
- g. CP to The Three Daggers footpath. Mr King reported that “Permissive Path” signs had been ordered. That raised the question of whether the PC should get a larger sign for the car park itself.
- h. Mrs Wickham raised the question of visibility turning right at the Tinhead Road junction with the B3098. She took the view that it was an accident waiting to

happen. It was agreed to refer this to the AHE suggesting both a site visit and potentially having a “concealed junction” sign.

- i. Also the Downs view/ Parsonage Lane junction sign was obscured and it was agreed a letter be written to the wheelie bin owners.
- j. Parking on the double yellow lines. If and when this took place it was a matter for WC not the police.
- k. Mrs Pike had delivered 25 footpath books to the Three Daggers and invoiced them.

7. Wiltshire Council report. Mr Phillips reported that

- a. WC campaign against Flytipping had been very successful and there were plans to have 2 full time officers appointed.
- b. Changes to refuse collection were being discussed which would include potentially the collection of food waste on a 3-weekly basis.
- c. WC plans to charge double council tax on second homes would be going through.

8. Website. Mr Forward was pleased to confirm that the Website gov.uk domain name had been accepted at an unexpected cost of £755 and he was now in discussions with CreativeXolutions to get it and the email addresses up and running.

9. Finances.

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

- i. Refund the Clerk £52 ICO renewal.
- ii. Ideal Grounds Maintenance £705.64 for October and November.
- iii. Stocksigns Limited for SID additional back plate and clips £159.60.
- iv. CreativeXolutions £755 fee for new gov.uk website domain name.

10. Correspondence

- a. WALC circular emailed.
- b. Village lockup. An email had been received from Mr Eric Mitchell regarding Edington Fair equipment being held in a lockup at Station Yard. He had been keeping an eye on it but due to health issues had now decided to withdraw from any responsibility. He was asking what future arrangements could be made. The PC would put it on the village website and the News and also raise it with those currently handling the Church Fete.

11. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.30pm and would be the Budget meeting.