

**EDGMOND PARISH
COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Thursday 19th October 2017** in Edgmond Village Hall at 2.30pm.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2017/098 Welcome

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

E2017/099 Apologies for absence

None

E2017/100 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Paula Doherty is a Member of the Local Access Forum and The Ramblers.

E2017/101 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Humphreys and seconded by Councillor Jones 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 19th July be signed as a true record.

E2017/102 Matters Arising

a) E2017/096 Brook Drains

Cllr Ryan had not yet contacted Jim Barber, but remained concerned over the lack of maintenance. He was aware of work back in 2003 and other visits from both Jim Barber and Nick Kitchen where promises of a maintenance programme for the drains and ditches had been discussed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the officers and raise awareness, once again, of the problem and the concerns of the local residents.

b) Footpath Programme

TWC will be reminded of the need to spray the weeds, particularly in Robin Lane and the Cul-de-sac.

c) Overgrown Hedges and Ivy

Some work has been undertaken, but more is needed. Areas of concern will be passed to TWC for action.

E2017/103 Rights of Way

Councillor Mrs P Doherty updated Members on the work required and the status of the modifications for Caynton and Calvington. The orders were drafted around two years ago and although still 'live' they had not moved forward. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to more senior officers to support Andrew Careless and to raise awareness of the time taken on this, and other projects, but they cannot be brought

to a conclusion without the resources.

A number of sign issues have been highlighted, but until the above work is completed, there is little point in completing a signage update.

E2017/104 MUGA and Play Area

As agreed at the last meeting, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and of the Committee had been invited to meet with Derek Owen and a legal representative to discuss the lease option for the children’s play area. A number of points had been raised and further work was required to ascertain details regarding

- ROSPA inspections
- Weekly inspections
- Hedge maintenance
- Grass cutting
- Insurance
- Equipment maintenance

There were factors to take into consideration, the relationship with the Bowling Club, who will inspect the equipment if the Clerk was not available, annual costs, maintenance regimes etc.

Members wondered if TWC could continue to maintain the hedges and grass as they will be visiting the field?

Members wondered what would happen to the area, if the Parish Council did not feel that they could take it on.

It was agreed that a further meeting was needed, for the full Committee, to meet with Derek Owen from TWC. Details of the questions and concerns would be sent to him before the meeting. 21st November was suggested, but this would depend if Derek is available.

E2017/105 Environmental Maintenance

Members had not yet had an opportunity to identify areas for change within the Parish with regards to grass cutting regimes and wild flower areas.

Details of the current SLA agreements regarding grass cutting, weed spraying, litter picking, road sweeping, drainage work etc would be requested in order that members can consider this alongside any changes.

E2017/106 Tree Project

Councillor C Edwards enquired how much of the Tree Project funding is still available.

E2017/107 Other Matters

Trees in Marsh Road

It had been some time since an initial enquiry about the condition of a tree opposite number 2 Marsh Road, the Clerk will enquire of the Tree Officer if they have any opinion on its condition. At the same time, advice on the Ash Tree next to number 3 in Marsh Road would also be asked, this tree is in the roadside ditch so the responsibility of the Highway Department.

Birchmoor Lane

Cllr Doherty agreed to have a look at a ditch which could cause problems if on a public right of way.

E2017/108 Date of the next meeting

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.40pm.

SignedDate