

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 7 APRIL 2025
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

40/25 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr B Kay

Cllr S Gassor

Cllr A Hawes

In attendance:

C Jackman, Clerk

Apologies:

Unitary Cllrs Angela Macpherson and Michael Rand

As Unitary Cllrs Macpherson and Rand were retiring at the next election and would no longer be our Ward Councillors, Chair agreed to write to them, on behalf of the Parish Council, to thank them for their assistance and advice over many years.

41/25 Members Interests

None.

42/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24 February 2025

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

43/25 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

44/25 Planning (Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

a) Applications

24/03263/VRC | Variation of condition 2i)f (biodiversity net gain report) relating to application 22/03098/APP (allowed on appeal 23/00079/REF) (Change of use of land for the creation of 4no Gypsy/Traveller Pitches for residential use, including the siting of 4no mobile home, 4no touring caravan and the erection of a dayroom (Retrospective) | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire.

It was noted that:

- matters appear to have stalled on the planning front regarding this application.
- Only one planning application, 24/03263/VRC, is shown as outstanding on the Planning Portal and the file shows that there has been no activity since Ecology Comments on 22 November 2024.
- On 4 February 2025 Application 22/B3098/DIS only approved Condition 2E, the Arboricultural Method Statement, and all other conditions were refused but no further application to remedy these conditions has been submitted.
- There are other conditions still to be addressed, particularly in respect of the proposed new vehicular access, and the time limit for submitting these remaining applications has long expired.

Action: Clerk to write to Bucks Planning for an explanation of the above.

Documents relating to this application can be found at:

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=SM2PXQCLN5800>

And

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

25/00937/APP | Erection of dwelling | Land Adj Old Manor Farm Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire.

It was agreed to review this application by email, but the initial thoughts are that it is within the listed buildings area and near the traffic calming.

b) **Appeals**

Ministry of Justice Appeal (MoJ) against Buckinghamshire Council: Ref T22/00125/REF

A stakeholder engagement meeting was held on 4 April.

Among the concerns raised were those regarding the construction route and sewage disposal.

It was noted that the MoJ plan to write to local residents with updates around May.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would need to get the new Unitary Cllrs and MP involved to help mitigate all the issues of concern.

c) **Refused application**

24/03735/APP | Erection of 2 dwellings | Yew Tree Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN.

d) **Planning Portal**

Public comments on planning applications will no longer be posted on the Bucks Council Planning Portal.

45/25 Major Local Infrastructure projects

a) **Rosefield Solar Farm**

It was noted that the consultation is on-going.

b) **National Grid Sub-Station Enlargement**

No updates were available.

c) **BESS**

No updates were available with the various BESS proposals. Although the application for Hogshaw Road, Granborough, has been withdrawn.

46/25 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

Payments of accounts and receipts at **Appendix 2** were noted.

b) **AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Review)**

It was noted that the deadline for the submission of the AGAR is 1 July and that the internal audit has been arranged for Friday 23 May.

c) **Electronic Banking**

It was agreed that now the current councillors have been re-elected a push will be made to get electronic banking set up.

47/25 Village Hall

Cllr Gassor noted the following items and events:

- Yoga classes will not continue.
- Pop up pub will be held on 26 April.
- VE Day celebration will be held between 3-5pm on 5 May.
- Bingo has been arranged for 24 May with David Hiscock the caller.
- Scouts are now fairly regular users of the hall.
- Plant sale will be held on 14 June.
- May Bacon Butty Morning has been cancelled as it was too close to the VE Day event.
- Teddy Bear event scheduled for 5 April had been cancelled due to the on-going work at the church.

Maintenance work needed:

- Wobbly fence needs repairing.

Action: Cllr Gassor to contact contractor.

It was noted that the female soldier silhouette had been fixed to the hall.

48/25 Highways and footways (including public footpaths)

a) Roads and Footpaths

- i) Chair reported that he had been in contact with the Local Area Technician (LAT) to remind her of all outstanding work. He noted that following the work at the pond the visibility at the junction is now safer for everyone.
The LAT confirmed that:
 - o She has sent photos to the contractor to request that they return to the site to clear up the debris.
 - o the gully jetting is on a separate work order and will be undertaken by a different team.
- ii) It was noted that Bucks Council will carry out three grass cuts this year.
- iii) Any problems with verges should be reported on Bucks Council's FixMyStreet.

49/25 Speedwatch

It was noted that:

- Cllr Gassor will take a reading from the MVAS.
- A 20's Plenty campaign will probably start again after the Unitary Council election.

50/25 Street Lighting

There were no updates to report.

51/25 HS2

The Parish Council had received an email from AtkinsRéalis who have been commissioned by Buckinghamshire Council to undertake a feasibility study of the applications received for the HS2 Road Safety Fund Tranche 3, asking for the exact nature of our request and what the actual problem is we are trying to resolve. Following the email, Chair has arranged to meet a representative of AtkinsRéalis, on site, to discuss the Parish Council's requirements.

52/25 East West Rail (EWR)

The latest consultation has now closed.

53/25 Community Board and sub-groups

a) Community Board

It was noted that Edgcott will be in the new North Bucks Community Board area and Andy Chapman will be the manager.

b) Energy from Waste Meeting

It was noted that:

- notification of the recent meeting was issued too late for a councillor to attend.
- minutes of the previous meeting had not been issued.
- Councillors have been unable to get updates on changes to the footpaths.

54/25 Street Furniture/Pond

a) Bus Shelter

It was noted that:

- A plaque to commemorate the work has been fixed to the bus shelter.
- Some repair work at the bus shelter still is needed.

Action: Chair and Cllr Kay to speak to A Benfield to get the above work completed.

b) Pond

It was noted that if Bucks Council do not clear up the mess, then the Parish Council will have to arrange for a contractor to do so. See also 48/25 above.

c) Bird Boxes

HMP Springhill have confirmed that the bird boxes originally earmarked for the pond have been put up near the prison. It is understood that the manufacture of bird boxes for the pond area is in hand.

55/25 Quarterly Newsletter

The newsletter has been completed and will be issued shortly.

56/25 .gov.uk emails

Details had been sent to councillors to enable them to log onto the .gov.uk emails.

57/25 Policies

It was noted that all policies will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

58/25 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

All correspondence, circulars and consultations had been forwarded to councillors by email.

59/25 Any Other Business

a) **Litter Pick**

The litter pick had taken place and Chair thanked Cllr Gassor for organising the refreshments.

Action: Clerk to write to the Beavers Leader to thank her for arranging the litter pick.

b) **Parish and Unitary Council elections**

Confirmation that Edgcott Parish Council had been uncontested and that Bucks Council had confirmed that Peter Harper, Robert Webster, Bob Kay, Steph Gassor and Angela Hawes were elected as Parish Councillors for Edgcott.

It was noted that an election for two unitary councillors will take place on the 1st May as eight candidates are seeking election for two seats in this Ward.

c) **Air Quality Survey**

Bucks Council will not be carrying out an Air Quality Survey, so it was agreed to ask HS2 if it would consider carrying out one so that we have some information regarding air quality before any work commences on work to build the new prison.

60/25 Date, time, and venue of next meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held in Edgcott Village Hall on Monday 12 May

- The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 6pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____

STATUS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (includes 2020-23 awaiting a decision)

Reference	Address	Status
20/02927/APP	Clover Meadow Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Awaiting decision
22/01899/APP	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Awaiting decision
22/01900/ALB	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Awaiting decision
24/00338/APP	Perry Hill Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTS	Approved
24/00911/COUAR	Ash Tree Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTT	Approved
24/01711/PIP	May House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Refused
24/01744/COUAF	Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Approved
24/01748/APP	Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Withdrawn/Not Proceeded With
24/01994/APP	Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTU	Refused
24/01995/ALB	Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTU	Consent Granted
24/02241/TDC	Lea House Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTT	Approved
24/03262/APP	Land To South Of Hogshaw Road Granborough Bucks	Withdrawn/Not Proceeded With
24/03263/VRC	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Awaiting decision
24/03420/APP	Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Refused
24/03735/APP	Yew Tree Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Refused
24/03864/APP	2 Leonards Close Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTZ	Approved
25/00268/PIP	May House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Approved

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
26/02/2025	Bucks Council	Lottery		43.00	
24/02/2025	P Harper	Bus shelter plaque and engraving	43.00		101210
28/02/2025	Golding and Son	Inv 96--EPC-2025-096: VH electricity sensors	252.54		101211
09/03/2025	Valda Energy	Inv 211155: vh electricity 19/02/2025 to 18/03/2025	102.83		DD18
03/03/2025	C Jackman	RBLI Inv 124098: VE Day Commerative Women in War Statu	178.99		101212
11/03/2025	Bucks Council	Lottery		34.00	
12/03/2025	Community Impact Buck	Inv 6283: Community Buildings Membership 1 Apr 25-31 Mar	70.00		101213
12/03/2025	Castle Water	Inv 10005844803: VH water 1-28 Feb 2025	14.16		101214
12/03/2025	C Jackman	Clerk salary Jan-Mar	668.23		101215
12/03/2025	HMRC	Clerk PAYE jan-Mar	167.00		faster payment 4
18/03/2025	HugoFox	Inv .gov.uk emails	20.99		DD19
24/03/2025	ICO	Data protection renewal 2025	47.00		DD20
06/04/2025	Valda Energy	Inv 01248238: vh electricity	67.33		DD1
10/04/2025	Castle Water	Inv 10006153357: VH Water 1 March to 31 March 2025	12.12		101216