

Edwinstowe Parish Council

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Parish Clerk - Alice Dunn



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Council Chambers, Village Hall, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe. Public and Press welcome to attend.

Present: - Cllrs Parkin (Chair), J Peck (Vice-Chair), Brooks, Carlton, Peacock, K Peck

Apologies: - Cllrs Ayre, Callieu, Freeman, Troop, Watkinson

8 Members of the Public

MINUTES

25/093 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed all present and asked if anyone was recording. Cllr K Peck was recording.

The Chair commended the Edwinstowe Branch British Legion on this year's Remembrance Parade. It was very well attended by the Village and an important annual event. The Parish Council supports the parade and will continue to do so.

Cllrs Brooks, J Peck and K Peck attended the funeral of David Benham who had previously served on this Parish Council.

25/094 Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Reasons were approved unanimously.

25/095 Disclosures of Interests by Members

None

25/096 Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on Wednesday 8th October 2025 – previously circulated

Cllr K Peck proposed an amendment to 88 (iv) to state, 'these were found to be unfounded.' **Agreed unanimously**

Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

25/097 Matters Arising – not on the agenda

The streetlight issue on Newbery Close has now been resolved.

25/098 Report from County Councillor (5 minutes) – commenced 1904hours

C/Cllr Gamble gave his report mostly about matters not directly connected to Edwinstowe apart from the public bridleway from the new school at Thoresby

Vale linking the village and casework with residents. One issue was a new fence by the River Maun; the other was leaves on the roads. Concluded 1908hrs

25/099

Report from District Councillors (10 minutes) – commenced 1909 hours

D/Cllr Peacock reported on the Local Government Reorganisation – the preferred option is to split Nottinghamshire into Sherwood Forest Unitary Authority and Greater Nottingham Unitary Authority. The decision from Government is due in July 2026. The Parish Council need to resolve any District Council issues asap.

NSDC has purchased drones which can be used by Town and Parish Councils.

A local transport plan is being launched by East Midlands Combined County Authority. There will be a consultation from 17th November.

Harworth Estates are working on the sequencing of the A614/A6097

Working with NCC colleagues to try and lift the s106 restriction on Thoresby Vale to allow them to market the employment land and build further housing.

D/Cllr Brooks to raise the fence query at District Council on Thursday (13.11). Concluded 1919hrs

25/100 Public Participation. Standing Orders will be suspended for the duration of this agenda item (15 minutes) – commenced 1920hrs

Resident requested the £1k of allotment holders rent that was used for the allotment road to be reimbursed to allotment holders. **Clerk to investigate and reply to resident**

Resident has previously reported speeding vehicles on Greendale Avenue to the C/Cllr Gamble and is troubled at the lack of response. He is concerned about the safety of young children walking to St Mary's School. The Parish Council shares these concerns and will send a letter of support to Nottinghamshire County Council. **Clerk/Chair to send letter**

Resident reported speeding vehicles on Swinecote Road particularly in view of the new bridleway between Thoresby Vale and Edwinstowe and fully supported the concerns about Greendale Avenue. **Clerk/Chair to send letter**

Resident reported parking on Paddock Close. **Clerk/Chair to send letter**

Resident reported parking on Fourth Avenue around school pick up/drop off. **Clerk/Chair to send letter.** (There was provision in the NCC capital programme for double yellow lines on Fourth and Fifth Avenue) Clerk **to follow up**

Resident queried when a decision would be made about the toilets on Mansfield Road toilets. **This is an agenda item**
Concluded 1935hours – Standing Orders reinstated.

25/101

To receive questions from councillors (10 minutes)

None that are not on the agenda

25/102

To receive draft minutes and reports from committees, sub-committees and working groups.

- i. Finance & Governance Committee Meeting
Items discussed –
 - Vexatious Complaints & Correspondence Policy (to be ratified by Full Council)
 - Review of Standing Orders in relation to Public Participation section of the meeting (to be ratified by Full Council)
 - Appointment of a new internal auditor.
 - Detailed review of income and expenditure to 31.10.25
 - Review of reserves – ideally councils should hold 3 months expenditure in their general reserve – approximately £65k for Edwinstowe. We currently hold £30k
- ii. Cemetery Working Group – date has been deferred
- iii. Events Committee
The Clerk and Cllr K Peck attended a training course about Martyn's Law. This does not relate directly to our event, however we are taking steps to ensure the public are safe. The van will be parked at the top of the High Street and 2 security marshalls will be in attendance.
All the stalls are now sold and entertainment is book

25/103

Parks & Open Spaces

- Village Play Area Upgrades
- i. Henton Road Play Area Upgrade – Update
Awaiting update from suppliers
 - ii. Additional equipment – Fourth Avenue
Clerk awaiting quotes
 - Bench seating / Picnic Bench
It was agreed to purchase an antivandal bench. **Clerk to order**
 - iii. Additional equipment – Jubilee Park
Clerk awaiting quotes
 - iv. Hanging Baskets/Watering
The Finance and Governance Committee proposed employing a seasonal worker for 20 hours per week from 1st June to 30th September to assist with watering the hanging baskets and planters. The cost (including on costs) will be approximately £6k.
Cllr J Peck proposed and Cllr Carlton seconded. Approved unanimously
 - v. Memorial Wood – Update
The wood at the top of the cemetery is owned by Thoresby and rented to Sherwood Forest Trust. The lease has expired. Sherwood Forest Trust to follow up and liaise with the Clerk.

25/104

Buildings & Facilities

- i. Fourth Avenue Bowls Pavillion and Disused Bowling Green Update
The pavillion and bowling green are owned by CISWO. The Parish Council lease the area but have not suitable use for it and are currently in negotiation with CISWO to surrender the lease. We are awaiting a response.
- ii. Workshop/Store

Clerk is meeting with Robin Hood Colts regularly and an area of land has been identified. Quotes for necessary groundworks, a new container and fencing are currently being obtained. This would be funded by s106 monies.

iii. Mansfield Road Toilets

The toilets have been closed since before COVID – for around 6 years.

Options available are: -

- Do nothing
- Refurbish the old toilet block (cost approx £60K)
- Demolish the old block and landscape the area into a community garden. The disabled toilet would be renovated and would be open during the day until 3.00pm when they would be accessible by RADAR key.

Planning permission is not required to demolish the old toilet block but

Clerk to check if other permissions are required.

Cllr Brooks to check ownership of the land at NSDC.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed to demolish the old block, landscape the area and renovate the disabled toilet. Proposed Cllr J Peck, Seconded Cllr K Peck.

iv. Memorial Bench – David & Faith Benham

The Parish Council has been approached by resident to install a memorial bench at the bottom of the High Street for David and Faith Benham.

There is a space opposite their shop where there was a bench previously. The Parish Council would install and maintain the bench and would provide a donation towards any fundraising. **Clerk to contact residents who raised the idea.**

The Chair reported the recent damage caused to a litter bin outside the library by a delivery lorry. The Clerk reported to NCC and was informed that there is no money in the budget for such repairs. The Amenity Team have replaced the bin but there is an issue with the pavements as they are uneven and a trip hazard. **Clerk to chase response from NCC**

25/105

Finance & Governance Matters

- i. Approval of October Income and Expenditure and Reserve Accounts – previously circulated – approved unanimously
- ii. Bills for Payment – previously circulated
Approved unanimously
- iii. Late Bills for Payment – previously circulated
Approved unanimously
- iv. External Audit Report and Conclusion of 2024.25 Audit – previously circulated
The audit has now been signed off by the external auditors (previously an interim certificate has been issued)
- v. Approval of Vexatious and Abusive Complaints Policy
Approved unanimously. **Clerk to update and put on website.**

- vi. Approval of revised Standing Orders in relation to Public Participation [...] *and any other local matters they wish to raise.* To be removed from section 6(h) and;

If a member of the public wishes to ask a question, not on the agenda, they should submit it in writing addressed to either the Clerk or the Chair.
To be added in section 6 of the Standing Orders.

Approved unanimously. **Clerk to update and put on website.**

25/106

Correspondence

Email concerning an NSDC initiative relating to 'Greener Gateways' had been received. **Clerk to get more information and bring back to future meeting.**

25/107

Planning Matters

Applications

25/01822/LDCP Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear and side extension
10 Perlethorpe Close
No objection

25/01615/LDCP Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed installation of interpretation panel board.
St Mary's Church
No objection

Decisions

25/01802/TWCA Crown lift to 5m Sweet Chestnut, Crown lift to 5m Holly
St Mary's Church of England Primary School
No objection

25/01604/NMA Non-material amendment to planning permission
19/01865/RMAM
Former Thoresby Colliery
Application permitted

25/01574/HPRIOR Prior approval for proposed replacement single storey rear extension
11 Friend Lane
Prior approval is not required

25/01452/NMA Nonmaterial amendment to amend the description attached to 16/02173/OUTM
Thoresby Vale enabling works
Application permitted

25/01401/HOUSE Replacement of bay front window to create a new bay aligned with the existing porch
10 Greenwood Avenue
Application permitted

25/01378/HOUSE Single storey front extension and attached garage to the side.
52 Lansbury Road
Application permitted

Meeting closed at 2014hours

**25/108 Confidential matters are minuted separately --
Confidential Matters**

i. Staffing

25/109 Date of Next Meetings –

Full Council – 10th December 2025 (if required)

Full Council – 14th January 2026

Human Resources Committee – 17th December 2025

Allotment Working Group – 19th November 2025

Parks & Open Spaces Working Group – 3rd December 2025 (if required)

S106 Working Group – 10th December 2025

Events Committee – 7th December 2025

Cemetery Working Group – 26th November 2025