

- APM 24/25 1 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Heale (in the Chair), Welch, Vine, Gilbert and Gowing.
- APM 24/25 2 **APOLOGIES** - were received from SCllr Munt and Julie Welch.
- APM 24/25 3 **ALSO PRESENT** - 9 members of the public.
- APM 24/25 4 **IN ATTENDANCE** - The Clerk to the Council.
- APM 24/25 5 **WELCOME** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- APM 24/25 6 **MINUTES** of the previous Parish Meeting dated 11th May 2023 were confirmed and signed.
- APM 24/25 7 **REPORTS** were given as follows and will be attached to the minutes as appendices. After each report there was an opportunity for questions. Any late reports will also be added to the appendices.
- a. Parish Council - Chairman, David Heale
 - b. Parish Council Account - Clerk, Julia Marshall
 - c. Village Agent - Lina Curiale-Hopkinson
 - d. Police - Our new PCSO, Tom Russell
 - e. Neighbourhood Watch - David Newbold
 - f. JAF Luttrell Memorial Charity - Catherine Andrews
 - g. Edington and District History Group - John Rigler
 - h. Edington School Room (incorporating the Vale Trust) - John Rigler
 - i. Somerset Council - Somerset Councillor, Tessa Munt said she would get SCllr Harry Munt to send something.
 - j. Late reports - it was hope there might be late reports from Catcott School, Edington Village Hall and St George's Church. If any of these are received they will be added to the file.
 - k. Verbal reports - Where no written report was made the Clerk's notes of the spoken report have been used instead.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm

Chairman

Date

Chairman's Report for the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2024 at 6.30pm

The past year has been difficult with the loss of both Brian Tilbury who sadly died and Martin Olive who felt he couldn't give adequate time to the Council.

We now have two new councillors with Gemma Gowing and Simon Vine having joined us.

Last winter was wetter than normal causing flooding which wasn't helped by some watercourses being blocked. All land/house owners have a legal responsibility to keep watercourses, including ditches and culverts, free flowing.

It had been hoped to install a bench at the Holy Well site in commemoration of Brian Tilbury. However there was some disagreement over the timing of this as the cost was considerably higher than anticipated. I personally feel that we should have gone ahead and pursued that this year rather than putting funds aside for a couple of years before commissioning it.

Finances are in good order. This year's precept has been increased to £10,000 and there has been some disagreement regarding financial matters.

Of the two areas of Nidon land the land on the East side has been renamed the Brian Tilbury Memorial Ground. Some councillors feel that the ground maintenance of this patch has not been undertaken as required. This area is open for everybody to wander around and enjoy. The land on the West side of the road is being allowed to leave as a small nature reserve.

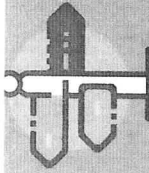
The long awaited installation of the SID (Speed Indicator Device) has now taken place and it is installed on the Broadway. It will need to be moved on a regular basis between the two posts.

Edington – Accounts Summary									
Ring Fenced	Balances at 1st April 2023		£	£	£	£	Budget suggested		
	Environment		98.77				£		
	Holy Well		330.00						
	CIL		0.00						
	Highways		1,274.18						
	Total Ring Fenced		1,702.95						
Bank Balances at 1st April 2023									
	Current Account			0.00					
	Reserve Account b/f			7,994.98					
	NW Interest missed prev yr return			7.00					
	Net Funds Available				8,001.98				
Receipts									
	Input VAT repaid by HMRC			837.50					
	Precept				7,500.00				
	CIL			0.00					
	CPC Defibrillator			0.00					
	Nat West Interest			155.50					
	Environment/booklets			158.50					
	Jubilee grant			0.00					
	Balance required from Climate Fund			0.00					
				0.00					
					1,151.50				
		TOTAL ASSETS				16,653.48			
Payments									
	Staff Costs:								
	Clerk's Salary			3,989.76			3,400.00		
	Administration:								
	Telephone		114.00				120.00		
	Broadband		92.04				95.00		
	Postage		18.24				60.00		
	Office Equipment & software		40.00				150.00		
	Ink & office sundries		0.00				80.00		
	Stationery & Printing		59.65				50.00		
	Website x 2 years		266.18				100.00		
	Office Accommodation		120.00				120.00		
	Subscriptions		184.77				220.00		
	Data Protection		40.00				40.00		
				934.88					
	Other:								
	Monthly Meeting Room Hire		225.00				135.00		
	Mileage Allowance		149.76				70.00		
	Insurance		432.96				285.00		
	Fees - audit		20.00				20.00		
	Environment		578.72				270.00		
	Training & Courses		0.00				100.00		
	Election expenses		0.00				100.00		
	Bus Shelter		0.00				0.00		
	Nidon Land		3.75				500.00		
	Defibrillator		0.00				0.00		
	Neighbourhood Watch		0.00				0.00		
	Holy Well		0.00				0.00		
	Poppy Wreath		25.00				0.00		
	Special Events		100.00				0.00		
	Contingency		0.00				60.00		
	Sundry		196.99				15.00		
				1,732.18					
	Solar Panels Village Hall			293.08					
	St George's Churchyard grant		500.00				510.00		
	Village Hall		500.00				500.00		
S137	None		0.00						
				1,000.00			7,000.00		
					7,949.90				
	VAT input tax				199.38	8,149.28			
						8,504.20			
	Ring fenced	1,702.95							
Precept set at 7,500 for 2023-2024									
The precept sheet was set at £7,000. The actual precept was set at £7,500 but Council did not specify the use of the extra £500									

Village Agent - Lina Curiale-Hopkinson

As our own Village Agent, Daniel Bell, was unable to attend his colleague, Lina, gave us an interesting insight into the work of Village Agents.

The scheme is run under the auspices of the Community Council for Somerset but it a separate entity. There are 15 village agents and their services are totally free of charge. They aim to connect anybody with a specific need to the best source of aid available to them. Health and financial well-being and any other concerns you might face - contact the village agent and they will be able to signpost you to where the most suitable help can be found.



HELP
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**A Village Agent offers
free, confidential,
practical support
for you and
community groups**

**How can a
Village
Agent
help you?**

- Support if you are an unpaid Carer.
- Assist if you are feeling lonely and isolated.
- Help if you are struggling with a problem, but don't know who to contact.
- Lend a hand to communities wanting to solve a collective problem.

Community Solutions
You can request help directly or via your GP practice, as Village Agents work closely with your local surgery. Village Agents are experts in creative community solutions to get the right support for you and your family.

Home Visits
Village Agents provide phone support as well as home visits, which helps to assess the whole family need, often identifying other issues you did not know a Village Agent can help with.

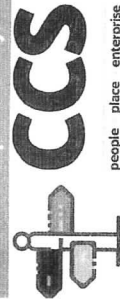
Talking Cafes
Village Agents run over 30 weekly Talking Cafes all over Somerset where you can drop in to meet and have a chat with your local Agent. Find your local Talking Cafe on the website.

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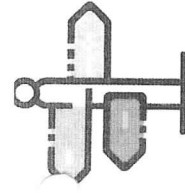


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- Join our online forum and chat with other Carers
- Sign up for our regular Carers newsletter
- Find your local Carers Group to attend
- Find practical support guides

Carer Aware

Somerset Carers is working to help Somerset be more Carer Aware, leading to a better understanding of the challenges Carers face, supporting them at work and home.

Carers Groups

There are over 20 Carers support groups across Somerset, where you can have a cuppa and a friendly chat with people who understand. Often there is an activity for the person you care for.

Working with your GP
Our Carers Co-ordinator works closely with GP practices and their Carers Champion. We provide training and a network of support to these professionals so they can share best practice, improving Carer care.



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Subject: RE: Annual Parish Meeting 2024 - EDINGTON
From: Georgia Coles <Georgia.Coles@avonandsomerset.police.uk>
Date: 02/05/2024, 11:48
To: Edington Parish Council <edingtonparishcouncil@gmail.com>
CC: Thomas Russell <Thomas.Russell@avonandsomerset.police.uk>

Good Morning,

Unfortunately myself and PCSO Tom Russell are unable to attend the meeting due to shifts. I have completed short report:

A total of 21 crimes in Edington over the last 12 months

9 Sexual Offences

4 Burglary

4 Violence Against the person

3 Theft

1 Miscellaneous

I would like to address the concern you may have with regards to the number of sexual assaults. Due to our crime recording standards we need to record each and every incident as a separate report, the sexual offence is an isolated incident and is only between two parties there are NO community concerns in relation to this.

The Burglaries are predominantly linked to theft from outbuildings, just a reminder to keep outbuildings and sheds locked and secured.

No further concerns or reports to raised from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

I would like to welcome PCSO Thomas Russell to the team who replaces Ben Simpkin who has now left the constabulary.

Kind Regards

Georgia Coles

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Neighbourhood Watch Update

There have been a number of reported thefts from sheds and out-buildings in our area recently. Residents should do everything they can to secure their property, and stay vigilant regarding their home and their neighbours' homes.

If residents know of a theft, an attempted break-in, or see anything suspicious, please report it to the police immediately. It's tempting to think that little can be done after the event, but nothing can be done about a series of crimes or gang activities if these crimes aren't reported, including attempted break-ins.

In recent years the Neighbourhood Watch scheme has changed from a local support group to a wider internet-based communication system (called e-watch). Whilst this helps to distribute information quickly, the system can be impersonal and those who don't receive emails are missed. To address this, we will be working towards increasing personal contact and engagement.

David Newbold

Neighbourhood Watch, Edington co-ordinator

NW - Additional info given at meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch is now a reporting system rather than a proactive one.

On-line fraud is the biggest problem.

Be vigilant and respond immediately if there is an incident.

<https://www.lor...> - IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT PEOPLE MAKE USE OF THIS SERVICE. It is a register of valuable items. Photos and descriptions can be included and it helps to prove that an item belongs to the true owner. It is run by the Police.

JAF LUTTRELL MEMORIAL CHARITY

The JAF Luttrell Memorial Charity (not to be confused with the Luttrell Trust, there is no connection) was founded in 1898 by Mrs Luttrell of Edington Manor to benefit the sick poor of the parish (changed in 1989 to those in Need, Hardship or Distress), within the neighbourhood of Edington (now interpreted to extend to Chilton Polden, Catcott, Burtle & Cossington and to be assistance in times of difficulty). All grants are in confidence and paid on receipt of invoice or in some circumstances a money grant is awarded.

At our AGM in the autumn we welcomed our new Trustee, Reverend Andrew Stevens and look forward to working with him.

The Trustees are continuing to cover all the work previously carried out by the clerk and any applications can still be sent to JAFLMCclerk@hotmail.com or by contacting a Trustee as detailed in our local advertising.

As in previous years the trustees continue to be proactive by advertising locally, to seek out people and organisations who may benefit under the conditions laid down. We advertise on a regular basis in the Polden Post, and in the village hall PowerPoint presentations at local events, prior to our twice yearly meetings. We also post notification of the next meeting in all villages in the area of benefit and on the Parish Council and village websites and with the co-operation of Gill Bertolucci, the Carers Champion, we have details in the surgery at Edington. At all times we ensure we are compliant with Charity Commission recommendations regarding safeguarding, and data protection. Much work has been done over the last few months to complete the update of the Charity's guidelines and procedures and also GDPR. We are also considering a Trustee completing a course on safeguarding.

The prime purpose of this charity is to award grants to individuals in need. Over the past 12 months we have seen the effect of the cost of living crisis in the grant applications. This year grants have assisted with rent, home refurbishments, heating oil, hospital travel costs and a grant to assist a student purchase course materials. We also send flowers following bereavements and gifts at Christmas to help lighten burdens and show support. The Charity will continue to support general grants if funds are available.

The Trustees meet twice yearly (spring and autumn) and normally all applications need to be with the Clerk in good time to be included, enabling Trustees to portion the assets to the greatest need. We are flexible and in an emergency applications can be considered at other times. We often rely on a third party bringing a case of need to us, so if you know of someone living in the area of benefit who might benefit from the Charity's assistance, please give them our details, or if appropriate, apply on their behalf (details in this report).

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Friday 18th October 2024

Report to Edington and Catcott Parish Council Annual General Meeting
by Catherine Andrews, Edington Parish Council representative. May 2024

Edington and District History Group

John Rigler reported that the group is not very active at present.

The archive has grown gradually.

It is difficult to find speaker who are willing and able to attend for the price the group can afford.

EDINGTON SCHOOL ROOM
Church Road, Edington, Somerset, TA7 9JT
Charity No 1098952
(Incorporating the Vale Charity)

Chairman's Report for the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Our Committee was greatly saddened last year with the passing of Brian Tilbury, who first joined our team in 2007 and was our Treasurer for the majority of that time. Brian always made a positive involvement to our activities both in constructive advice, while offering and completing tasks as needed, and he was always available when the unexpected tasks arose. We miss his contribution, while welcoming those new members, who have joined the Committee in the past year.

On the whole, the past year has been a quiet time for our historic School Room but we have sustained our responsibilities with the regular established events over the twelve months. Our aim of maintaining this building for the benefit of the community remains our prime objective, and in this regard we have again been successful, and I think we should be pleased. We must remain positive and see that the building remains available and well placed for any small groups to meet and socialise.

We continue to welcome the Edington Parish Council for their monthly meetings of course, and the regular Book Swaps and Coffee Morning attract a good number of those seeking fresh reading and a conversation. By chance today I was able to have a conversation with our new Police Community Liaison Officer, and it is hoped that while the Police resources are stretched, we can expect to see him at our events from time to time.

Our Winter Warmer in late January was again successful with a full house to enjoy the various soups on offer, and at the end of March, the Edington & District History Group hosted an exhibition of Edington memorabilia particularly aimed at those new to the village. The event was well attended and two more History Talks are planned.

Our building remains in good order, but we have suffered from the recent months of very inclement weather with dampness penetrating the walling in places. We will consider this action needed to redress the damaged surfaces. However our financial position remains stable, and we have been successful in controlling our budget. During the year, our long standing Elsom Field tenant, Brian Vowles has had to relinquish tenancy due to ill health, but we have been fortunate in finding a replacement tenant without needing to involve agents. I understand that the intention is to develop the land for organic horticulture.

As in my years as Chairman, my thanks go to those who have continued to carry out such tasks and help as are needed, and as always this support is greatly appreciated. However I have indicated that this will be my last annual Report after some sixteen years as Chairman, as I believe it is time to hand over the reins. It has been a privilege to help care for Edington School Room and I know that the Trustees will continue to ensure the building's well-being.

Thank you.

John Rigler,
Chairman, ESR,
13th April 2024