

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2026
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

17/26 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr S Gassor

Cllr B Kay

Cllr A Hawes

In attendance:

Unitary Cllr P Fealey

C Jackman, Clerk

6 members of the public

Apologies:

None

Open Forum:

Chair welcomed Unitary Cllr Fealey and those present to the meeting. Unitary Cllr Fealey reported on the following:

- He had 'called in' the **Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)** for the new prison and explained the process and the reasons for the 'call in'. The concerns outlined were recorded at item 4/26 in the Parish Council minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2026.
- The **Local Plan for Buckinghamshire**: he noted that:
 - o Following a call for sites, suitable development sites had been identified.
 - o The council must build 94,000 homes over the next 20 years.
 - o The consultation deadline for comment on the Plan is 16 March.
- An event highlighting **scams** had been held and he is trying to organize a second event focusing **on** the elderly who are especially vulnerable.
- He noted that the Buckinghamshire Council **budget** had been set for the next 3 years, that the council's allocation from government had been reduced by £44m and that 74% of the budget is spent on statutory services.
- He is unhappy with the way that **FixMyStreet** works and gave an example that if a problem is reported to one department on FixMyStreet and forwarded to another department, it automatically disappears from FixMyStreet.

Following questions from Chair regarding whether **speed bumps** would be allowed in the village, Cllr Fealey suggested we write to Bucks Highways for advice. Chair noted that our application to the HS2 road safety fund had been approved and that the new **MVAS** and high friction road markings should be installed in the Spring.

A resident present suggested that we carry out our own fund raising to cover the cost of speed bumps etc. It was pointed out that any work, whoever funds it, would need the approval of Buckinghamshire Highways.

Action: Clerk to write to Bucks Highways for clarification on whether speed bumps are allowed.

Chair thanked UC Fealey for attending the meeting.

6.35pm: Unitary Cllr Fealey left the meeting.

18/26 Members Interests

None.

19/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 January 2026

The Council agreed that the minutes of the above meeting were correct, and the Chairman signed

them.

20/26 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

21/26 Planning (Planning applications/decisions can be found on the Bucks Planning portal:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/building-or-improving-your-property/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>)

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.

PL/26/00615/CONDA | Application for approval of details subject to Condition 5 (Materials)

It was noted that Buckinghamshire Council's Enforcement team had been notified that some hedging had been removed to create a new access without planning consent.

PL/26/01356/AGN | Notification of agricultural or forestry development under Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for 4 no. extensions to existing poultry houses. | Faccenda Chicken Ltd Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0UA: Determination deadline: 17 March 2026.

The Parish Council would not be submitting any comments to the Planners on this application.

PL/26/00581/CONDA | Application for technical details consent regarding approval of Condition 18 (Air Source Heat Pump)

b) Appeals

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

See open forum above.

It also was noted that:

- The bus shelter by the main entrance to Springhill had been moved.
- The drainage work at the new entrance had not been totally successful.
- Concern was expressed that if the CTMP1 is approved, when the HGV numbers would be minimal, this could set a precedent for CTMP2 and CTMP3 when the HGV numbers would be considerably more.
- Our local Member of Parliament and other villages are supporting our views that the route to the new prison should be via the A41 and the Broadway.
- The latest letter on the planning portal from Bucks Highways is not encouraging, as it appears to support the MoJ who are looking for a northern route via Gawcott.
- Access to the new prison via Lawn Hill is now a major concern.
- A provisional completion date is 2030.
- The winter news letter gave a summary of the main points causing concern.

c) Draft Local Plan

See Open Forum above.

22/26 Major Local Infrastructure projects

Rosefield Solar Farm

It was noted that:

- The Claydons Solar Action Group continues to seek local support and has raised £60K towards the cost of professional advice.
- HGV's working on the site will not be allowed through Edgcott and Grendon Underwood.

23/26 Finance

a) Payment and Receipts

Payments of accounts and receipts at **Appendix 1** were noted.

b) Budget 2026-27

Following a question from a resident, Chair explained that the precept request covers the day-to-day expenditure (e.g. street lighting electricity and maintenance, village hall maintenance, clerk's salary, website). Capital items are not funded from the precept but from separate fund raising, for example village hall refurbishment (not day-to-day maintenance) was funded with grants from WREN, VIRIDOR and the National Lottery.

24/26 Village Hall

It was noted that:

- The next Bacon Butty morning will be held on Tuesday 10 March.
- A pop-up pub might be held in April.
- Flowers have been planted in the wooden planter located outside the village hall.
- Lights in the men's toilets have been repaired.
- Work to replace the water pipe in the kitchen is outstanding.
- Outside damp proofing is outstanding, although a final decision of whether to go ahead needs to be made.

25/26 Highways and footways (including public footpaths)

Chair explained to the residents that he and the new Local Area Technician (LAT) (who joined this area last August) had had a "walk-about" and that the issues raised were all under "planned work" but nothing had been completed yet.

a) Pond

Pond work is on hold until the weather improves. It is hoped that when the work is completed it will prevent flooding at the junction.

b) Bird boxes

The bird boxes have been erected at the Pond, by the village hall and at the bottom of Perry Hill.

c) Bush Shelter

It was not known if the roof was leaking onto the murals, but spare sheeting is available if repairs are required.

26/26 Speedwatch

See Open Forum above.

It was noted that:

- At the previous Parish Council meeting a resident had offered to prepare a questionnaire to ask residents for their opinions on any traffic calming measures the Parish Council should take.
- A resident present disputed the average speed of 28 to 32 mph obtained from the MVAS at Buckingham Road.
- If evidence from the MVAS indicates that there is substantial speeding through the village, the police will carry out speed checks.
- Evidence from Speed Watch carried out by residents is not enforceable.
- Whaddon Parish Council had asked for support to get a 20mph speed limit in Bucks, which Buckinghamshire Council do not support.

Action: Chair to write to Whaddon Parish Council to confirm that Edgcott Parish Council will support it and that it is a member of the 20's Plenty Campaign.

27/26 Street Lighting

A quote from SSE via Cardinal Energy had been accepted for the supply of street lighting electricity for one year.

28/26 HS2

Roger Behagg informed the council that he will attend the next HS2 Zoom meeting on 5 March.

29/26 Community Board and sub-groups

a) Community Board

Chair had attended the Zoom meeting on 27 January and hopes to attend a face-to-face meeting on 17 March. No further updates were available.

b) Greatmoor EFW – Community Liaison Group

CLlr RW had attended the meeting on 2 February 2026 and has provided feedback to the councillors. He hopes to attend the next meeting in May.

30/26 Quarterly Newsletter

The Winter newsletter had been delivered.

31/26 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

32/26 Any Other Business

a) Gigaclear

A resident had asked if Gigaclear was going to be available in the future.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Gigaclear.

b) Bucks Film Office

Chair noted that Bucks Film Office has issued details regarding filming in Bucks.

33/26 Date, time, and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on **Monday 13 April 2026**.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Appendix 1

Payments and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
03/02/2026	C Jackman	Clerk Salary January 2026	229.90		76
03/02/2026	HMRC	Clerk PAYE January 2026	57.40		77
10/02/2026	Bucks Council	Lottery		35.50	
18/02/2026	HugoFox	websie emails	20.99		78
23/02/2026	S Gassor	Sloan and Sons: Inv 18 Feb 2026: Memorial bench	224.10		79
23/02/2026	SSE	Inv 04064632: street lighting elec 1 Jan to 31 Jan 2026	148.84		80
05/02/2026	Bucks Council	Inv 2205100633: dog waste collection service 1 Apr 25 to 31	82.00		81
		Bucks council to refund £16.40			
02/03/2026	Village Hall	Contribution towards utility payments		683.35	
02/03/2026	C Jackman	Clerk Salary January 2026	229.90		82
02/03/2026	HMRC	Clerk PAYE January 2026	57.40		83
02/03/2026	Valda Energy	Inv 01742739: vh electric 19 Feb to 18 Mar 2026	52.77		84