

## **EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Annual Parish Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at Edgmond Village Hall on Tuesday 11th April 2017.

PRESENT: Cllr Jones  
Cllr Higginson  
Cllr Mrs Doherty  
Cllr Mrs P Hughes  
Cllr Mrs M Barton  
Cllr S Bentley  
Cllr Mrs C Edwards  
Cllr Mrs R Hayhurst

In Attendance: PC Lee Thomas  
Mr J Keeping, Parish Warden  
Mr J Bowman, Village Hall  
M Turner, PHE  
14 Members of the public

### **17/1230 WELCOME**

The Chairman, Councillor R Higginson, extended a warm welcome to everyone who attended the Annual Parish Meeting.

An open invitation had been extended to all local residents in the hope that there would be a better attendance and that people would talk with the local Councillors about local issues and discuss suggestions for future projects.

Additional invitations had been sent to local groups and organisations and some reports had been received.

Thanks were extended to Councillor Doherty for the publicity for this meeting.

### **17/1231 APOLOGIES**

Cllr L Bowers  
Cllr M Hughes  
Cllr D Ryan  
Mrs M Keeping  
Cllr K Humphries

### **17/1232 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that they are a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr G Jones and seconded by Cllr P Doherty.

### **17/1233 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **17/1234 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman read his Annual Report which gave a comprehensive account of the year of the Parish Council and its achievements.

A copy of the Chairman's Report is available and attached to the Minutes. This will be added to the website.

### **17/1235 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk had produced a financial report based on the income and expenditure throughout the year which is subject to Audit. A copy is available and is attached to the Minutes and will be added to the website.

The balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 was £13,699.60 and the VAT is still to be reclaimed.

The Parish Council set its precept for 2017/18 at £17,680 of which £8840 has already been received and is not included in the above figure.

### **17/1236 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL WARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Councillor Stephen Bentley presented a report on behalf of our two Ward Members which is available and will be attached to the Minutes. This will also be on the website.

The report referred, in particular, to the successful draft Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan. It is his belief that the Plan is representative of the local views and reflects the needs of the community. The Plan is moving forward to Regulation 15 / 16 and will be amended in line with comments received during the Regulation 14 consultation.

He wished it to be recorded, that his thanks are extended to the Members of the Parish Council who do a sterling job in the Parish.

### **17/1237 OTHER REPORTS**

#### **a) Parish Warden**

Mr John Keeping informed those in attendance that he continues to provide a report, based on information he receives from the police, for every edition of the Parish Magazine. He believes it to be important that he works with the police at all times.

One area of concern remains the parking outside of Edgmond Primary School. He has recently taken photographs, with dates and times, and passed them to the police.

#### **b) West Mercia Police**

PC Lee Thomas and Ann Moor attended the meeting as Members of the Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team, that covers Edgmond and other areas around Newport. The area they cover is around 52 square miles and has a population between 19,000 and 20,000.

There were 11 recorded crimes in the last year, three were involving landrovers and linked to an organised crime. The remaining 8 involved bicycles, a fence, gate and vehicle crime.

Edgmond remains a low crime area.

School parking, as mentioned by Mr Keeping, is a problem outside of every school. They do try their best, but the problem returns.

Newport SNT is in support of the two proposed Community Speed Watch Schemes, for Newport Road and Marsh Road. They are awaiting the traffic regulation order confirmation before the scheme can commence.

The police are aware of the Nextdoor Edgmond scheme, but they are not linked to it. It is still important that anyone with local knowledge or concerns contact the police on 101 to ensure that all the details are recorded. All information should be made available to the police by ringing 101 at the time.

We were reminded of the £200 fine for the use of mobile phones whilst in a vehicle and this can lead to a ban.

The police monitor speeding whenever possible. There is no prohibition for parking on pavements within TW. The Parish Council may wish to discuss this with the Highways Officers if pavement parking is considered to be causing a danger to pedestrians.

#### **c) Edgmond Village Hall**

Mr Bowman, Chairman, gave a report on Edgmond Village Hall and its successful journey to an extension which will offer enhance services and facilities for the local community. This has been funded in part by A Community Pride Grant from TWC, but also by fund-raising. A copy of the report is available and attached to the Minutes. A copy will go on the website.

