

Eggington Parish Council Minutes

Meeting No. 262

Tuesday 6 October 2026, 7.30 pm

Attendance

Present; Councillors Martine Tournay, Sara Agnoletti, Jackie Townsend and David Parkinson.

Ward Councillors: None in attendance.

Councillor David Parkinson chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ward Councillors David Bligh, Keven Pugh, Mark Versallion and Nigel Carnell.

Apologies were also received from Councillors Lee Hayes and Chair Craig Ramsay. Vice Chair Simon King

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Participation

Retrospective planning application: 4 Leighton Road

Residents raised concerns about the retrospective planning application for 4 Leighton Road, Eggington, and asked the Parish Council to support their objections.

- Councillor David Parkinson explained that the Parish Council has no direct planning authority, but residents' objections can be passed to the planning department.
- Residents noted that the large window differs from the original plans, which showed a smaller window with a Juliette balcony.
- Concerns were raised about the change from white PVC windows to black windows, the footprint and floor space, and the impact on the attached semi-detached property.
- Residents questioned whether the planning officer had inspected the site and whether the plans on the portal accurately reflect what has been built.
- Residents also raised concerns about a permitted-development garden building and reported that they had not received planning notices.

Councillor David Parkinson advised residents to speak with affected neighbours and to submit objections through the portal or by email to Central Bedfordshire Council. He will contact the planning department to raise the issues discussed.

Other resident matters

- A resident asked whether the signpost near 1 Orchard Estate could be repainted, as mail is being misdirected to 1 Leighton Road. Councillor David Parkinson said this could be arranged.
- A resident reported brambles on Leighton Road making the path difficult to use. They were advised to report the issue through FixMyStreet.

4. Ward Councillors

No Ward Councillors were in attendance.

5. Clipstone Estate

- Councillor David Parkinson reported that the land north of Clipstone Brook is to be landscaped, with cost

approval from Taylor Wimpey and Barratts.

- Adoption of the estate is expected by 2028, with Highways beginning to adopt some areas before then.
- Councillor David Parkinson has heard from the developers regarding the shop. Four residents have objected to the nursery.

6. Allotments

- Councillor Sara Agnoletti reported that the allotment matter is now with the lawyers. Meetings can be arranged soon with residents who have expressed interest.
- Further groundwork is still needed, including topsoil and water points.
- The grass-cutting contractor has been asked to leave the edges for wildlife.
- Councillor Sara Agnoletti proposed adding spikes to the fencing to deter theft.
- Councillor David Parkinson proposed that the Council could fund a storage area.

7. Planning

- **CB/26/02520, Galton Court:** Single-storey extension with roof lantern. No objection.
- **CB/TC/26/00455, Periwinkle:** Works to trees in a conservation area. No objection.
- **CB/26/02361/FULL, 4 Leighton Road:** Retrospective application. Councillor David Parkinson will contact planning regarding residents' concerns.
- **CB/26/02547/FULL, Stockwell Farm Cottage, Leighton Road, Eggington:** Demolition of building and erection of replacement. No objection.

8. Requests for Funding

The Solar Farm Fund Committee agreed to fund Townlands Trust up to a cap of £2,600 for tree works. Once the supplier form has been completed, the documents will be sent to Central Bedfordshire Council for final approval.

9. Speed Data

- Speed data will be added to the website.
- Councillor David Parkinson reported that speed indicator devices appear to slow traffic.
- The average village speed is 25 mph, although a recent speed of 60 mph was recorded.
- Councillor David Parkinson investigated a resident's request to site a speed indicator device on the corner of Leighton Road, but no suitable location could be found.

10. Confirmation of Minutes 261

The minutes of Meeting 261 were approved.

- **Proposed by:** Councillor Martine Tournay
- **Seconded by:** Councillor Jackie Townsend
- **Vote:** Unanimous

11. Playground Health and Safety

- Councillor Martine Tournay reported that old metal posts are protruding in the play area. The contractor carrying out the works will be asked to remove them.
- Corinthians Football Club reported that one of the goal posts is leaning and asked whether the Council could move the goal posts for the under-10s team and make the pitch smaller.
- The Council advised that the goal posts must remain in their current position and that the club should continue as it did last season by erecting its own posts and bringing the pitch in accordingly.

12. Village Matters

Village Hall lease

The Village Hall lease was discussed. Central Bedfordshire Council does not appear to have funds available to contribute to the required works. The lease has been offered to the Parish Council on the same full repairing and full insuring terms as previous leaseholders, at a peppercorn rent.

Councillor David Parkinson noted that further requests to Central Bedfordshire Council for funding are unlikely to be successful, so the Council should decide whether it wishes to fund the works itself.

Councillor Martine Tournay will contact the solicitor and confirm to Central Bedfordshire Council that the Council is content with the lease terms. She would like to continue running the hall with a committee.

Councillor David Parkinson will also contact Vice Chair Simon King for his opinion.

Playground repair quotes

Councillor Martine Tournay received a third quote for playground repairs. The quote totalled £735 and included resealing the picnic bench and two benches outside the playground. Other quotes received were £900 and two quotes of £200.

The Council voted unanimously to accept the quote for £735.

Village pond

Councillor Jackie Townsend reported that the pond at the end of the village has no water and contains a large tyre. The matter had been raised by a visitor to the village, and it was noted that the pond is on private land.

The low water level may be due to the water table. It was understood that, when the pond is full, the tyre provides an island for ducks. Councillor David Parkinson said the pond is likely to refill when rainfall resumes, and any concerns can be raised with the Environment Agency.

13. Current Financial Situation

Account	Balance
Current Account, Lloyds	£15,076.53
Savings (Reserves) Account	£27,974.33
S106 Solar Farm Funds Balance	£43,777.06

Invoices approved for payment

MW Agri: £324.48.

- **Proposed by:** Councillor David Parkinson
- **Seconded by:** Councillor Sara Agnoletti
- **Vote:** Unanimous

The speed indicator device subscription is due. The Clerk will request a quote.

Close of Meeting

The Parish Council meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed: Chair **Date:** 7/10/2026

Next Meeting to be held on the 3/11/26