

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 30 JUNE 2025
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

91/25 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)
Cllr R Webster
Cllr B Kay
Cllr S Gassor
Cllr A Hawes

In attendance:

Unitary Cllr Patrick Fealey
2 members of the public
C Jackman, Clerk

Apologies:

None

Open Forum:

Chair welcomed the public and Cllr Fealey to the meeting and explained that those present usually contributed to items as they occurred.

Cllr Fealey explained that he was unable to stay for the whole meeting and went on to note the following:

a) Local Elections

He wishes to encourage more residents to come forward to be councillors as none of the local parishes had been contested and some still had vacancies.

b) Community Boards

Due to the larger areas the boards now cover, the focus of the boards will be on community engagement to improve local places for communities. They will work with partners and internal Buckinghamshire Council services to understand local issues and establish priorities to help resolve or improve them. Board Managers will be contacting parishes for their priorities.

c) Planning

Following the recent council elections, he is now Chair of the Aylesbury Vale Planning Committee and a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

He noted that currently there are a lot of speculative applications including the BESS proposals around the East Claydon/ Granborough area. A recent application (23/03875/APP by Statera Energy) refused by Bucks Council has gone to appeal and will be heard on 22 July. He had attended a meeting with parishes and Buckinghamshire's Deputy Chief Fire Officer to discuss the fire safety issues associated with the application and the effect of the proposal on the community.

d) 20mph speed limits

He noted that Buckinghamshire Council would not be supporting a 20mph speed limit throughout Buckinghamshire due to the high cost of introducing one and bearing in mind other cost commitments. Chair noted that a referendum would have to be held in Edgcott before a 20mph could be introduced even if Bucks did support it.

e) Local Area Technician

He noted that we would be getting a new Local Area Technician.

6.30pm: Cllr Fealey left the meeting.

92/25 Members Interests

None.

93/25 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 12 May 2025

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

94/25 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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97/25 Planning (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.

Concern was expressed that there are two planning applications outstanding relating to Ecology (24/03263/VRC) and Sustainable Drainage (22/D3098/DIS). The time limit for submitting applications for the other conditions, particularly the proposed new vehicular access, has expired.

Action: Chair to draft a letter to send to Bucks Council's Enforcement Team asking when the above will be addressed.

b) Appeals

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

Chair noted the following:

- On-going enquiries with Thames Water have confirmed that the Marsh Gibbon STW is close to capacity and the local foul and surface water drainage facilities are inadequate and will be unable to cope with the massive demands from the new Mega Prison and proposed new housing in Marsh Gibbon.
- The drainage issues had been raised at the recent MoJ drop-in session.

Action: Chair to draft a letter to Greg Smith MP, to ask for his support in getting the drainage issues resolved.

- The distribution\location of the "The New Prison Programme" leaflet packs by the MoJ had been queried prior to the drop-in sessions.
- It was also noted that the Joint Working Group had been sent a copy of the latest engagement letter by email for any questions even though the letter to all local residents was already in the post.
- Survey work off Lawn Hill has already started involving the movement of HGV's which the Parish Council had originally been told would only involve motor vehicles.
- The next engagement session with the MoJ will be held on 18th July when all the above issues will be raised.

It was noted that Maids Moreton Parish Council have taken Bucks Council to court following its approval for housing when Anglia Water had objected.

A meeting was held with Bucks Council planners and the Joint Working Group representatives on 5th June when the latest position was discussed.

98/25 Major Local Infrastructure projects

25/01297/APP | Construction of a greener grid park comprising energy storage and grid balancing equipment and associated infrastructure including access, drainage, landscaping and other incidental works | Land North Of East Claydon Substation East Claydon Road East Claydon Buckinghamshire
The Parish Council has submitted an objection to the above application by Statkraft.

23/03875/APP by Statera Energy (the Applicant) Development of a battery energy storage system (BESS), connected directly to the national Grid with associated infrastructure including access, drainage and landscaping. Rookery Farm, Granborough, Buckinghamshire, MK18 3NJ.
See Open Forum above.

Rosefield Solar Farm

It was noted that the size of the proposed site had been reduced from 2100 to 1689 acres and the proposal would be submitted via a Development Consent Order.

National Grid Sub-Station Replacement

It was noted that East Claydon Parish Council is concerned that there are currently no plans for the old site which East Claydon PC hopes will not be left as a wreck.

99/25 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

b) **Electronic Banking**

Clerk is in discussions with Barclays Bank to set up electronic banking.

100/25 AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Review)

The AGAR had been approved by the internal auditor.

In accordance with the current regulations, Edgcott Parish Council has declared itself exempt from sending the completed AGAR to the external auditor for a limited assurance review and has completed the Certificate of Exemption for submission to the external auditor. The council confirmed that:

- a) The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Clerk and Chair.
- b) The Annual Accounting Statement had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and was approved and signed by the Chair.

Action: Clerk to Forward the Certificate of Exemption to the external auditor and display the relevant documents on the notice board and website.

101/25 Village Hall

Cllr Gassor noted the following items and events:

- 1 July: Bacon Butty Morning. The start time of future events may be later.
- 2 August: Pop up pub.
- 17 August: Church Cream Teas with help from the committee.
- A cleaning contractor had been identified at a cost of £24/hour + VAT.
- Pipework in the kitchen still is outstanding.
- The fence had been repaired.

102/25 Highways and footways (including public footpaths)

a) **Roads and Footpaths**

The following were noted:

- The bollards at the Buckingham Road traffic calming have recently been flattened and reported on FixMyStreet.

- Cutting back of vision splays needs attention particularly at Lawn Hill.

Action: Chair to liaise with the new Local Area Technician.

- Some overgrown hedges need a proper tractor to carry out the work but will just be trimmed manually until the nesting season is over.
- A grass cutting schedule had been issued stating that there would be 3 vision splay cuts. It was expected that there would be 3 cuts to the village grass plus whatever was needed at vision splays.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllr Mahon to query this.

- The drain/gulley clearance along Stone Road was outstanding.

Action: To be added to the list for the new Local Area Technician.

103/25 Speedwatch

No updates were available. See Open Forum above.

104/25 Street Lighting

There were no updates to report.

105/25 HS2

a) MVAS

AtkinsRéalis have been commissioned by Buckinghamshire Council to undertake a feasibility study of the applications received for the HS2 Road Safety Fund Tranche 3. Chair had met a representative from AtkinsRéalis to go through the exact nature of our request and to explain what the actual problem is that we are trying to resolve. Following the meeting, Chair seemed hopeful that we would get the MVAS.

b) Mobile Visitor Centre

Chair had attended HS2 Mobile Visitor Centre on 12 June. The response to a request to help with the work at the Pond was not favourable.

c) Vehicle Movements

HS2 HGV's continue to be an issue, and it is not understood why they are not using the haul road instead of Lawn Hill.

Action: Cllr Hawes will continue to monitor the vehicle movements and liaise with Roger Behagg to try to resolve the issue with HS2

106/25 East West Rail (EWR)

It was noted that there will be a Statutory Consultation next year and that there are some delays to the official opening of the line.

107/25 Community Board and sub-groups

See open forum above.

108/25 Street Furniture/Pond

Councillors Kay and Harper had met the Local Area Technician at The Pond recently and explained to her all of the works still required.

109/25 Quarterly Newsletter

It was suggested that a summer edition be issued in August.

110/25 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

111/25 Any Other Business

a) CLG Meeting

It was noted that the next CLG meeting was planned for 7 July.

b) Broadband

It was noted that Gigaclear currently are in the area and when a representative attended a PC meeting last year they indicated that Gigaclear would engage with the Parish Council when they had more information.

c) HMP

It was noted that people had been seen 'dropping off' items adjacent to the prison and that the prison authority had been informed.

d) Air pollution

Following a question from the resident present, Chair explained that the Parish Council had been informed by Bucks Council and HS2 that they were unable to carry out air pollution monitoring. The resident said that she would make enquiries with an air monitoring source.

112/25 Date, time, and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall on Monday 11 August 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

STATUS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (includes 2020-22 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

Reference	Address	Status
24/03263/VRC	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Awaiting decision
24/03420/APP	Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Refused
24/03735/APP	Yew Tree Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Refused
24/03864/APP	2 Leonards Close Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTZ	Approved
25/00268/PIP	May House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Approved
25/00937/APP	Land Adj Old Manor Farm Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Awaiting decision

Appendix 2

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
06/04/2025	Valda Energy	Inv 01248238: vh electricity	67.33		DD1
08/04/2025	Bucks Council	Lotery		42.50	
10/04/2025	Castle Water	Inv 10006153357: VH Water 1 March to 31 March 2025	12.12		101216
01/04/2025	Hugo Fox	Inv 13527: HF Bronze website subscription 2025-26	143.86		DD2
11/04/2025	Bucks Council	1st precept payment		5375.00	
14/04/2025	MGPC	Barclays Bank Error		1000.00	
22/04/2025	Hugo Fox	Inv 137480: Domain email	20.99		DD3
24/04/2025	BMKALC	Inv 5940: BMKALC & NALC Subscription 2025-26 FY	44.66		101217
22/04/2025	HMRC	Clerk PAYE: April M1	55.60		Faster Payment 1
07/05/2025	Valda Energy	Inv 01290315: VH elect 19 apr to 18 May 2025	30.63		DD4
12/05/2025	C Jackman	Clerk Salary: April M1	222.81		101218
12/05/2025	Castle Water	Inv 10006448280: VH Water 1 April to 30 May 2025	12.67		101219
25/05/2025	Hugo Fox	Inv 14596: Domain / email	20.99		DD4
07/05/2025	Bucks Council	Lotery		39.50	
	HMRC	Clerk PAYE: May M2	55.60		Faster Payment 2