

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2025
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

169/25 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr B Kay

Cllr S Gassor

In attendance:

C Jackman, Clerk

1 member of the public

Apologies:

Cllr A Hawes

Unitary Cllr Patrick Fealey

Open Forum:

None.

170/25 Members Interests

None.

171/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 November 2025

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

172/25 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

173/25 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.

Condition 2 has now been partially satisfied. 2b and 2c regarding drainage are outstanding and no updates were available.

b) Appeals

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

It was noted that:

- Edgcott and Grendon Underwood Parish Councils had objected to Condition 10, Construction Transport Management Plan. The MoJ continue to look at the northern route (through Gawcott and Edgcott) citing the low bridges on the A41. The Parish Councils are pushing for the route to be via the A41 and believe that the low bridges should not be a problem.
- Councils believe that it is imperative that Bucks Council Highways refuse the MoJ proposal and refuse any requests for an access point off Lawn Hill.
- Greg Smith (GS), MP, has offered to write to the MoJ regarding a roundabout at the junction of the Broadway and A41 but no update has been received.

- An email to Dev Control dated 24 November regarding a planning application in respect of the new prison and the procedures to follow has received no response.
- The National Grid had contacted the Council regarding a power supply from the Charndon sub-station. However, Council believed that the power supply would be from Waddesdon.

Actions: Chair to write to Unitary Cllrs Fealey and Mahon for clarification of the electrical supply and an update on the email to Dev Control on the 24th November.

Roger Behagg will contact MoJ for clarification on outstanding queries before the next meeting with the MoJ on 13 January 2026.

c) **Draft Local Plan**

No updates were available. This item can be removed from the agenda.

174/25 Major Local Infrastructure projects

Rosefield Solar Farm

It was noted that:

- the Development Consent Order (DCO) is being considered by the Planning Inspectorate.
- The Claydons Solar Action Group continues to seek local support and is raising funds to engage professional help.

175/25 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

b) **Budget 2026-27**

The draft budget was approved, and the precept request will remain as the 2025-26 request i.e. £10,750.

Action: Clerk to submit precept request.

176/25 Village Hall

It was noted that:

- The committee had helped with the Autumn Fayre.
- The December Bacon Butty morning had been a great success, and the next one will be on the first Tuesday in January 2026.
- Father Christmas had called and any contribution from the collection will go towards the spring bulbs.
- Christmas Carols will be held at 6pm on 23 December.
- A committee meeting will be held in the new year to discuss the programme for 2026.
- The smoke alarm will be inspected in the new year.
- Clerk is dealing with Castle Water as the meter readings following the installation of the new water meter are not making sense.

Action: Clerk to make enquiries about the village hall electricity supply with the street lighting broker.

177/25 Highways and footways (including public footpaths)

a) **Roads and Footpaths**

It was noted that:

- Issues at the Pond, including the damaged direction signs, had been reported on FixMyStreet on 5 November and again on 8 December but nothing has been addressed.
- Chair had written to our Local Area Technician on 4 November asking for an update on when the work identified on the walk about in August would be carried out but had not had a response.
- The two traffic calmings, and particularly the one in Buckingham Road, both require repairs which have been pending for months despite reporting on FixMyStreet.

Action: Chair to write to our Unitary Cllrs to chase for a response.

- A response to our email of 7 November requesting maps and an update on cultivation licenses had not been received.

Action: Chair to write to our Unitary Cllrs to chase for a response.

- It was noted that Thames Water had been working on Stone Road near the pond and by the chicken farm.
- Cllr Hawes had planted the daffodil bulbs.

178/25 Speedwatch

A resident had asked for the mobile sign to be moved to Grendon Road and speed bumps installed in the village. A response had been sent pointing out that we were in the process of getting additional signs. Chair had written to Bucks Council for advice on the speed bumps but the response was not helpful. He also had written to our Unitary Cllrs for clarification on Bucks Policy but had not received a response.

Action: Chair to write to our Unitary Cllrs to chase for a response.

179/25 Street Lighting

Clerk is getting quotes for the street lighting electricity contract which expires in January 2026.

180/25 HS2

a) MVAS: HS2 Road Safety Fund application

The council's application to the HS2 road safety fund for the three additional MVAS has been successful. We have been informed that there is another consultation before we get the MVAS in the Spring.

b) HS2 Visitor Centre

It was noted that the HS2 Visitor Centre on Tuesday 18 November was cancelled on the day due to vehicle problems.

c) HS2 Reset

Roger Behagg had attended a meeting and been advised that there is to be a 'reset' and that there will be a reduction in HS2 movements by the end of 2026.

181/25 East West Rail (EWR)

Nothing to report.

Action: Clerk to remove from the agenda.

182/25 Community Board and sub-groups

a) Community Board

The next on-line meeting will be on 27 Jan, and a face-to-face meeting will be held on 17 March. No further updates were available.

b) Greatmoor EFW – Community Liaison Group

Cllr Webster had not received a response to his question about why there was a massive heap of soil near the incinerator.

183/25 Quarterly Newsletter

The next newsletter will be produced in January 2026.

184/25 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

185/25 Any Other Business

a) Buckingham Recycling Centre

It was noted that the Buckingham Recycling Centre had been temporarily closed for maintenance work and that bags had been delivered to enable residents to dispose of their waste. However, it was unclear what could be put into the bags.

186/25 Date, time, and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall on Monday 26 January 2026.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Payments and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
12/11/2025	Bucks Council	Lottery		£36.00	
06/11/2025	Valda Energy	Inv 01552796: vh elec 19 Oct to 18 Nov 2025	£30.15		57
11/11/2025	ENC	Inv 0886: Street Light No 6 repair	£477.60		58
18/11/2025	SSE	Inv 3678684: Street lighting elec 1 Oct 2025 to 31 Oct 2025	£127.17		59
18/11/2025	Castle Water	Inv 10008271566: VH Water 1 Oct 2025 to 31 Oct 2025	£42.57		60
18/11/2025	HugoFox	Domain 10 Email	£20.99		61
02/12/2025	C Jackman	Clerk Salary November 2025	£229.90		62
02/12/2025	HMRC	Clerk PAYE November 2025	£57.40		63
07/12/2025	Valda Energy	Inv 0159960027/11/2025 vh elec 19 Nov 2025 to 18 Dec 2025	£67.56		64
03/12/2025	HMRC	VAT rerund		£1,063.77	
03/12/2025	Bucks Council	Lottery		£41.50	
14/12/2025	SSE	Inv 3802457: street lighting elec 1 Nov 2025 to 31 Nov 2025	£139.60		65