

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.00p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R Higginson (Chairman)
G Jones
K Humphreys
D Ryan
Mrs P Doherty
Mrs M Barton
Mrs R Hayhurst
S Bentley
Mrs P Hughes
M Hughes

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

17/1273 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman, Councillor Higginson, welcomed everyone to the Full Council meeting and thanked them for attending.
There were no matters raised.

17/1274 APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs C Edwards Work Commitments

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

Cllr S Bentley Attending a TWC meeting, hopes to attend later

17/1275 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Doherty – Planning Application
Cllr Bentley – Financial End of Year Accounts

17/1276 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MY 2017

It was proposed by Councillor G K Humphreys and seconded by Councillor M Hughes that the Minutes of the May meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.

17/1277 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information only

- a) MUGA
The Chairman will use primer and then add the paint, as provided by TWC, in the near future.
- b) Shrewsbury Road Car Park
The replacement wooden bollards are on order
- c) Newport Road sign – this is the blue information sign on the rh side of the road which needs re-positioning.

17/1278 VACANCIES

Members recorded a vote of thanks to Lee Bowers who had resigned due to work commitments. The Clerk informed the Members that Mrs R Jones had declined the position and therefore, two vacancies exist on the Parish Council. These will be advertised on the website, in the noticeboards and at HAU. Anyone interested in applying for one of the positions must supply a supporting statement by 12 noon on the day before the next meeting (7th July 2017).

17/1279

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

a) Parish Warden and Police Report

A report from the Parish Warden had been circulated and would appear in the next magazine. PC Thomas, from Newport, had provided a written report, with apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. He explained about the speed awareness campaign and updated Members on the SpeedWatch. He confirmed, however, that the police do not receive calls of concern about speeding – it is important that anyone who believes they witness vehicles travelling at speed, causing danger or concern, that they are reported on 101, including a registration number if at all possible.

b) Newport Regeneration Partnership

Councillor Mrs Barton will attend the next meeting on 20th June and will provide a report back to the Council.

17/1280

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

Egremont House Application – Appeal

An appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspector to appeal against TWCs refusal of the application for homes on land adjacent to Egremont House.

This application is not supported by TWC policies and is contrary to the emerging Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan. Our NP has been produced in response to the views of the local community and is not at the Regulation 15 stage having received the comments through Regulation 14 from the community and statutory consultees. The site is adjacent to a listed building and in a conservation area. The site is situated in a prime central location. There is no identified need for these additional houses and the Parish has already received numerous planning consents in the recent months, all of which are on small infill plots and were supported by TWC policies, the NPPF and the NP. The Inspector has requested that anyone who has further information, in addition to that he has already received, to send it to him as part of the Appeal.

It is important to remember that the appeal is against the TWC decision, there is no requirement for the Parish Council or members of the community to repeat the information already provided that resulted in the refusal. Any new information or evidence can be provided direct to the Inspector.

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2017/0364 1 & 2, Newtown – outline application for a detached cottage with garage

Members were concerned that inaccurate statements were included in the information submitted with the application.

RESOLVED to have no objections, but to ask that any comments received from neighbours be taken into consideration

TWC/2017/0371 20 Kilvert Close – 2 storey side extension, with porch, canopy and bay window

Members believed that the roofline must not be higher than the existing property especially as the proposed extension is large in comparison to the existing property.

RESOLVED to have no objections, but to ask the questions mentioned above and to ask that any comments received from neighbours be taken into consideration

TWC/2017/0394 Land adjacent to 48 Shrewsbury Road – outline for one dwelling

Members were concerned at the poor detail included in the application and were interested in the highways objections. However, despite there being no mention of a garage, they do not object to a dwelling at this location and look forward to receiving a more detailed application.

TWC/2017/0422 1A Connors Lane – fell one Chamaecyparis tree

Councillor Mrs P Doherty, applicant, declared an interest and left the meeting room.

The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal.

RESOLVED to support the felling of this tree.

TWC/2017/0458 Bridge Farm, Longford – new barn and an extension to the existing

Members expressed concern that further development on sites such as this

would result in a semi-industrial site. If this permission is granted, Members believed that it should be made clear that it has now reached its limit of reasonable development. The barns must be used for storage only.

c) Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan

Mike Vout is to produce the draft document by 9th June and the graphics and plans are being sourced with the help of TWC. The revised Regulation 15 NP is now available and will be cross-referenced with Mike's work and with the inclusion of appropriate wording as suggested by the Conservation Officer.

The Clerk and Chairman attended a meeting with Mike, Andy and officers of TWC and our NP will be submitted for Regulation 15 /16 at the end of June with the Basic Conditions Statement which will kick-start the next 6 week consultation process.

TWC are in support of our NP and together, we will employ the services of an external examiner in late August, early September. If no hearing is required, as our Plan is in compliance with TWC policies, our Referendum should be in October, with a Cabinet Decision on its outcome in November.

17/1281

ENVIRONMENT & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor P Doherty, Chairman, presented the Minutes of the meeting which took place on 23rd May, 2017, for information

c) Rights of Way

The path to Chetwynd from Waterloo Road needs some attention and Cllr Doherty kindly agreed to investigate and provide photographs to assist in reporting the condition.

It is important that any crops or other issues are reported to the landowner or TWC for action in order to keep out network of rights of way open for all to enjoy.

Thanks have been extended to HAU for their work to keep the rights of way on their land open and clear of obstructions.

The Committee will look to provide guidelines for volunteers working on our Rights of Way, as the partnership will be required to undertake more work in the future when resources are limited.

d) Oak Tree, Marsh Road

The Clerk will request that the tree officer be invited to visit the site and inspect the tree, which appears unsafe

e) Village Tap

Councillor Higginson has spoken to the landowner and the work to remove the ivy was undertaken immediately.

f) Fly-tipping

This is a country-wide problem, and Edgmond is suffering the same as others. Everyone is asked to be extra vigilant and to report fly tips as soon as possible, especially if there is any evidence of the vehicle used or any identification matter within the rubbish.

g) Other Matters

Andrew Careless continues to work on the Caynton / Calvington Rights of Way project, which it is hoped will move forward in August

17/1282

HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor M Hughes, Chairman, presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May, 2017 for information.

b) Speeding Traffic

The Parish Council is in receipt of many concerns from local residents about the speed of traffic through the village. Everyone is reminded that the speed limit is 30 throughout the village, on all roads and yet cars, tractors and HGVs appear to travel in excess of this

As previously reported by the police, it is essential that registration numbers and descriptions are reported to the police on every occasion, they need this information (through 101) in order to apply for additional resources to 'manage' the problem.

17/1283

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor R Higginson, Chairman, presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May,

2017 for information

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FINANCE

a) Payments & Financial Report

It was proposed by Cllr M Hughes and seconded by Cllr G Jones, all were in favour and the following payments were confirmed.

Cheque No	Expenditure	Power	Amount
000860	Street Lighting Contract	LGA1972 Sch 14, P34	£1351.20
000861	Hire of Hall for meetings	LGA 1972	£245.00
000862	Local Council Award Scheme Fee	LGA 1972 S 111	£100.00

17/1285

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) All information received, for Councillors, has been shared by email and no matters have been requested to be included on the Agenda.
- b) Streetworks and surface dressing
Further projects are under way in the Parish and it is appreciated that advance notice of work is received in order that this can be included on our website to inform the local community
- c) Selective Licensing
As previously discussed, the consultation process is now live and Members are reminded that, should they have a view, these must be forwarded to TWC to be included. The four zones, however, are all in Telford and will not affect our Parish or Newport.

17/1286

CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The Chairman had been invited to Newport Civic Sunday but had not been able to attend
- b) The official opening of the Edgmond Village Hall extension had been well attended and was very successful. It had been well organized and the community were impressed with the extension and extra facility now available.

17/1287

MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Stephen Bentley, acting on behalf of Mr Bond, shares his concern that TWC has not provided a copy of the report which has been used to recommend refusal of the application to fell at Ash Tree on the site of a planning application. Mr Bond has other independent tree officer reports which advise that the tree is unsafe and should be removed in order that a replacement can be planted.

Whilst the Parish Council confirmed that it had no opinion over the felling of the tree and would leave this to the recommendation of the tree experts, Councillors were concerned that this essential report was not being made available despite the instruction from the Planning Committee that it should be.

The reports will be requested and the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk will discuss an appropriate response when they are all received. It is believed that the applicants requests that all reports are submitted to the Planning Committee before any decision is taken, if this is not possible, the application should be granted based on the reports that have been made available.

17/1288

PARISH MATTERS

- a) The future of the Lamb Inn should be included on a future agenda for discussion as an asset of community value.
- b) A letter of thanks will be sent to HAU for the floral displays in the village.
- c) Other planted beds around the village should be discussed at the next Environment Committee meeting.

17/1289

NEXT MEETINGS

10th July 2017 7pm Full Council EVH

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

Signed **Date**