

## EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00p.m.**

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk  
Mr & Mrs J Spears

### **17/1290 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman, Councillor Higginson, welcomed everyone to the Full Council meeting and thanked them for attending.

#### **Village Floral Displays**

Concerns had been expressed and complaints received regarding the untidy state of the informal wild flower beds around the Parish.

It was confirmed that the floral planters are very colourful and are an attractive display this year, but the beds, which were originally planted to commemorate the First World War, are no longer pleasing in some areas of the village.

### **17/1291 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs P Doherty	Holiday
Cllr M Hughes	Previous Engagement
Cllr R Hayhurst	Family Commitments
Cllr S Bentley	Attending a TWC meeting, hopes to attend later

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Edwards and seconded by Councillor Mrs Barton, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.**

### **17/1292 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **17/1293 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN JUNE 2017**

It was proposed by Councillor G Jones and seconded by Councillor K Humphreys that the Minutes of the June 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.**

### **17/1294 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information only**

a) 17/1277 The Chairman confirmed that the necessary work had been completed at the MUGA and also that the redundant Royal Mail grey boxes around the Village had been removed.

Thanks were extended to the Chairman and Vice Chairman for these tasks.

### **17/1295 VACANCIES**

The vacancies are still advertised, anyone interested in taking up a position should apply to the Clerk for more information.

### **17/1296 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

**a) Parish Warden and Police Report**

A copy of the report for the magazine had been circulated to Members. PC Lee Thomas would have liked to attend the meeting, but his shift pattern did not allow this, he hopes to attend a future meeting. He has confirmed the importance of ringing 101 to report vehicles who appear to be driving in excess of the speed limit through the village.

**b) Newport Regeneration Partnership**

Councillor Mrs Barton gave a short report on the meeting which took place on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**c) Harper Adams University**

Thanks were recorded to HAU for their help with the production of the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan. The latest meeting was postponed due to holidays and a new date will be arranged and circulated. Congratulations were extended for their recent success.

**d) Protect Heritage England**

Thanks were recorded to the Members of PHE for their help with the production of the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan.

17/1297

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**a) Report**

Copies of email planning decisions are shared with all Members.

**b) New Applications for consideration**

**TWC/2017/0328 47 Newport Road – 2 storey side and single storey front extension with porch**

Members remained concerned over the closeness to the boundary of the proposed extension, shown in these amended plans.

**RESOLVED to have no objections, but to ask that any comments received from neighbours be taken into consideration. It was further agreed to ascertain information regarding 'closeness to boundary' within applications.**

**TWC/2017/0425 1 & 2 Newtown and 66 Shrewsbury Road – dwelling, garage and access**

Members wished to bring it to the attention of the Planning Officer, the importance of appropriate roof pitches within a vicinity.

**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/2017/0493 Land north of The Lilacs, Longwithy Lane – variation of condition 5 to allow the alignment of the main house**

**RESOLVED to have no objections, but to enquire further about the importance of appropriate roof pitches.**

**RESOLVED also that the Clerk should express the concerns of the Parish Council regarding inconsistencies in Planning Applications and Approvals within the village and to bring to the attention of the Planning Officers, the concern regarding the design of the shed recently granted approval which will be out of keeping within the village.**

**c) Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan**

i) The Regulation 15 version of the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan has been completed taking into consideration all comments received within Regulation 14. It is essential that the process is followed in line with the guidelines from DCLG in order that everyone is aware of the process and has equal opportunity to comment.

Edgmond Parish Council is pleased with the outcome of the document, and the enhancement of the detail by included the Character Assessment, which is also nearing completion.

The Steering Group is grateful to the work of Andy Mortimer and Mike Vout (Consultants) for bringing together the documents and evidence base which will be submitted as Regulation 15 in the very near future.

The documents are currently being proof-read.

The Steering Group is grateful to HAU and PHE for their support and comments throughout the

process.

- ii) The Clerk confirmed the proposed revised timetable. The documents will be submitted to TWC by 17<sup>th</sup> July, all being well, and will be checked by TWC for completeness. They have a duty to ensure that the process is being followed and that everything required has been submitted. On confirmation of this, the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 15 version will be publicized and will appear on the TWC website and hard copies available in Southwater, at the Library and in the Village. Comments are encouraged as this is the final public consultation stage (known as Regulation 16). This period is for a further six weeks after which the documents and all comments received will be forwarded to the External Examiner who has been appointed to undertake an independent review of the documents. It will be the decision of the Examiner as to whether a hearing will be required or whether he can undertake the review based on written submissions. The Parish Council would welcome a hearing if this was his decision. The Examiner will be invited to visit Edgmond and to meet with stakeholders. His findings will ensure that the Referendum version is of the highest quality, providing adequate and appropriate policies to protect Edgmond from unacceptable development in the future, up to 2031.

**d) Appeals**

The application for development on Egremont Meadow has been subject of an appeal by the developer. The Parish Council continues to support TWC in its decision to REFUSE this application. A copy of the Parish Council submission to the Inspector had been circulated and was confirmed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council expressed appreciation to PHE for its submission, which also confirmed the local view in that TWC had made the correct decision to REFUSE the application based on Planning Policies and Local Opinions.

A further appeal had been lodged by Gladmans against the REFUSAL of its application off Shrewsbury Road for 85 homes. This appeal would be as a hearing on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The Parish Council will continue to support TWC in its decision to refuse this application and will use the Neighbourhood Plan and Character Assessment as strong documents in its opposition to such a large development which is outside of the village boundary and totally contrary to existing policies, including the NPPF.

Councillor Ryan informed the Parish Council that it is his intention to object further and to supply additional information regarding local concerns, with evidence, regarding land drainage issues already evident which will be made much worse if additional large scale developments are allowed at any time in the future.

**17/1298**

**ENVIRONMENT & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

None

**b) Rights of Way**

Councillor Mrs Doherty had provided reports, with photographic evidence, of local access issues where maintenance is required. These have been sent to TWC for them to liaise with the local landowners.

**c) Maintenance – Terms of Reference**

TWC has produced guidance for Rights of Way maintenance, when undertaken by volunteers, on behalf of the authority. These will be discussed at the next Committee meeting, anyone wishing to have a copy, can contact the Clerk.

**d) Floral Displays**

Following a number of concerns and complaints, members discussed the various sites within the village.

Whilst it is appreciated that there are differing views, it was also agreed that different forms of floral displays are more appropriate in some locations than others.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs P Hughes and seconded by Councillor K Humphreys that the bed at the end of Robin Lane, and the one at the end of Chetwynd Road, should be strimmed as soon as possible. However, a full discussion will take place at the next Committee meeting. It was agreed that we should accept the offer to strim the area at the end of Robin Lane and enquire if would mind doing the one at the end of Chetwynd Road, too.

Members were reminded of their decision to commemorate the First World War by the provision of poppy and wild flower beds, which will remain in place until 2018.

**e) Children's Play Area**

The consultation regarding the play area has been postponed until a meeting can be arranged with TWC regarding future ownership and grant funding that may be available to enhance the area.

17/1299

## HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

### a) Report

There had been two street light issues which have been auctioned.

### b) Speeding Traffic

A number of local, hand-made signs have been erected and a copy sent anonymously to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is already aware of the issues and concerns and is working with TWC and the police on a local Speed Watch Community Scheme.

Anyone wishing to communicate with the Parish Council are asked to include a name, address or email address in order that the Parish Council can respond and will keep them informed throughout the process.

### c) Highway Maintenance

A number of local projects have recently been completed in consultation with TWC, this has included a programme to update white-lining in the Parish, road sweeping and pothole identification and repair. Anyone with other locations in need of work, should report these to the Clerk.

### d) Shrewsbury Road Car Park

The replacement bollards are on order and additional grass cutting has been identified.

TWC has acknowledged the poor condition of the car park surface and officers are working to identify funding that may be available to assist to improve the situation as soon as possible.

### e) Community Speed Watch Scheme

TWC and West Mercia Police have confirmed that Edmond can take part in a local scheme. Work to ensure that all the criteria has been met will commence in the near future, for information, this will include the removal of some of the 30mph repeater signs.

17/1300

## COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

### a) Report

The work required on the noticeboard in Shrewsbury Road has been completed. Thanks were extended to Councillor Higginson.

17/1301

## FINANCE

### a) Payments & Financial Report

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

Cheque No	Expenditure	Power	Amount
000863	Clerk's Salary April - June	LGA1972 s 112	£700.00
000864	PAYE	LGA 1972 s112	£175.00
000865	Postage - Audit	LGA 1972	£6.45
000866	MUGA repairs	LGA 1972 s 133	£9.98

### b) VAT Refund

A refund of £3371.12 is to be reclaimed.

### c) Neighbourhood Plan Expenditure

The cost of the Plan to date has exceeded the grant funding available for the project. It was agreed by Members of the Council that the Character Assessment should be funded from the Council's reserves.

TWC has agreed to fund the Referendum.

17/1302

## 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) TWC – Information relating to the future of the Children's Play Area

It was agreed that an Environment Committee meeting will take place as soon as possible and this will be on the agenda.

- c) Fly The Red Ensign  
Members agreed that they would not participate in this activity.

**17/1303 CHAIRMAN’S AND CLERK’S REPORT**

- a) Grounds and Cleansing Contract  
Councillor Higginson and the Clerk had attended the Rural Forum to hear from TWC about the process to re-tender the contract which ends in 2019.  
It was very interesting and useful to know the existing service standards in order that we can consider our needs for the future.
- b) Council to Protect Rural England  
The Clerk had represented the Parish Council at a meeting held at HAU. No formal Telford & Wrekin Branch has yet been created, but it was agreed that relevant information will be shared with all local Parish & Town Councils.
- c) Church Clock  
Information is to be obtained regarding the work required on the church clock and the costs involved in order that the Parish Council can give consideration to any funding that may be available to assist.

**17/1304 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

Councillor Stephen Bentley confirmed that he, and Councillor Burrell, continue to represent local residents wherever possible.  
He has recently been liaising with the highways officers regarding essential maintenance work and sign replacement.

**17/1305 PARISH MATTERS**

- a) Rev E Ward has announced that he will retire at the end of September.
- b) Shrewsbury Road Car Park needs weed killer applying.

**17/1306 NEXT MEETINGS**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2017      7pm      Full Council      EVH  
The draw for the website prize will take place at this meeting.

There will be an Environment Committee meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

**Signed .....** **Date .....**

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in September 2017.