

**EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**AT 6PM ON MONDAY 13 January 2025**  
**IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL**

**1/25 Attendance and apologies**

**Attendance:**

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr B Kay

Cllr A Hawes

**In attendance:**

1 Member of the Public

C Jackman, Clerk

**Apologies:**

Cllr S Gassor

**2/25 Members Interests**

None.

**3/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 December 2024**

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

**4/25 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5/25 Planning (2021-24 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.

Confirmation that the travellers are paying Berks, Bucks and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) £42,200 excl VAT to achieve a biodiversity net gain on land at Piddington Road, Ludgershall to offset biodiversity loss at Edgcott is disappointing and it was confirmed that this is within the planning policy framework.

The Development Management, Planning, Growth & Sustainability has confirmed that they will not be commenting on the drainage issues.

It also was noted that there still are outstanding conditions, one of which is the access.

**Action: Clerk to notify Unitary Cllr Angela Macpherson.**

**b) 24/03735/APP** | Erection of 2 dwellings | Yew Tree Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN

The Parish Council noted that it was probably outside the curtilage of the village.

It was noted that the Highways Report had recommended the refusal of this application due to the likely increase in traffic.

**Action: Clerk:**

- **to add to the Bucks Planning Portal the Parish Council's comment.**
- **Write to the Planning Officer expressing the council's disbelief that the Highways Officer has recommended refusal of this planning application because of the increase in traffic which is negligible compared to the increase in traffic from the proposed MEGA prison, HS2 and EWR.**

c) **Appeals**

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

The Parish Council had sent a letter to the CEO of Thames Water regarding its concerns with the drainage at the new prison.

Thames Water's response regarding the sewage works in Grendon Underwood and Marsh Gibbon has been unsatisfactory and confirmed that they are still gathering the information the Parish Council has requested. *[Note: it was agreed that correspondence with Thames Water could be copied to Marsh Gibbon Parish Council.]*

**Action: Parish Council to compile questions/answers and copy to Greg Smith MP for his support.**

MoJ have confirmed that they are carrying out archeology surveys. Bucks Council recommend that Conditions 14 and 15 are not discharged until archeology works are completed and reports supplied. MoJ have confirmed the next working group meeting will be held on Friday 17 January 2025 via ZOOM.

d) The following application was noted:

**24/01994/APP** | Householder application for removal of existing oil boiler and external oil storage fuel tank and installation of an air source heat pump and installation of a solar array to detached garage | Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TU. Refused due to the proposed solar panels spoiling the view from nearby listed buildings.

**6/25 Major Local Infrastructure projects**

a) **Rosefield Solar Farm**

No updates were available.

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

No updates were available.

c) **Statera BESS**

**23/03875/APP**: Statera Energy Development of a battery energy storage system (BESS), connected directly to the National Grid with associated infrastructure including access, drainage, and landscaping at Rookery Farm, Granborough.

It was noted that this application was refused at the Strategic Site Meeting on 19 December. It was not known if Statera would appeal.

d) **Statkraft**

A proposal from Statkraft for "a new Greener Grid Park near East Claydon substation" had been issued. This will be adjacent to the Statera application at Tuckey Farm.

No updates were available.

**7/25 Finance**

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

b) **Electronic Banking**

Clerk is looking into setting up electronic banking.

c) **2025-26 Budget and Precept**

It was agreed not to increase the precept but to leave it at £10,750.

**Action: Clerk to submit request to Bucks Council.**

**8/25 Village Hall**

No updates were available due to the absence of Cllr Gassor.

**9/25 Highways and footways (including public footpaths)**

a) **Roads and Footpaths**

None of the issues raised by Chair and Cllr Hawes at the meeting with the Local Area Technician (LAT) had been addressed.

**Action: Clerk to write to Bucks Council with a list of the issues raised.**

**b) Air Quality**

The Parish Council has not been notified whether it has been included in this year's air quality surveys.

**Action: Clerk to investigate carrying out our own air quality survey.**

**10/25 Speedwatch**

The Nationwide 20's Plenty campaign is still running and councillors noted that the Ward Councillor from Wing still is actively trying to get 20mph limits in Bucks.

**Action: Councillors to monitor.**

**11/25 Street Lighting**

There were no updates to report.

**12/25 HS2**

It was noted that the results of the HS2 Road Safety Fund applications have not been released.

**Action: Clerk to raise again at the Bucks Clerks Forum.**

It was noted that the results of the Air Quality Survey carried out at Calvert Green by HS2 were within the legal limits.

**Action: Clerk to raise at the Bucks Clerks Forum.**

**13/25 East West Rail (EWR)**

No updates were available.

**14/25 Community Board and sub-groups**

**a) Community Board**

No updates were available.

**b) Energy from Waste Meeting**

Following the cancellation of the Energy from Waste Meeting scheduled for 14 October, a meeting has been scheduled for 16 January.

**15/25 Street Furniture/Pond**

**a) Bus Shelter**

It was noted that:

- Some repair work at the bus shelter still is needed.
- The area around the grit bin adjacent to the bus shelter needs cutting back.

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

- R Behagg had spoken to HS2 who had agreed to the wording for a plaque to commemorate the work.

**Action: Chair to order the plaque and arrange for it to be fitted to the bus shelter.**

**b) Pond**

No updates were available.

**16/25 Quarterly Newsletter**

The next Newsletter the Spring 2025 edition.

**17/25 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations**

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

**18/25 Any Other Business**

**Litter Pick**

Cllr Kay had been liaising with the scouts to carry out a litter pick on 25<sup>th</sup> March. It was noted that the scouts would only carry out the litter pick within the area where there is a path and will be supervised by the Scout Leader. It was hoped that HS2 would continue to litter pick in the areas where there is not a path. Cllr Hawes noted that there was a lot of litter along the road towards Quainton.

**19/25 Date, time, and venue of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 24 February 2025.

**The meeting closed at 7.30pm.**

**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	Awaiting decision
22/01899/APP	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood	Awaiting decision
22/01900/ALB	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood	Awaiting decision
22/03384/AOP	Littleton Manor Farm Bicester Road North-West Of Waddesdon	Awaiting decision
23/C1151/DIS	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Does not satisfy requirements
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	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
24/03263/VRC	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Awaiting decision
24/03420/APP	Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Awaiting decision
24/03735/APP	Yew Tree Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Awaiting decision
24/03864/APP	2 Leonards Close Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTZ	Awaiting decision

**Appendix 2**

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
27/12/2024	Valda Energy	Inv 01123487: VH electricity 19 Dec 24 to 18 Jan 25	65.64		DD16
07/01/2025	Bucks Council	Lottery		42.50	
13/01/2025	SLCC	Inv MEM252284-2: 2025 SLCC Membership renewal	43.70		101206
13/01/2025	C Jackman	Inv 123 email 4 Jan 25: Domain name renewal	14.39		101207
13/01/2025	Castle Water	Inv 10005210318: VH Water 1 Dec to 31 Dec 24	12.12		101208