

**EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH
MEETING held on Monday 10th November 2025 at 7:30pm.**

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

In Attendance: Dr Robert Clay (Clerk), Cllr Rainbow and 4 members of the public.

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

Absent: Diana Poole

	The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence. The parish council received apologies from Tony Michon, Benjamin Ian and Maurice Needoff. The Parish Council accepted these apologies. Diana Poole was absent.	
13.	<p>Councillor's Reports</p> <p>Cllr Rainbow gave a report from NSDC. Newark Town Centre development is going ahead, with plans to swap empty retail units into residential units.</p> <p>The local authority reorganisation is still going ahead, with option 1e NSDC's preferred option. The local authority expects to decide on the reorganisation in the Spring.</p> <p>Cllr Rainbow reported on complaints received about events held at Old Hall Farm.</p> <p>The council must grant Temporary Events Notices unless agencies object.</p> <p>A resident reported that there had been an accident on Greave's Lane. The Parish Council will email the CEO (John Robinson) and invite him to explain why nothing is being done.</p> <p>The Station Road sign has gone, Cllr Rainbow agreed to follow this up. Cllr Rainbow left at 7:50 pm.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 8th September 2025.</p> <p>The council agreed the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting. The chair signed the minutes. There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of Interest.</p> <p>Chris Clay declared an interest in item 11 (he is a Church Warden), and item 12 (he is an allotment holder).</p>	
4.	<p>Chair's Report.</p> <p>The Chair thanked all involved with the Community Day, tidying up the hedges alongside the Schoolroom car park in preparation for the removal of the damaged car park lighting.</p>	

	The remainder of the Chair's report relates to multiple agenda.	
5.	<p>Car Park Lighting. Following further consultation with the contractor, the parish council decided that rather than replacing the bollards, a single pole with floodlights would be a more robust lighting solution. The price of this will be £1187.40 including VAT and the contractor will install the lighting in the coming weeks.</p>	
6.	<p>Flood Committee. Following the complaints about the blocked drains on Station Road, the clerk contacted Cllr Rainobw and Ross Marshall, who also contacted Highways. We are still awaiting a response from them. Clerk/Chair to chase Highways.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>Children's Play Area Maintenance. The clerk presented the play area maintenance reports. The Chair has been in contact with the grass cutting contractor who will be starting as soon as possible.</p> <p>An issue remains with the emptying of the play area bin. There are two bins on the schoolroom site and the one at the play area requires a key to empty, which the NSDC waste contractors do not have. The clerk has identified the appropriate key and will order one at a cost of £3.08.</p> <p>Jim Thornton has kindly volunteered to clear up the leaves and prune some of the trees as required.</p>	
8.	<p>Speeding. The Parish Council invited Sarah Harness to the meeting, but she was unfortunately unavailable. She has setup a couple of speed watch dates before Christmas.</p>	
9.	<p>Litter Picking Chris Fryatt had prepared a notice providing guidance for the safe and effective use of the litter picking equipment. The clerk circulated this to the Parish Council ahead of the meeting and Tony Michon made minor amendments.</p> <p>The Parish Council approved the amended version for use. Chris Fryatt kindly offered to laminate the approved version and to attach it to the litter picking station.</p> <p>The next litter picking date is November 20th, and members of the public suggested that a weekend one could take place over the Christmas break.</p>	
10.	<p>Proposals for Lamb's Field and School Field. There is nothing indicating the School Field is open for use by members of the public.</p>	

	<p>Following discussions, the Parish Council decided to pursue signage and bench seating to allow people to make use of the space. The clerk and chair will investigate wording and costs.</p> <p>There have been no proposals for the use of Lamb's field. The chair suggested writing a piece for the next newsletter. If no proposals are forthcoming, does the Parish Council need to continue renting the field?</p>	Clerk / Chair
11.	<p>Churchyard The clerk had received a letter from the Secretary of St Giles' PCC requesting support with the maintenance of the churchyard, which the PCC expect to cost £1650 this year.</p> <p>There was a discussion about this, and the Parish Council decided to recognise the value of the churchyard as a village amenity by paying half of the fee for this year (£825) on presentation of a suitable invoice.</p>	
12.	<p>Allotments. Mel Sims had provided the clerk with the following report, which he read out. There are currently no vacant plots, and there has been a fantastic response to the pumpkin growing competition. The allotmenters held a bonfire on 2nd November which was a fantastic social occasion.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the dry growing season, water consumption has trebled, with a bill of approximately £450 anticipated. This led to a discussion on whether to raise the rents on the allotments from the existing £15 for a full plot and £8 for a half plot.</p> <p>The Parish Council decided that they would increase the rents to £20 for a full plot and £10 for a half plot, with an annual review at the November Parish Council meeting. The clerk will feedback to Mel. At this rate, the Parish Council are still subsidising the allotments as they represent a useful community space.</p>	Clerk
Public	<p>There was a proposal from a member of the public for doing something in recognition Diana Poole's contribution to the village. The Parish Council will consider this at a future meeting.</p> <p>Jim Thornton is liaising with Ross Marshall about a potential speaker for the annual parish meeting. This meeting takes place in April, so we would need to establish availability.</p>	
14.	<p>Clerk's Report and Finance. The clerk shared the finance report. The council agreed and signed cheques for payment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Edingley Parish Council Meeting - Monday 10th November 2025</u> <u>Clerks Report</u></p> <p><u>Finance Report to Monday 31st October 2025</u></p>	

	Current Account (balance as of 31/10/2025) -	£18603.31	
	Reserve Account (balance as of 31/10/2025) -	£1293.92	
	Total -	£19897.23	
	Ringfenced for Allotments -	£115.96	
	Total available (excl Ringfence and uncashed cheques)-	<u>£19777.87</u>	
	Of which:-		
	Income since September 8th 2025 report		
	Precept -	£6750.00	
	Interest on business reserve -	£3.38	
	Total -	£6753.38	
	Uncashed cheques are indicated with <i>Italics</i>		
	<u>Expenditure since 8thth September 2025 report</u>		
	Clerk's Salary (August – October) -	£479.25	
	EOSRA -	£190.00	
	Charles Veysey -	£120.00	
	Water Plus -	£45.00	
	Sharpe IT Group -	£324.00	
	<i>Robert Clay Postage</i> -	<i>£3.40</i>	
	Total (cashed) -	£1158.25	
	Total (uncashed) -	<u>£3.40</u>	
	Total -	£1161.65	
	<u>Bills to Pay</u>		
	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	
15.	Discussion of Planning Application 25/01768/HOUSE - Proposed extension to dwelling at Hillside Farm Greaves Lane Edingley NG22 8BH. The Parish Council discussed the application and noted no objections. The Parish Council were happy to support the application.		
16.	Results of Planning. There were no planning results to report.		
17.	Date and time of next meetings. Monday 12 th January 2026 @ 7:30 pm		
	The chair closed the meeting at 8:50 pm		