

## EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00p.m.**

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk  
Mr & Mrs Wilson, Mr & Mrs Hancox, Mr M Turner, Sir K Arbuthnot

### **17/1307 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION**

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

The Chairman reminded everyone of the website competition. The draw will take place at the Committee meeting in October. This will give local people a little more opportunity to register to receive the website updates direct to their inbox.

#### **Speeding**

Mr Wilson raised concerns regarding the continued issue experienced within the village with speeding vehicles. It was noted that the last Minutes suggested that the police wanted people to ring 101 with details of time, date, description and registration number if possible. The police had explained that this assisted with them collating evidence for the Speedwatch Programme and for their records.

It was also suggested that references to highways and speed concerns should be included in consultation responses to planning applications.

Concerns were expressed that applicants often included highway traffic surveys, with their applications, which do not reflect the 'real statistics and data' and these can often show a distorted opinion.

Concern was expressed that the Parish Council communicates, in the main, via the website and not everyone has access to this. Members agreed to include more information on the noticeboards and in the magazine.

Nextdoor Edgmond is often used to share information regarding local services, facilities, adverts etc. It not considered an appropriate forum for the Parish Council to discuss local issues. The public are reminded that the Councillors can be contacted by email or telephone, however, it is preferred that any reports, requests for action or comments be sent direct to the Parish Council via the Clerk. Please use the postal address, email address or telephone numbers.

The upcoming appeal for the application by Gladman, for 85 homes off Shrewsbury Road, will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> September – this is public meeting and anyone is welcome to attend. The Parish Council has registered to speak at the event. A link to the Council's submission will be available.

### **17/1308 APOLOGIES**

Clr Mrs M Barton            holiday            Accepted

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs P Doherty and seconded by Councillor M Hughes, all were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.</b>
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### **17/1309 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN JULY 2017**

It was proposed by Councillor D Ryan and seconded by Councillor Mrs P Hughes that the Minutes of the July 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.**

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

The Clerk was asked to enquire of TWC the answers to the questions raised within the planning application consultations at the last meeting.

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### **VACANCIES**

The two vacancies are still advertised, anyone interested in taking up a position should apply to the Clerk for more information. Anyone resident in the Parish, or who lives within 3 miles of the Parish boundary are eligible to put themselves forward for consideration.

This item will be included on the November Full Council agenda and personal statements of applicants are to be with the Clerk by 12 noon on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November for consideration.

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### **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 had updated the Parish Council on the Speedwatch Scheme – TWC will be ensuring that the road signs are correct. It is hoped that the training will be arranged in the near future.

#### **b) Newport Regeneration Partnership**

The next meeting is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7pm at HAU. The Parish Council has been asked to give a short presentation on our Neighbourhood Plan, to date. Councillors R Higginson and G Jones will attend. Councillors Mrs Barton and Mrs Doherty have sent apologies.

#### **c) Harper Adams University**

The next liaison meeting was scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> September, but as this was the date of the hearing a new date will be agreed.

#### **d) Helicopter Liaison Group**

Councillor G Jones will represent the Parish Council at the next meeting.

#### **e) Wrekin Area Committee – SALC**

The next meeting will be AGM and this will take place at Newport Town Council offices. Michael Barker will be attending to give a short presentation on the 'Importance of Having a Neighbourhood Plan'.

A special meeting is to be arranged regarding the Future Fit consultation, this will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm. Invitations will be sent to the Chairman.

#### **f) TW Bus User Group**

Martin Reid will represent Edgmond Parish Council at the next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September – if anyone has matters they wish to raise, please forward them to the Clerk.

17/1314

### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **a) Report**

Copies of email planning decisions are shared with all Members.

The appeal against the refusal of the Egremont Meadow application has been withdrawn.

#### **b) New Applications for consideration**

**TWC/2017/0585 1 Robin Lane extension**

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

RESOLVED to have no objections.

RESOLVED to defer discussion on this application until the Planning Officer has received replies to question asked of the applicant / owner.

This site is of historic importance and any development needs to be appropriate. There was also concern regarding the access in that access to the graves and cemetery will need to be retained.

**c) Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan**

- i) Regulation 16 will commence on 14<sup>th</sup> September. TWC, under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 will publish the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan. This period of consultation ends on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017.  
The Plan has been developed by the Parish Council to establish a long term view for the Edgmond area and help deliver the local community's aspirations and needs for the plan period 2017 – 2031. It sets out key objectives and planning policies which the Parish Council wishes to be used to help determine planning applications in the future. The ENP will be referred to an Independent Examiner with all comments received. The Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the TWC website ([www.telford.gov.uk/edgmondndp](http://www.telford.gov.uk/edgmondndp)) or on our website. Paper copies are also available at TWC, Addenbrooke House, First Point in Wellington, Darby House at Telford or in the Village Hall. Representations must be received by TWC no later than 5pm on the closing date. All representations received will be forwarded to the Examiner and publicly available.
- ii) The Clerk confirmed the proposed revised timetable.  
All being well the ENP and representations will be sent to the Examiner in November, the Examiner then determines whether a hearing is required. This will dictate the next timescale, however if no hearing is called for, the referendum should be early in the New Year.

The Chairman wished to record the thanks of the Parish Council to the Clerk, the consultants, the steering group members and to everyone who had contributed to the plan and supporting evidence throughout the process.

**d) Appeal Hearing**

The Gladman Appeal hearing will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Meeting Point House. The Parish Council has already registered to speak and a number of Councillors have expressed an interest in attending. Local residents are welcome.

The Statement of Case provided by the Planning Officer is clear and concise, it is factual and accurate. The Appellant's statement remains unclear and is in place factually inaccurate.

**e) TW Local Plan – Main Modifications**

The Inspector's main modifications have been published and the consultation ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. It was agreed that the Clerk should register the concerns of the Parish Council in that there is a need for a policy to enforce the protection of the rural area, particularly Edgmond, from inappropriate development and large housing estates. There must be a policy that does not support development out into the open countryside.

Concern will be expressed that Edgmond requires protection and confirmation that should the 600+ houses not go ahead at Allscott and Crudgington, that these homes will not be accepted in the five named villages.

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**ENVIRONMENT & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

Councillor Mrs Doherty presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July for information

**b) Rights of Way**

Thanks were extended to the volunteers who have assisted with the work at Sidlington, Pond Lane and Edgmond Hall.

**c) Maintenance – Terms of Reference**

The volunteer policy documents are now completed and are with TWC for ratification before publication.

**d) Wild Flower Beds**

The Parish Council wished to records its thanks to the helpers who have been cutting back the planted areas. Thanks were also extended to HAU for their support in collecting the arisings and disposing of them on our behalf.

**e) Japanese Knotweed**

It has been confirmed that it is not illegal for it to be growing on property, but it is illegal to allow it to spread onto neighbouring land. Reasonable notice must be given to the owner for them to have time to carry out control to prevent further spread – usually 6 – 8 weeks. If the landowner fails to control it, it can then be reported to the Enforcement Team at TWC.

**17/1316**

**HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

None

**b) Speeding Traffic**

PC Lee Thomas has acknowledged the Parish Council concerns and fully supports our aims in raising awareness and encouraging action. The police have been in attendance around the village whenever possible and they are working with TWC to ensure that the traffic regulation orders and signage are appropriate to carry out the Speedwatch scheme.

**c) Highway Maintenance**

The updating of white lining throughout the Parish has made a significant difference to the road markings. Additional work has taken place in School Road.

Resurfacing will take place in Chetwynd Road later in the month.

Any other matters, to be raised at the liaison meetings with TWC, should be forward to the Clerk.

**d) Shrewsbury Road Car Park**

The area has had weed killer applied.

TWC is investigating the work required on the surface and any funding available to assist. The redundant signs (at the entrance) should be removed / replaced.

**e) Hillside / School Road**

The Parish Council will inform TWC that Pipers Lane is not a suitable route to use as a diversion loop when roadworks are taking place.

**f) Sign Audit**

The Clerk will request an update.

**17/1317**

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

Website Registrations

As at tonight, there are 68 local residents registered. The draw will take place in October, so there is still time for people to register.

**17/1318**

**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
000867	Website	LGA1972 s 144	£423.00
000868	Street Lighting	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34	£2053.71
000869	Street Lighting repair	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34	£90.85
000870	NP Consultant Fee	LGA 1972 s 112	£1301.10
000871	Clerk's Society Subscription (25%)	LGA 1972 s 143	£62.50
000872	Councillors Guides	LGA 1972 s176	£19.20
000873	Audit Fee	LGA 1972	£240.00

**b) Neighbourhood Plan Expenditure**

Mazars LLP had returned the completed Audit Form, with no comments or concerns. There are no matters to be raised with the Parish Council.

**c) Grant Application**

The Parish Council had received a grant application from Patients First. Having considered the role of the Group, in relation to our Parish, Members agreed that they did not have sufficient funds in their grants budget to assist at this time.

17/1319

### 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) War Memorials – Members wanted to thank Grange Fencing for their offer of help, but on this occasion they did not want to take up the offer.
- c) St Peter’s Church Clock repairs – further to the correspondence received from the PCC, the Clerk had been investigating the Parish Council responsibilities in this matter. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr G Jones that the Parish Council should include in its budget, the annual service contract fee for future years. If this is required for 2017/18, funds can be available from reserves. It was also agreed that a significant donation to the essential repairs and electrical work can be included for consideration in the budget for 2018/19. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council will include funds for the annual contract in their future budget and that the Councillors will include consideration for a donation to the repairs in their budget discussion for the next financial year.**

- d) Rev E Ward – The Parish Council acknowledged receipt of the request for an event to take place in the village in recognition of the retirement of Rev E Ward. The Parish Council had been informed by the PCC that an event, open to everyone, has been organized and the details are in the church porch.
- e) Future Fit consultation – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm – details will be circulated

17/1320

### CHAIRMAN’S AND CLERK’S REPORT

- a) **BT Payphone**  
TWC had informed the Parish Council that BT had agreed to ‘save’ the phone box in High Street, this time around. However, Members were concerned at this decision having heard that it has not been operational for many years. This will be reported to TWC.
- b) **Telford@50**  
The Parish Council resolved to support a suggestion to upgrade Hutchinson Way, with new leaflets and signage as an appropriate legacy project to recognise Telford@50.
- c) **Poppy Appeal**  
The Parish Council may consider the purchase of large poppies to display on lamp posts etc (at a cost of £3.50 each) for 2018.
- d) **HAU – Field to Fork event** – the Chairman had attended a meeting at HAU regarding this event in April 20-18. The Parish Council has been asked to host a stall to advertise the work of the Parish Council, but Members did not fully understand why attendees at the event would be interested in such a stall. This will be added to the agenda for the HAU liaison meeting.

17/1321

### 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 traffic calming and planning issues – anyone with specific concerns can contact their local Councillors who will take up the issues on their behalf.

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### PARISH MATTERS

- a) Cllr Edwards reported that more trees will be lifted on 18/19<sup>th</sup> November with provisional dates for planting as 26 November or 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- b) A request for the hedge to be cut back on the corner of Newport Road where it meets Robin Lane will be forwarded to the owner – this is a dangerous corner and on the bus route and cycle route.

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### NEXT MEETINGS

**The Committee meetings scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> October will be postponed due to apologies received. A new date will be arranged.**

13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

7pm

Full Council

EVH

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

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