

EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING held on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7:30pm.

Present: Mrs Laura Hill (Chair), Mr Benjamin Ian (Vice Chair), Mr Chris Clay, Mr Chris Fryatt, Mr Tony Michon, Mr Maurice Needoff and Mrs Sue Thornton

In Attendance: Dr Robert Clay (Clerk), Cllr Rainbow, Cllr Laughton and 1 member of the public.

	The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.	Action															
1.	Apologies for Absence. There were no apologies for absence																
2.	Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.																
3.	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 11th May 2026. The clerk had circulated these prior to the meeting and councillors had reviewed them. The council accepted the minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising which are not items on the agenda.																
4.	Chair's Report. The chair reported on the article in the Bramley detailing the latest community action day held to tidy up the hedgerow at the side of the car park. The chair thanked all involved, with particular thanks to Ben, Chris and Mel. There is a stump which still requires clearing, the chair said she would be happy to do this	Chair															
5.	Clerk's Report and Correspondence The clerk presented the finance report, which he had circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. <u>Edingley Parish Council Meeting - Monday 11th May 2026</u> <u>Clerks Report</u> <u>Finance Report to 30th June 2026</u> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Current Account (balance as of 30/06/2026)</td><td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">-</td><td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">£18402.42</td></tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account (balance as of 31/05/2026)</td><td style="text-align: center;">-</td><td style="text-align: right;">£1300.72</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td style="text-align: center;">-</td><td style="text-align: right;">£19703.14</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ringfenced for Allotments</td><td style="text-align: center;">-</td><td style="text-align: right;">£0.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total available (excl Ringfence and uncashed cheques)-</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>£19418.14</u></td></tr> </table> Of which:- Income since May 11th 2026 report	Current Account (balance as of 30/06/2026)	-	£18402.42	Reserve Account (balance as of 31/05/2026)	-	£1300.72	Total	-	£19703.14	Ringfenced for Allotments	-	£0.00	Total available (excl Ringfence and uncashed cheques)-		<u>£19418.14</u>	
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Precept	-	£6750.00
Notts County Council (Bench Donation	-	£400.00
Allotment Donation	-	£5.00
Donation for taps and training	-	£172.20
Interest on business reserve	-	£1.79
Total	-	£7328.99

Uncashed cheques are indicated with *Italics*

Expenditure since 11th May report

Clerk's Salary (April - June)	-	£479.25
Robert Clay (Litter Bin Key + Shipping)	-	£9.08
Post Office (Dog Poo Bins)	-	£71.76
Unwin Print (Annual Meeting Reports)	-	£42.00
Black Country Metalworks (Bench)	-	£489.00
NALC Membership	-	£163.54
Ahmed Qureshi (Audit)	-	£25.00
Zurich Insurance	-	£300.00
Playsafety (RosPA inspection)	-	£99.60
Polygraphics (Signage)	-	£54.00
PJW Plumbing and Heating (Tap)	-	£253.16
Litter Bins	-	£81.12
NALC Code of Conduct Training	-	£50.00
<i>Marc Hazard (Play area and School field)</i>	-	<i>£285.00</i>
Total (cash)	-	£2117.51
<i>Total (uncashed)</i>	-	<i>£285.00</i>
Total	-	£2402.51

Bills to Pay

Croft Garden Maintenance (Tree work)	-	£100.00
Robert Clay (Postage)	-	£7.20
Croft Garden Maintenance (Act. Day Materials)	-	£384.96

The council approved these bills and cheques were signed.

Mel had forwarded the clerk an email from Ed Compton, requesting that the Bramley Tree on his allotment be considered for preservation / a TPO.

The council discussed this, and Cllr Laughton advised that a TPO would be unlikely as these are not routinely given to fruit trees. Cllr Laughton also cautioned that a TPO would make any routine maintenance more complex

	and costly, as permissions must be sought and specific providers must be used. The council instead resolved to have Joe Hicks come and assess the tree and suggest a course of action to maintain the tree. Following this the council would consider adopting the tree and taking over the maintenance of it, with the result being that it would no longer form part of the plot. The clerk had been asked to make the Parish Council aware of the temporary closures of Edingley Footpaths 11 and 14. FP14 is closed due to a damaged culvert which requires repair. FP11 is closed to protect safety whilst the diverted route is made available.	
13.	Councillor's Reports. Cllr Laughton requested that this item be brought forward as he had another meeting to attend. Cllr Laughton gave an update on the plans for Local Government Reorganisation. A decision on this is due to be made nationally on the 17th of July. Cllr Laughton also reported that progress is being made on potholes, with the Pothole Pro machine due in Farnsfield soon.	
5.	Correspondence continued. The clerk had received correspondence from a resident of Greaves Lane concerned that the hedges are becoming overgrown, resulting in a road safety issue. The chair confirmed that this was a significant concern. Cllr Laughton informed that the riparian owner was responsible for this, but highways can write to owners if it is a safety issue. The clerk will contact Louise Poole-Richardson at Highways with issues relating to the highways. This led to a wider discussion about roads in the village. Cllr Laughton informed that he was applying to have the speed limit on the Edingley – Farnsfield road reduced from 60-50 mph. This road is also due to be resurfaced, and it was suggested that a gateway should be added at this time. Chris Fryatt mentioned that there was also a noticeable dip in the humpbacked bridge which is a cause for concern. Cllr Laughton and Cllr Rainbow left the meeting.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

	The clerk had received correspondence from a resident wishing to remove the lichen from a memorial bench on the Pinfold. The council were happy for this to go ahead. Clerk to inform resident. The clerk had received correspondence from a resident concerned about the bird poo on the play area. Ben Ian suggested that this could be jet washed to clean it up. The clerk reported that he had received correspondence from a friend of a resident on Station Road, concerned about early morning fires. This is not something the Parish Council can get involved with, but the clerk has shared a link to NSDC's website about bonfires, which includes contact details to make a complaint.	Ben Ian
6.	Flood Committee. Nothing to report	
7.	Children's Play Area Maintenance The clerk shared the monthly maintenance reports. The bin situation has now been resolved with the unlocked bin now positioned near the play area. The lockable bin should be moved to the back of the schoolroom out of the way to prevent confusion.	
8.	Litter Picking. Nothing to report.	
9.	Community Spaces. Chris Fryatt and Tony Michon had both put forward and circulated proposals to move forward with Lamb's Field and School Field. The council decided that the best way forward would be to meet and walk around both sites to get an understanding of the land. A meeting date was set for 27th July at 7:30 pm, meeting at the end of the lane leading to Lamb's field. opposite the allotments There is a complex relationship between the Parish Council, Lamb's Charity, the Edingley Old Schoolroom Association and the Diocese with all parties having an interest in the Schoolroom site and the car park. All parties need to get together to understand this relationship. The clerk will look at the contracts relating to Lamb's Field, School Field and the Car Park and contact Lawrence to discuss the situation with the access drive to the OSR and School field.	Clerk
10.	Siting of Bench. On hold until a decision has been made about future use of Lamb's Field and School Field	
10.	Parish Website. The Parish Website has fallen out of use and hasn't been updated for some time. The platform the website is hosted on is out of date and not	Clerk / TM

	user friendly. This will be reviewed, with the clerk providing Tony Michon login details. A decision will need to be made whether to stick with the existing platform, seek an alternative platform, or abandon the website.																															
12.	Allotments Report. Mel had provided the clerk with a report on the allotment judging ahead of the meeting. Edingley Annual Allotment Awards (July 2026) Newly Taken Plot <table> <tr> <td>Joint 1st</td> <td>Plot 11a</td> <td>Joe Frost, Helen & Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Plot 11b</td> <td>Hugo Bennington & Family</td> </tr> </table> Best Half Plot <table> <tr> <td>Joint 1st</td> <td>Plot 8b</td> <td>Greg Steele</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Plot 10</td> <td>Steve & Drew Kemp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd</td> <td>Plot 12b</td> <td>Julie & Dave Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd</td> <td>Plot 7a</td> <td>Tony & Nina Michon</td> </tr> </table> Best Full Plot <table> <tr> <td>Joint 1st</td> <td>Plot 15a/16b</td> <td>Chris Fryatt</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Plot 21</td> <td>Mel Sims</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd</td> <td>Plot 14b/15b</td> <td>Ray Hirst</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd</td> <td>Plot 4a/5a</td> <td>Tim & Helen Fifoot & Family</td> </tr> </table> The Parish Councillors visited the allotments individually and did the judging using pre-set criteria. They awarded each plot a score out of 50 using 5 criteria, the scores were then averaged. The 'Best Allotmenteer' award which recognises those that go the extra mile, is decided by nominations from the allotment holders. The award went to Joe Frost. Joe always can be relied upon to put himself out, regularly taking on allotments that have been neglected and returning them to productiveness before handing them over to a future custodian. He has always got time for a chat, and his advice is always the best. A 'real' allotmenteer. Nominations were also received for Steve Kemp who was awarded a Commendation certificate. Steve has done an incredible job on his plot, bringing the whole family into the hobby. He is always so welcoming and friendly, happy to help and happy to share.	Joint 1st	Plot 11a	Joe Frost, Helen & Family		Plot 11b	Hugo Bennington & Family	Joint 1st	Plot 8b	Greg Steele		Plot 10	Steve & Drew Kemp	2nd	Plot 12b	Julie & Dave Smith	3 rd	Plot 7a	Tony & Nina Michon	Joint 1st	Plot 15a/16b	Chris Fryatt		Plot 21	Mel Sims	2nd	Plot 14b/15b	Ray Hirst	3 rd	Plot 4a/5a	Tim & Helen Fifoot & Family	
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	Mel also shared pictures of the old “toilet” on the allotment and requested permission to have this removed. It is non-functional, hazardous and unsightly. The parish council agreed and suggested this be replaced with a composting toilet. The allotment rents are to be reviewed in November.	
13.	Councillor’s Reports There were numerous complaints on Facebook about some fireworks which were set off late by a private party. The Parish Council would like to remind residents to be courteous to other residents when setting off fireworks – warn your neighbours, especially those with young children and pets. It is also illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm – 7am except Bonfire night, New Years Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year. Tony Michon mentioned the event at Old Hall Farm held on 19th – 21st June 2026. Numerous visitors attempted to access the campsite via his drive, despite there being no access. Clearer advertising should be used in future, so this is not a nuisance. Clerk to contact all those who requested the nuisance template due to this event.	Clerk
14.	Results of Planning None	
15.	Business for Next Meeting. Community Spaces, Website, Church Yard.	Clerk
16.	Date and Time of Next Meetings Monday 14th September 2026 @ 7:30pm Monday 9th November 2026 @7:30pm	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9:17	