

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2026
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

1/26 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr S Gassor

In attendance:

C Jackman, Clerk

3 members of the public

Apologies:

Cllr A Hawes

Cllr B Kay

Unitary Cllr Patrick Fealey

Unitary Cllr Frank Mahon

Open Forum:

None.

1/25 Members Interests

None.

2/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 December 2025

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

3/26 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4/26 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.

Chair outlined the current status of the above planning application for the benefit of the residents who were present:

- Condition 2 has now been partially satisfied. 2b and 2c regarding drainage are outstanding and no updates were available.
- £50K was awarded to Bucks, Berks & Oxfordshire Wild Life Trust as a “bio diversity net gain” for the biodiversity lost in Edgcott.

b) Appeals

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

Chair outlined the current status and the Parish Council’s major concerns of the above planning application for the benefit of the residents who were present:

- 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 to be the reason because of occasional high loads. The Parish Councils are pushing for the route to be via the A41 and believe that the low bridges should not be a problem and the route through Gawcott should only be for abnormal loads.
- The Parish Councils believe that it is imperative that Bucks Council Highways refuses the MoJ proposal and refuse any requests for an access point off Lawn Hill. The MoJ is requesting access to the construction site off Lawn Hill as they are stating that there is a “pinch point” on the new haul road.
- The Parish Councils have objected to the S106 planning application which includes the A41/Broadway improvements which are considered inadequate and Greg Smith, 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 Development Control at Bucks Council, 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. Chair had written to Unitary Cllrs Fealey and Mahon for clarification on this and an update on the email to Development Control on the 24th November but had not received a response.
- Condition 37, Surface Water Drainage: the Parish Councils are concerned that the MoJ are relying on existing ditches and the overloaded River Ray to cope with surface water and an objection has been submitted.
- Foul drainage is also a concern as neither the pumping station at Stone Road nor the Marsh Gibbon sewage treatment works have the capacity to cope with the additional load from the new prison. Thames Water have been given 30 weeks to propose a resolution to the problem.
- All of these concerns will be outlined in the next village newsletter.

c) **Draft Local Plan**

It was noted that Bucks Council are refusing occupation of new developments until all utility services are in place.

5/26 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.
- The Planning Inspector has issued an email to interested parties containing: “Invitation to the preliminary meeting, notification of hearings and procedural decisions”.

6/26 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

b) **Budget 2026-27**

The precept request for £10,750 has been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council.

7/26 Village Hall

It was noted that:

- The next Bacon Butty morning will be held on Tuesday 3 February.
- It was agreed not to buy “bleed kits”.
- The lighting in the toilets seemed to be working intermittently.

8/26 Highways and footways (including public footpaths)

a) **Roads and Footpaths**

Chair outlined the current status of the outstanding Bucks Council work for the benefit of the residents who were present:

- 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.

b) Litter

It was agreed to ask the Scouts to do a litter pick.

Action: Cllr SG to contact the scouts.

c) Bird boxes

The bird boxes would be put in place in February.

d) Daffodils

It was extremely disappointing that current hedge cutting had cut up the verges, caused damage to some electricity poles, and ruined the areas where the daffodils had been planted.

9/26 Speedwatch

A resident, present at the meeting, was concerned about the speed of traffic and the fact that four cats had been killed on Grendon Road. She asked for traffic calming similar to that in Charndon be installed. It was noted that the Parish Council had been looking into this but had not had a definitive answer from Bucks Council. The resident agreed to send Cllr SG suggestions for a village questionnaire.

Councillors were disappointed at the length of time it was taking for three additional MVAS to be installed.

Action: Cllr SG to put a questionnaire in the next Newsletter asking residents for their opinions on any traffic calming measures the Parish Council should take.

10/26 Street Lighting

Quotes for the new street lighting electricity contract had been received but did not make any sense: one was for £760 and one was for £2,500, a third had been promised but not received.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

11/26 HS2

Wood Planter

HS2 had donated a wooden planter.

Action: Cllrs to agree on a location for the planter bearing in mind that it cannot go onto Bucks Council owned verges.

12/26 Community Board and sub-groups

a) Community Board

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

b) Greatmoor EFW – Community Liaison Group

The next meeting is on 2 February 2026.

13/26 Quarterly Newsletter

The next newsletter is in hand.

14/26 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

15/26 Any Other Business

a) East West Rail

It was noted that Bletchley has been proposed for the location of the maintenance depot.

16/26 Date, time, and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 9 March 2026.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Appendix 1

Payments and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
05/01/2026	C Jackman	Clerk Salary December 2025	229.90		66
05/01/2026	HMRC	Clerk PAYE December 2025	57.40		67
06/01/2026	Valda Energy	Inv 01645943: VH elec 19 Dec 25 to 18 Jan 26	81.66		68
12/01/2026	C Jackman	Website domain name renewal	15.59		69
12/01/2026	Bucks Council	Inv 2205099584: dog waste collection service 1 Apr 25 to 3	98.40		70
12/01/2026	SLCC	Inv MEM257116-10	44.00		71
22/01/2026	SSE	Inv IV03928508: street lighting elec 1 Dec to 31 Dec 2025	153.96		72
19/01/2026	HugoFox	Domain 10 Email	20.99		73
13/01/2026	Bucks Council	Lottery		44.50	
	HugoFox	Domain 10 Email	20.99		74
27/01/2026	Valda Energy	Inv 01694078: VH elec 19 Jan to 18 Feb 2026	37.16		75