

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Tuesday 23th May 2017** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs P Doherty
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor G Jones
Councillor Mrs C Edwards
Councillor D Ryan
Councillor Mrs M Barton

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2017/071 Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor P Doherty, welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The Clerk reminded Members that there is still a vacancy on this Committee.

E2017/072 Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Edwards and seconded by Councillor Mrs Barton that Councillor Mrs P Doherty be re-elected as Chairman for 2017/18. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P Doherty be re-elected as Chairman of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee.

E2017/073 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Mrs P Doherty read and signed the Declaration, this was witnessed by the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council.
Councillor Mrs Doherty thanked Members for supporting her.

E2017/074 Apologies for absence

Councillor K Humphreys Alternative engagement

Rebekah Jones has not yet signed the Declaration.

E2017/075 Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor R Higginson and seconded by Councillor Mrs Barton that Councillor Mrs C Edwards be elected as Vice Chairman. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs C Edwards be Vice Chairman for 2017/18.

E2017/076 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Mrs Edwards read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, this was witnessed by the Clerk.

E2017/077 Declarations of Interest

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

E2017/078 Terms of Reference

Members confirmed the Terms of Reference, with no amendments.

E2017/079 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Edwards and seconded by Councillor D Ryan 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 18th February be signed as a true record.

E2017/080 Matters Arising

- a) E2017/068 There is still a quantity of maple trees available for replanting, however no decisions have been taken regarding sites. Councillor Mrs Edwards continues to lead on this project and liaise with the landowners. The B5062 verge and Shrewsbury Road field were suggested as possible locations, also the road to Adeney. Permission for planting in highway verges may be required, this will be checked before the next planting season.
- b) We're Watching You
Evidence of dog fouling is still visible, particularly near to the school. A positive message, thanking everyone who does pick up after their dog, will be included in the next magazine.

E2017/081 Rights of Way

Councillor Mrs P Doherty continues to lead on Rights of Way issues in the Parish and is working with Andrew Careless, the TWC Rights of Way Officer on the Calvington / Caynton route. The proposals are supported by the Parish Council and landowners, however there has been no progress for some 12 months. De-regulation Orders, when introduced, hopefully will speed up the process.

It is still the wish of the Parish Council to produce leaflets, with maps of routes and recommended walks – in the meantime one route will be published in the magazine in every publication.

Members recognized that Edmond has a significant amount of routes and most are open and accessible. Thanks are extended to everyone who helps to keep them in a good condition, a number of volunteers do help with small maintenance tasks. Maintenance is required at the Rock Hole and by Provosts House, thanks were extended to local residents who assist with this task.

E2017/082 Edmond Community Team

The planting scheme at Shrewsbury Road Car Park has been appreciated by the local community and thanks are extended to Councillors P Doherty and M Barton for the maintenance and watering.

A further grant application has been submitted which will enable more sites to be enhanced in this way.

E2017/083 Parish Environmental Maintenance

Officers of TWC will attend a Rural Forum in June to present options for PTCs regarding the future landscape and waste contract from 2019 onwards.

In the meantime, small tasks required will be arranged on an ad hoc basis.

E2017/084 Edgmond Methodist Chapel

Some information has been made available regarding possible plans for the site of the disused Methodist Chapel in Shrewsbury Road. However, there has been no reply to the Parish Council enquiry that was forwarded to the Circuit.

Rumors suggest that they may be considering knocking down the hall and converting the chapel into apartments. The Parish Council would value an opportunity to discuss this with them.

E2017/085 MUGA and Play Area

A notice will be displayed in the small children's play area to commence a consultation exercise regarding the site, equipment and future development of the area. The Parish Council will meet with Derek Owen, TWC, to discuss the options. The PC will also consult with the mother / toddler group and Edgmond Owls.

E2017/086 Other Matters

Tennis Court

A meeting is necessary with Rev Ward and the Chairman and Vice Chairman to discuss his request regarding a tennis court in the village.

Shrewsbury Road Car Park

The surface continues to cause concern and it was suggested that this might be a suitable project for Pride in Your Community, when it is launched.

Parish Tap

Ivy can be seen growing through the brickwork and will need attention in order to avoid damage.

Overgrown hedges

The area at the corner of Pipers Lane is in need of attention in order to clear the overgrowth from the pavement.

E2017/087 Date of the next meeting

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

SignedDate