

EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Edmondsley Parish Council held on

2 July 2026 at 6:30pm

Present: G Wheatley (Chairman), J Armstrong (Vice Chairman), A Bell, J Curry, A Hodgson and D MacAlister

Also in attendance – Sarah Gemmell (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence:

All members present.

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

Cllr Wheatley has dispensation in place to speak during items involving the allotments.

3. Questions from members of the public:

- A resident asked whether the grass on the main road, opposite the school would be cut, as it is very overgrown. The grass around the back of Braeside is also very overgrown.
- A resident raised the ongoing issue of a large trailer parked in Jubilee Close causing obstruction on the pavement.
- A resident asked if there was any progress on a dropped kerb being installed at Jubilee Close.
- It was queried whether anti dog-fouling signs could be provided.
- It was asked why the garages at Jubilee Close have still not been demolished.
- It was mentioned that top bus stop has been smashed again.
- It was asked whether the trees overgrowing the path at the entrance to Braeside could be cut to allow access on the pavement.

4. Police Report:

No police report was received.

5. Minutes of Council Meeting:

Resolved: The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 7 May 2026 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

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7. Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported that:

- Broadband installation for the Parish Hall is arranged for 23rd July from 1pm – 6pm.
- Audit – Annual Return completed and published. Public inspection period will end on 14th July.
- Smart Meter installation - £40 bill credit received for previous engineer no-show. New date options given for installation.
- Allotment wall – site visit with insurer's contractor completed. Date to be given for work to commence. The insurance excess of £250 has been successfully recovered from the other party's insurer.
- Bench – repairs to bench outside of the school have now been completed.

8. Parish Matters and on-going items

a) Planning applications

- No applications to consider.

b) To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was published.

- No applications to consider.

c) Allotments / Leisure Gardens

Cllr Wheatley gave an update:

- One plot holder has given up their plot.
- Inspection arranged for Sunday 12th July at 11am

d) County Councillors update

No County Councillors were present.

e) Newsletter

The Council reviewed the draft Summer newsletter.

Resolved: It was agreed that the newsletter should be printed, with final details of the Summer Fun Day added.

f) Policies

- Complaints Procedure
- Public Participation Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Facebook Group Rules

Resolved: The above policies were reviewed and adopted.

g) Events

The Council discussed plans for the Summer Fun Day and Halloween. Dates for the Senior's Christmas Lunch were considered.

Resolved: The final plan for the Summer Fun Day was approved. A bouncy castle will be hired for 3 hours, and a face painter for the first 2 hours. Outdoor games will be organised, and refreshments will be made available to purchase. No changes were made to the Halloween plan. A date and time of 5th December from 12-3pm was agreed for the Senior's Christmas Lunch.

h) Correspondence

- Email from insurers regarding recovery of insurance excess
- Email from member of the public enquiring about Blackhouse
- Email from member of the public regarding the history of Tyzack Street
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Resolved: The correspondence was noted. Clerk to share Councillors' memories of Blackhouse.

i) Correspondence since agenda was published (for information only):

- None received

j) Urgent issues for noting (the Clerk to use delegated powers) and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting.

- No issues to note

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payments - The following amounts were noted and approved:

- That the sum of £780.50 be paid for staffing costs
- That the sum of £14.00 be paid to Land Registry – deed copies
- That the sum of £42.49 be paid to HP instant Ink – monthly print plan May & additional printing
- That the sum of £5.00 be paid to Lebara – mobile phone plan May
- That the sum of £150.00 be paid to G Fletcher – internal audit fee
- That the sum of £244.98 be paid to Net Island – annual .gov email plan
- That the sum of £97.52 be paid to G Wheatley – fencing materials
- That the sum of £75.00 be paid to G Wheatley – planter & plants
- That the sum of £70.00 be paid to Northern Counties Allotment Association – annual subscription
- That the sum of £65.93 be paid to E.On – monthly gas direct debit May
- That the sum of £97.86 be paid to E.On – monthly electricity direct debit May
- That the sum of £2300.00 be paid to Hiscox – return of insurance payout
- That the sum of £6.49 be paid to HP instant Ink – monthly print plan June
- That the sum of £5.00 be paid to Lebara – mobile phone plan June
- That the sum of £1018.55 be paid to AJGIBL – annual insurance premium
- That the sum of £610.92 be paid to DCC – SLA for asbestos management & PAT testing
- That the sum of £65.93 be paid to E.On – monthly gas direct debit June
- That the sum of £97.86 be paid to E.On – monthly electricity direct debit June

Receipts – that the following amounts were noted:

- That the sum of £20.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £25.00 was received from S Gemmell – room hire
- That the sum of £15.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire deposit
- That the sum of £13.50 was received from HP Instant Ink – refund
- That the sum of £20.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
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- That the sum of £30.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire
- That the sum of £20.00 was received from G Wheatley – room hire

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 3 September 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting terminated at 7:33pm

Chairman

Date