

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 13th February 2017** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs P Doherty
Councillor K Humphreys
Councillor G Jones
Councillor Mrs C Edwards

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2017/059 Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor P Doherty, welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

E2017/060 Apologies for absence

Councillor D Ryan	Alternative engagement
Councillor R Higginson	Family Commitments
Councillor Mrs M Barton	Recovering from an operation
Councillor L Bowers	Work Commitments

E2017/061 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Paula Doherty is a Member of the TWC Scrutiny Committee, the Local Access Forum and The Ramblers.

E2017/061 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2016

It was proposed by Councillor G Jones and seconded by Councillor C Edwards that the Minutes of the last meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October be signed as a true record.

E2017/062 Matters Arising

New bench, Shrewsbury Road Recreational Field – provision of a plaque
Thanks were extended to Councillors Mrs Barton for arranging for a plaque to be made and fitted on the new bench.

E2017/063 Rights of Way

a) WET3P

A meeting of the Partnership will take place in May. Some of the agreed work has now been undertaken and a progress report will be available at the meeting.

b) Footpath 13, Marsh Road

Work has been undertaken on this path which leads from Marsh Road, behind the house and fields to the main road by HAU. This is now a good, easy-access route.

c) Caynton / Calvington

Andrew Careless, TWC, continues to work on this project.

d) Restricted Byeway 18

Thanks were extended to Bill Barton for his work to assist Councillor P Doherty in the clearance of this path. More work will take place on 22nd February and 1st March, other volunteer help will be much appreciated.

e) Bayley Hills sign

Thanks were extended to Roy Langford for his help to re-erect the sign.

f) HAU Student helpers

It is hoped that students will be able to assist in some clearance work on our rights of way network – consideration will be given to the path 6A from Edgmond to Tibberton.

E2017/064 Edgmond Community Team

Members were keen to complete the work identified in order to use the Veolia Funding. A Planting scheme for Shrewsbury Road has been designed and quotations are awaited. It was agreed that Councillor Doherty, Councillor Barton and the Clerk could liaise with Adrian Corney in order to ensure the shrubs and trees can be ordered and planted before the end of March 2017.

It was further agreed that £50 be offered to the Women's Institute to assist with their planting project at the junction of Newport Road with the B5062 at Cheney Hill.

It was also agreed to apply for a further £1000 from Veolia as Phase II of our planting scheme.

E2017/065 Parish Environmental Maintenance

There are a number of tasks that need to be included in any project for our Parish. TWC has requested details for them to consider in preparation for the new Environmental Maintenance Contract in 2019.

Members agreed to include an article in the next magazine and on the website, to ask people for their views on the regularity of verge cutting, sweeping, litter picking, drain clearance etc. in order that the local views can be included in the Parish Council response.

Members were keen to encourage more Street Champions and to get to know the local Street Champions that have already signed up to help out in and around Edgmond. A letter can be sent to them via TWC asking for them to get in touch with the Clerk.

It was agreed that the Environmental Committee should look to draft a policy in order to be able to respond to requests for tree or hedge maintenance, when on private property. This is a piece of work for the future.

E2017/066 Edgmond Methodist Chapel

No reply had been received from the Methodist Circuit, therefore there is no information available as yet as to the future of this building or land. Information regarding buildings of interest had been received from the Conservation Officer at TWC and had been circulated.

E2017/067 We're Watching You campaign

Whilst there appears to have been a reduction in the number of offences since the erection of the new signs and cameras, Members believed it to be important to continue to monitor the dog fouling problem in the Parish for the foreseeable future.

E2017/068 Tree Project

Councillor Mrs Edwards updated Members on the work to date involving the HAU Conservation Society who had helped to plant the 100 trees recently. Oak Trees and Field Maple will be planted next year – new locations are needed. Ash Die-back has been identified in 25% of the new trees which will have to be chopped and burned, hoping that this may save some of the remaining trees. The Parish Council is very grateful to Councillor Mrs Edwards and to Sam Edwards for their enthusiasm and commitment to this project.

E2017/069 Other Matters

Heritage and Environmental Records

Fields with the Parish may appear on the register and details are available on request.

Play Areas, Shrewsbury Road

TWC is drafting a document for discussion, regarding the future ownership and maintenance of the MUGA and Play Area. A meeting will be necessary to discuss this further.

Tree Preservation Orders

Orders have been confirmed on the trees at The Priory and Flat Pitt Farm.

E2017/070 Date of the next meeting

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

SignedDate