

Edington Parish Council

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Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Edington Parish Council on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 7.15pm in Edington School Room
Members of the public wishing to speak should raise their hand to attract the Chairman's attention

AGENDA

1. Present and consideration of apologies received
2. Declarations of interest and consideration of any dispensations required
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Updates arising from previous meetings and not listed
5. Somerset Councillors' Reports
6. Local Community Networks (LCNs) and Enhanced Highway Maintenance (EHM)
7. BTMG (Brian Tilbury Memorial Ground on the Nidon)
8. Highways & Flooding
 - a. Speed Indicator Device (SID)
 - b. Chandlers Lane/Holywell Road bend
 - c. Flooding
 - d. Nidon Lane
 - e. Enhanced Highway Maintenance (EHM)
 - f. Additional grit
 - g. Broadmead Lane - large stones in road
 - h. Problems arising and any other highway matters
9. Planning -
 - a. 26/24/00005 - Proposal: Erection of workshop on site of existing garage (to be demolished) - Torgyle, Holywell Road - This application arrived too late to add to the previous agenda. Granted permission.
 - b. 26/25/00001 - Overhead Electric Line - land South of Broadway - Delegated with no objections
 - c. Any other planning matters
10. Footpaths
11. Polden Environmental Network (PEN)
12. Defibrillator/Critical Bleed Kit
13. Holy Well and Commemorative Seat
14. Garden competitions
15. Village Cleanup
16. Finance
 - a. Accounts check (statements awaited)
 - b. Cheques for signature - incl. Clerks salary and expenses; second half of Stepping Out costs
 - c. Bank mandate
 - d. Any other finance matters
17. Items for information, circulation, distribution
18. Urgent correspondence
19. Items for next meeting(s)
20. Date of next meeting - Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7.15 in Edington School Room (beginning in April meetings will generally take place in the Committee Room at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm). In May the Annual Parish Meeting will start at 6.30pm and be followed by the Parish Council meeting.

Julia Marshall

Clerk to Edington Parish Council

7 February 2025

"Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights."

- 23/24/ 210 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Charlesworth (in the Chair), Heale, Welch, Gowing and Vine.
- 23/24/ 211 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none.
- 23/24/ 212 **ALSO PRESENT** - 0 members of the public, 0 Somerset Councillors.
- 23/24/ 213 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24/ 214 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Charlesworth declared an interest in the future venue of our meetings.
- 23/24/ 215 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - confirmed and signed.
- 23/24/ 216 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 23/24/ 217 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - Neither Somerset Councillor was present.
- 23/24/ 218 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK (LCN) & ENHANCED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (EHM)** - the next LCN meeting is on 20th January. Cllr Welch would attend.
- 23/24/ 219 **BRIAN TILBURY MEMORIAL GROUND (BTMG)** - The logs on the West plot were being removed by somebody. The roadside 'hedge' needs sorting out. Cllrs Heale and Welch would meet with a knowledgeable villager to discuss the best method.
- 23/24/ 220 **HIGHWAYS AND FLOODING**
- Speed Indicator Device - Cllr Charlesworth had not been able to do anything about this yet but would put it in hand.
 - Flooding - Cllr Vine had spoken to a local landowner who agreed to look at his ditches. Cllr Charlesworth has asked Mr Gill to call her again. The ditches in a field which had been causing concern would be cleared by the person responsible. The School Room field leasers would be contacted by Cllr Welch after she and Cllr Heale had been to look at the problem when they also look at the Nidon hedge.
 - Nidon Lane - still nothing has happened.
 - Problems Arising and any Other Highway Matters - we are running out of bags of grit. The Clerk would contact Highways to try and get either several bags or a dumpy bag. The grit bins had needed topping up with grit from our supply leading to this shortfall.
- 23/24/ 221 **PLANNING**
- 26/24/00005 - Erection of workshop on site of existing garage (to be demolished) - Torgyle, Holywell Road - Following consultation the Clerk had responded supporting this application. She had looked on the Planning Portal and Highways had some reservations.
 - Any Other Planning Matters - none.
- 23/24/ 222 **FOOTPATHS** - Mr Olive reported on the fallen waymarker at the Pumping Station. It was agreed that Willing Helpers be asked to reinstate this and the Council agreed to the purchase of Postcrete or similar.
- 23/24/ 223 **POLDEN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (PEN)** - nothing to report.
- 23/24/ 224 **DEFIBRILLATOR/CRITICAL BLEED KIT** - Cllr Charlesworth reported that she had not yet been able to sort the lock out. She would give it urgent attention.
- 23/24/ 225 **WILLING HELPERS** - to be removed from the agenda.
- 23/24/ 226 **GARDEN COMPETITIONS** - Tallest sunflower competition for children. (These would need measuring all on the same day.) Hanging basket or garden tub competition for adults.

These to be visible without entering private property. Judging to take place on 22nd August 2025. Cllr Charlesworth would arrange advertising. Children's awards need purchasing. The Hanging Basket cup for adults.

23/24/ 227 **PRESENT** - Cllr Charlesworth left the room.

23/24/ 228 **VENUE FOR MEETINGS IN NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR** - Following discussion it was agreed that the venue should change after the March meeting. Future meetings to be held in the Committee Room at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

23/24/ 229 **PRESENT** - Cllr Charlesworth returned to the room.

23/24/ 230 **HOLYWELL AND COMMEMORATIVE SEAT** - Cllr Welch would endeavour to get a local expert to assess what is required in the way of refurbishment regarding the structure of the Holy Well so that quotes can be sought and grants applied for. Cllr Charlesworth provided information on a selection of benches appropriate for installing at the Holy Well. A bench which is currently significantly discounted was selected and Cllr Charlesworth would order this. Cllr Charlesworth would also apply for grants for both the bench and the work required on the structure of the Holy Well. All these matters were agreed.

23/24/ 231 **FINANCE**

- a. Accounts check - the bank statements had arrived after lunch today so the Clerk had been able to update the accounts which were approved. She had the account book and statements with her so the statements could be checked.
- b. Cheques for signature - Chq.1055 Stepping Out (Grass cutting x ½ year) £162.50; Chq.1056 Clerk (Salary and expenses) £442.10.
- c. Bank Mandate - Because of the time constrains and our previous problems the Clerk had avoided starting the process again over the Christmas and New Year holidays. She would start it again soon.
- d. Budget/Precept Setting - Following some debate it was agreed to set the precept at £17,100. This included funds to cover any unavoidable expenses incurred as a result of Somerset County cutbacks including Highways and also included some expenses for work on the Nidon land East and West.
- e. Any other finance matters - none.

23/24/ 232 **INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - Clerks and Councils Direct.

23/24/ 233 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

23/24/ 234 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)** - Village Cleanup; Chandlers/Holywell Road bend.

23/24/ 235 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, 13th February 2025 in Edington School Room at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman Date