

**EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7:30pm.**

**Present:** Mrs Laura Hill (Chair), Mr Chris Clay, and Mrs Sue Thornton

**In Attendance:** Dr Robert Clay (Clerk), Cllr Rainbow and 6 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Mr Tony Michon, Mr Maurice Needoff, Mr Benjamin Ian

**Absent:** Diana Poole

	<b>The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> The parish council received apologies from Tony Michon, Benjamin Ian and Maurice Needoff. The Parish Council accepted these apologies. Diana Poole was absent.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th November 2025.</b> The parish council accepted the minutes as accurate. There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Casual Vacancy Arising from Extended Illness.</b></p> <p>The clerk read out the following statement: “Due to prolonged ill health, Cllr Diana Poole has as we know unfortunately been unable to attend meetings in recent months. In accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, and with great regret, her seat has now become vacant following a six-month period of non-attendance.</p> <p>The parish council thanks Cllr Poole sincerely for her service and sends our warmest wishes at this time.”</p> <p>The clerk will contact the Returning Officer to inform them of the vacancy. The Returning Officer will then provide a notice for the clerk to publish, indicating the vacancy and giving electors a 14-working day period in which to request an election.</p> <p>If no 10 electors request an election, the Parish Council will be free to fill the vacancy by co-option.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report.</b> At the last meeting a member of the public raised concerns about events at Old Hall Farm. The Chair sent an email to the CEO of NSDC requesting attendance at a Parish Council meeting. The CEO is going to send a representative to the next parish council meeting. The Clerk will add this to the agenda.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Clerk’s Report and Correspondence.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Edingley Parish Council Meeting - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026</u></b></p>	

## Clerks Report

### Finance Report to Monday 31st December 2025

Current Account (balance as of 31/12/2025)	-	£15816.98
Reserve Account (balance as of 31/12/2025)	-	£1295.97
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>£17112.95</b>
<b>Ringfenced for Allotments</b>	-	<b>£115.96</b>
<b>Total available (excl Ringfence and uncashed cheques)-</b>		<b><u>£16996.99</u></b>

### **Of which:-**

#### **Income since November 10th 2025 report**

Interest on business reserve	-	£2.05
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>£2.05</b>

**Uncashed cheques are indicated with *Italics***

### Expenditure since 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 report

Clerk's Salary (November - December)	-	£319.50
Robert Clay Postage	-	£3.40
Robert Clay (Postage)	-	£13.60
Post Office (NSDC) (Dog Poo Bins)	-	£71.76
Post Office NSDC (Litter Bin)	-	£40.32
Water Plus	-	£40.82
Ben Ian (Community day materials)	-	£240.00
Village Electrical (Car Park Lights)	-	£1187.40
Water Plus	-	£469.53
Bruce Ward School Field Cutting (Final)	-	£400.00
<b>Total (cash)</b>	-	<b>£2786.33</b>
<b>Total (uncashed)</b>	-	<b><u>£0.00</u></b>
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### Bills to Pay

Edingley PCC (Churchyard Maintenance)	-	£765.00
Lamb's Field and School Field Car Park	-	£600.00
School Field	-	£300.00
Robert Clay (Litter Bin Key + Shipping)	-	£9.08

The Parish Council agreed the payment of bills.

## **7. Budget and Setting of Precept**

The Clerk shared the draft budget for the 2026/2027 financial year.

	<p>Within this budget, there is provision for the maintenance of the allotment hedges, and the grass / hedges on the OSR play area and school field. £3000 is allocated to other maintenance tasks. The parish council can draw on these funds as the needs arise.</p> <p>An additional £3000 is allocated to for transfer to the reserve, building up funds for replacing the Play Area equipment as required.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Parish Council still need to transfer £2920 to the reserve for the 2025/26 years contribution to the Play Area fund.</p> <p>The parish council approved the budget and voted to maintain the precept at £13500.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Councillors' Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Rainbow thanked Edingley Parish Council for writing to the CEO regarding the events at Old Hall Farm. This was very helpful and led to several meetings. Damian Wilkins, Environmental Health &amp; Licensing Manager at Newark and Sherwood District Council has offered to attend the next meeting of Edingley Parish Council.</p> <p>Clerk to send the date of the next meeting to Cllr Rainbow, who will extend the invitation to Damian</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Flood Committee.</b> The clerk gave an update on the request to highways to address blocked drains on Station Road.</p> <p>On 7<sup>th</sup> January highways informed the clerk that a drainage inspector would be out in the next few days. Operatives cleared Edingley gullies in October and reported that they were running clear. Highways will be in touch with the results of the drainage inspection.</p> <p>The Clerk will chase highways for an update.</p> <p>A member of the public reported that there have been incidences of sewage discharge into the beck.</p> <p>Clerk to follow up with Severn Trent.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Children's Play Area – Maintenance.</b></p> <p>The clerk has obtained a key for the litter bin, which needs emptying. The Chair will test the key and if it works will find a storage location accessible for the waste collection teams.</p>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Litter Picking</b></p> <p>The chair will set new litter picking dates and publicise them.</p>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Community Spaces – Community Action Day</b></p> <p>Members of the public are eager to hold another community action day to tidy up the remaining car park boundary.</p> <p>This is a more challenging task, so it might be worth contacting one of our maintenance providers for advice.</p> <p>Interested parties will meet with the chair on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm to discuss plans.</p> <p>The proposed date for the action day is 29<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Jim Thornton has kindly pruned some of the trees but had to leave the cuttings on site as they were too wet to burn.</p>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Allotments Report.</b></p>	

	<p>Mel Sims gave a summary of the allotment report, which the clerk had previously circulated to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The allotmenters have plans to install a 2<sup>nd</sup> tap. The remainder of the Linney's money will be used for this, with any excess covered by allotment holders.</p> <p>The Edingley Parish Council allotment strategy adopted in March 2024 continues to be successfully delivered, with 2025 seeing full occupancy of all plots and no waiting list, supported by proactive plot management, plot sharing, regular communication, and local publicity. Standards of service have been maintained through annual tenancy renewals, close monitoring of plot use, responsive action where plots were under-cultivated.</p> <p>The allotments have also delivered strong wider benefits, fostering a supportive community that promotes mental and physical wellbeing, encourages education and engagement through events and competitions, supports sustainable practices such as recycling and water conservation, enhances biodiversity, and contributes surplus produce to the Rainworth social supermarket.</p> <p>The holder of the "starter" plot has now graduated to a full plot.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Hedge Quotes.</b> The parish council reviewed the three quotes for hedge cutting on the allotment. Prices offered were £420, £924 and £1150.</p> <p>The Parish Council decided that Freddie Allen should carry out the work at a cost of £420. The Chair will inform them and arrange the work. Clerk to inform the other two companies they have been unsuccessful on this occasion.</p>	<b>Clerk/Chair</b>
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Councillors' Reports</b></p> <p>Sue Thornton received an email from Southwell Dance School complaining that visitors have damaged their cars due to potholes within the OSR car park.</p> <p>The chair will discuss this with Ben Ian to discuss ways to fix the potholes. Clerk to verify that Public Liability insurance we have would cover claims against damage to motor vehicles caused by potholes.</p>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>Results of Planning</b></p> <p>The Clerk shared the planning decision notice that: NSDC have granted planning permission for the following application: 25/01768/HOUSE.</p>	
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>Business for Next Meeting:</b> Damian Wilkins.</p>	
<b>17.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>  <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7:30 pm</b>  <b>Annual Parish Meeting (20<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 TBC)</b>  <b>Parish Council AGM 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b></p>	
	<p><b>The Chair closed the meeting at 8:47</b></p>	