

**EDGMOND PARISH
COUNCIL**

ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Wednesday 19th July 2017** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2017/088 Welcome

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

E2017/089 Apologies for absence

Councillor R Higginson
Councillor M Barton

E2017/090 Declarations of Interest

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

E2017/091 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2017

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

<p>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May be signed as a true record.</p>

E2017/092 Matters Arising

a) E2017/083 TWC Grounds and Cleansing Contract

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the Rural Forum to receive information about the tender process for the procurement of grounds and cleansing services for 2019.

An independent service review has been completed and a decision to outsource the contract had been agreed. This would enable greater financial benefits and market expertise. The service would be similar to the current but there will be an option to add or delete elements, such as the stray dogs or pest control (which may be provided better locally). Trees and woodlands may also be dealt with differently.

The service will need provide a better service and realize around £500K of savings. The contract will be around managing demand and be flexible to meet the needs of each locality whilst meeting changing priorities.

A closer working relationship with the Parish Council will be incorporated and routing and scheduling will be in consultation with the local Parish Council. There will be a built in added value element for shared resources with links to new and better equipment, information and to highways, where appropriate. PTC will have greater involvement in provisions such as parks and play areas with asset transfers agreed wherever possible. There will be more volunteer and social value opportunities, engaging with other partners and negotiating service top ups.

Parish & Town Councils are asked to consider current and future provision and

needs and a further meeting will take place in order that any agreements can feed into the budget process.

b) Pride Projects

Consideration will be given to any projects brought forward that will offer enhanced services or facilities to the community of Edgmond. No further information has been made available from Rev Ward at this time.

c) Shrewsbury Road Car Park

The replacement bollards have been ordered and will be installed during the summer holiday period. Car park repairs are under consideration by TWC.

d) Overgrown hedges

These continue to be a problem around the Parish and this will be included in the next magazine article.

e) Encroaching Ivy

Work around the Parish has been undertaken, although some areas would benefit from additional work.

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Rights of Way

Councillor Mrs P Doherty updated Members on the work required and the status of the modifications for Caynton and Calvington. Andrew Careless hopes to have draft available for the end of August, although work on the Definitive Map continues to be a priority.

Councillor Doherty agreed to contact the owners of the Hall regarding work required at Pond Lane.

TWC had agreed to arrange for the Sidlington Footpath to be cleared.

Working as a Volunteer

Documents were available as drafted and recommended by The Ramblers and Telford & Wrekin Council.

It was agreed that these should be adopted and made available to anyone assisting TWC or the Parish Council within Edgmond.

Copies of the documents will be amended for Edgmond Parish and made available on the website.

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MUGA and Play Area

Both the MUGA and children's play area are assets to the Parish and it was agreed that we should work with TWC and partners to ensure that they are maintained and upgraded wherever possible.

The Chairman, Councillor Higginson, has undertaken some maintenance work at the MUGA with materials provided by TWC.

Following a meeting with TWC some two years ago, a draft lease had been received for consideration in order that the Parish Council can take over the maintenance and management of the children's play area. This will enable additional funding to be applied for as grants are available to PTCs which are not available to a Borough Council.

It was agreed that a site meeting should take place with officers of TWC in order to discuss the draft lease and to obtain quotations for the work required both short term and annually.

E2017/095 Environmental Maintenance

Members wished it to be recorded that thanks were extended to local residents who were assisting with environmental maintenance tasks within the village and in particular the wild flower areas in Robin Lane and Chetwynd Road.

The Committee will give consideration to our local requirements, for use in the new grounds maintenance contract for TWC, and will identify areas that can be retained as 'pollinator friendly areas'.

E2017/096 Other Matters

Brook drains

Councillor Ryan brought the issue and concerns regarding the brook which drains Edmond Park and Village and the associated road drains to the attention of the Committee. He agreed to contact Jim Barber at TWC for further discussions to take place in order to ensure that there will be no further issues in the future.

Robin Lane

Weeds are evident in the pavements in Robin Lane and are in need of attention, this will be reported to TWC.

Environmental Health

A request for an investigation into a stench in Marsh Road, which could be rotting meat, will be forwarded to TWC Environmental Health Officers.

Overgrown hedges

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

E2017/097 Date of the next meeting

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

SignedDate