

**EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**AT 6PM ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2024**  
**IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL**

**186/24 Attendance and apologies**

**Attendance:**

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr B Kay

Cllr S Gassor

Cllr A Hawes

**In attendance:**

1 Member of the Public

C Jackman, Clerk

**Apologies:**

None

**187/24 Members Interests**

None.

**188/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28 October 2024**

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

**189/24 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**190/24 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.

The Parish Council wrote to Unitary Cllr Angela Macpherson (UC AM) asking for clarification why 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.

Clarification of how the travellers site meets S106 criteria was also requested.

UC AM forwarded a response from the Development Manager (Acting), Development Management, Planning, Growth & Sustainability via Cllr. Peter Strachan, Wendover, Halton & Stoke Mandeville Ward, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration. However, this was not clear and more clarification was requested.

It also was noted that there still are outstanding conditions.

**Action: Clerk to write to UC AM requesting further clarification. Chair to review the NPPF for more information.**

**b) 22/01900/ALB:** Location: HM Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 0TL. Proposal: Listed Building application to demolish existing boiler house. Proposed development of two new houseblocks, training centre, staff offices, kitchen storage building and associated car parking and landscaping, alternation and reinstating existing wall. Decision: The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) does not recommend the approval of details subject to Condition 4 in relation to surface water drainage. The Sustainable Drainage Officer has requested that the applicant views its website where the requirements are clearly stated

c) **Appeals**

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

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

A response from Thames Water had been received stating that *“we reached out to different areas of the business to gain a substantive update to address your concerns. We have almost gathered all the responses to your questions, but we are waiting on information from different areas of the business to provide a full response. Once all questions have been answered, I will update you as soon as possible”* and promised a response by 12 December.

MoJ had informed the Parish Council that they had sent a letter to residents informing them of the proposed installation of a Welfare Unit and other work in early December.

The next meeting with the MoJ is scheduled for January 2025 via ZOOM.

The following applications were noted:

**24/03420/APP** | Change of use of agricultural yard for siting of three two berth touring caravans (retrospective) | Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA

The Parish Council will not be commenting on this application as it is in Grendon Underwood.

**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 OTU. Awaiting a decision

**24/01995/ALB** | Listed building application for removal of existing oil boiler and external oil storage fuel tank and installation of an air source heat pump | Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTU. Permission Granted.

**191/24 Major Local Infrastructure projects**

a) **Rosefield Solar Farm**

**It was noted that:**

- The Parish Council had made two submissions to the Rosefield Farm Consultation. The second submission emphasized the council's concern regarding the construction route.
- Chair had attended the presentation by the Claydon Solar Action Group on 9 November.

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.

A Strategic Site Meeting will be held on 19 December to consider this application.

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.

**192/24 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 noted that the deadline for submission of the precept request to Bucks Council is 31 January 2025.

d) **VE Day Celebrations**

It was noted that any costs for VE Day Celebrations would come out of reserve funds and allocated to S137.

### 193/24 Village Hall

Cllr Gassor noted the following events:

- Bacon Butty morning: 3 December.
- Santa Visit: 5 December.
- Carols in the village hall: 13 December.
- Pop-up pub Jan or Feb 2025.

It was noted that the:

- fence had been repaired,
- lock on store cupboard is difficult to open,
- pipe in kitchen still needs to be repaired.

**Action: Chair to speak to A Benfield regarding the above repairs.**

### 194/24 Highways and footways (including public footpaths)

#### a) Roads and Footpaths

It was noted that Chair and Cllr Hawes had met the Local Area Technician (LAT) and raised the following issues:

- Speeding on Lawn Hill.
- Maintenance of footpaths.
- Traffic calming on Buckingham Road still needs repair and the debris left from the recent accident needs to be removed.
- Stone Road hedge cutting.
- Pond cleaning: It was hoped to get this completed by the Spring. *[Note: The Parish Council would not take on the full responsibility of the pond area, including the vision splay as it did not want to be responsible should there be any accidents in the area.]*

It also was noted that:

- Chair had tried to follow up the actions with the LAT but she is not responding to emails.
- The hedge at the top of Lawn Hill needs cutting back by British Telecom.
- A Lime Tree had been 'hacked' down on Stone Road. It appears that the work was carried out by the power company as some branches were close to overhead cables. This could have been carried out more sympathetically and it is hoped that the tree will start re-shooting.
- Bucks Council plan to close Stone Road for three days in December for ditching work. It is not clear if this includes the Pond.
- Some footpaths have been cleared.

#### b) Flooding/Ice

Following the recent icy weather, it was noted that Bucks Council is responsible for filling the grit bins.

#### c) Devolved Services

It was agreed not to sign up to the Bucks Council's Devolved Services Agreement.

#### d) Air Quality

Bucks Council had informed the Parish Council that air quality surveys are carried out and will be informed if Edgcott is included after the conclusion of this year's review. It was suggested that if Edgcott is not included then the Parish Council should look into its own survey.

### 195/24 Speedwatch

The Parish Council is still waiting to hear if it has been allocated additional MVAS from the HS2 Road Safety Fund.

**Action: Cllr Gassor will download the information from the current MVAS.**

### 196/24 Street Lighting

There were no updates to report.

### 197/24 HS2

Chair read an email from a resident complaining about the number of HS2 lorries, believing that HS2 is exceeding its allocated number of journeys.

**Actions: Roger Behagg agreed to ask HS2 for specific numbers.**

**Chair to respond to the resident pointing out that the Parish Council is pushing Bucks Council and HS2 to retain the access road from Fleet Marston to Steeple Claydon which would reduce the number of vehicles travelling through Edgcott.**

**198/24 East West Rail (EWR)**

It was noted that EWR has issued details of a consultation to run between 14 November 2024 and 24 January 2025 on plans to increase the number of trains and to electrify some of the line between Oxford and Cambridge.

**Action: Councillors to monitor to ensure construction materials are delivered by rail and not via the Broadway and Edgcott.**

**199/24 Community Board and sub-groups**

**a) Community Board**

The minutes of the last Community Board had been circulated. The minutes noted that before a decision regarding the Waddesdon Freight Zone is made, the results of the Ivinghoe Freight Zone would be reviewed.

**b) Energy from Waste Meeting**

Following the cancellation of the Energy from Waste Meeting scheduled for 14 October, a new meeting date had not been announced.

**200/24 Street Furniture/Pond**

**a) Bus Shelter**

It was noted that:

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

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

- A plaque to commemorate the mural is needed

**Action: R Behagg to speak to HS2 to arrange for the plaque to be provided.**

**b) Pond**

See 194 above.

**201/24 Quarterly Newsletter**

The next Newsletter will be produced in early 2025.

**202/24 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations**

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

**203/24 Any Other Business**

**HMP Springhill and HMP Grendon Carol Services**

It was noted that an invitation to the Carol Services had been received. Clerk said she would probably attend the service. Cllr Hawes indicated that if she was free she might also go.

**204/24 Date, time, and venue of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 13 January 2025.

**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
23/03875/APP	Rookery Farm Granborough Buckinghamshire MK18 3NJ	Awaiting decision
23/C1151/DIS	Discharge of Condition 4 (drainage) of Planning Permission 23/01151/APP   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 HP18 OTA	Withdrawn/Not Proceeded With
24/01994/APP	Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTU	Awaiting decision
24/01995/ALB	Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTU	Consent Granted
24/02241/TDC	Lea House Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTT	Awaiting decision
24/03263/VRC	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Awaiting

**Appendix 2**

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
05/11/2024	Bucks Council	Lottery		34.00	
05/11/2024	EC Village Hall	Contribution to vh utility payments		90.93	
29/10/2024	A Hawes	Paint for bus shelter refurbishment	23.25		101201
02/12/2024	Castle Water	Inv 10003974752: vh Water 1 - 31 Oct 2024	15.33		101202
02/12/2024	C Jackman	Clerk Salary Oct/Nov/Dec plus back pay to 1 Apr 24	734.79		101203
02/12/2024	HMRC	Clerk PAYE Oct/Nov/Dec	183.60		Faster Payment 3