

# Edwinstowe Parish Council

*Working to make a difference*



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 commencing at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Village Hall, Edwinstowe

Present: Cllrs Parkin (Chair), J Peck (Vice Chair), Brooks, Callieu, Freeman, K Peck, Steele, Troop and Watkinson  
Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

## MINUTES

Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed all present and reminded the format and purpose of the meeting.

### 1. Chairman's Report 2024.25

The Chair read the following report: -

Firstly, I wish to thank all the Parish Councillors who, collectively volunteer countless hours of their time to help ensure that our community continues to be a special place to live and work.

During the year, we have seen the installation of additional play equipment at the Fourth Avenue playground. This now means that the facility appeals to a wider age range of children.

The improvements we made previously to the skatepark have proved popular with its users and, earlier this year, we saw the completion of the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) on land adjacent to the skatepark. Local youngsters are already making good use of this new facility. Your Council is looking to install additional play facilities for young people at Henton Road and Jubilee Park.

Our annual Christmas Lights event in November was, again, very successful with impressive numbers of visitors enjoying the entertainment provided.

The Remembrance Day Parade and Service was extremely well attended this year, and I would like to commend the local branch of the Royal British Legion for their superb organisation. The Parish Council is committed to providing financial support to this important event in the future.

In conjunction with Newark & Sherwood District Council and the developers of Thoresby Vale, the Parish Council have set in place two Small Grants Schemes (Sports and Community) that allow local not-for-profit organisations to apply for up to £1,000 worth of financial support towards the cost of projects that improve their facilities for their users. To date, there have been 7 sports grants, and 14 community grants issued. Any

organisations that have not yet approached us for grant consideration, should contact the Parish Clerk.

The allotments at Royal Oak Court and Boy Lane are always much in demand. However, plots do become available periodically and the Council operates a waiting list. The Council was pleased to provide Edwinstowe in Bloom with an allotment and they have been making plenty of use of the facility. Our community enjoys huge benefit from the excellent work that they do.

I would also like to commend the work done by a committed group of litter-picking volunteers. Whilst the Council's Amenities team undertake routine litter-picking throughout the village, the volunteer group periodically litter-picks the main roads leading into the village.

Our lovely, and well-used, Village Hall is starting to show its age and had, on occasions, struggled to stay water-tight during inclement weather. Whilst temporary repairs had taken place, it became clear that significant renovations were required to prepare the premises for the decades ahead. I am pleased to report that funding has been secured, and that the improvement work has already commenced.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to our Parish Clerk and her small team for the invaluable work that they do.

## 2. Responsible Finance Officer's Report 2024.25

The Finance Officer read the following report: -

Over the past 2 years, with careful financial management, the Parish Councils finances are looking much better and we have been able to start to build a healthy reserve.

Income received this year was £12.5k over budget and expenditure was £10k less than budget.

Notts County Council/VIA have agreed to pay the outstanding grass cutting contributions that had not been claimed whilst I was not in post – 2019-2023. This amounts to just over £5k.

I would like to thank members of the Finance & Governance Committee, especially Cllr John Peck, for their support over the past couple of years. Our regular committee meetings allow for open and frank discussion about the finances and other governance issues.

## 3. Questions from the floor

Residents raised the following issues: -

- i. The wooden 'noticeboard' in Mansfield Road Car Park has not worked for some considerable time. **Clerk to report to County Councillor**
- ii. There is a yellow 'grid' where a tree used to be outside Magenta Trends. What is happening with this? **Clerk to report to County Councillor**

- iii. The sign awarded to Edwinstowe for winning a competition that is on the railings at the conservation area needs attention. **Clerk to visit and speak to Amenity Supervisor.**
- iv. Are the public toilets going to be opened or will they stay closed? What is happening with the site?  
**No decision has been made yet. The Parish Council are looking at various ideas and will consult through the Village Magazine once options have been costed up.**
- v. What is happening with the Robin Hood Line?  
**This has been discussed for the past 25+ years. The Parish Council fully supports the opening of the Robin Hood Line. Clerk to contact County Councillor for updates.**
- vi. Where are agendas published?  
**The agendas are published in the two village noticeboards – outside the Village Hall and outside the library and on the Parish Council website. It was agreed to post the Meeting Timetable in the next edition of the Village Magazine and the monthly agendas on FaceBook.**

It was agreed for councillors/clerk to look at all the issues raised and report back at a future meeting.

It was agreed for an outline of County/District/Parish responsibilities to be included in the next edition of the Village Magazine.

Meeting closed 1930hrs