

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 13th November 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 P Doherty
Mrs M Barton

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
8 Members of the public

17/1324 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

Rights of Way

Mr Lane was in attendance to bring to the attention of the Parish Council his concerns regarding dogs that run loose on public footpaths, especially when on private land.

He shared information on his opinions regarding dog faeces that is not picked up and the dangers it can present to livestock.

Speeding

Mrs Wheeler, on behalf of residents of Marsh Road, Edgmond, asked the Parish Council for its support to bring forward the Community Speedwatch Scheme that has been pending for a number of years. Despite regular correspondence with the police and local authority, no date has been confirmed for the training of volunteers. It was questioned as to why the 30mph repeater signs had been removed.

Councillor Stephen Bentley, Ward Member, explained the importance of ensuring that the traffic regulation orders were in place and legal, before the scheme is introduced and the removal of the repeater signs is a requirement of the scheme.

The Parish Council confirmed that it had also been in regular contact with the police and local authority and confirmed the information that the Councillors had received regarding the allocation of equipment in preparation for the training and implementation, which is awaiting confirmation of the traffic regulation orders. The Clerk also confirmed that School Road and High Street are to be included in a future scheme.

17/1325 VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following a further period of advertising the vacancies, which can be filled by co-option as an election was not called, two applications had been received by the Friday deadline.

Personal statements had been received from Sir Keith Arbuthnot and Mr Allan Wilson. Mr Wilson has sent his apologies so his application will be considered at the next meeting, where he can attend.

There were no further questions for the applicant, who then left the room.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Edwards and seconded by Councillor K Humphreys and all were in favour that it be

RESOLVED that Sir Keith Arbuthnot be co-opted to Edgmond Parish Council.

Councillor K Arbuthnot read and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council.

Councillor Arbuthnot will complete a Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Information Forms for use in Council correspondence and these will appear on the website.

Councillor Arbuthnot accepted an invitation to join the Environment & Rights of Way Committee.

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APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs R Hayhurst	work commitments	Accepted
Cllr M Hughes	previous engagement	Accepted

It was proposed by Councillor G Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs P Doherty and all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs P Doherty Member of the Ramblers Association & Local Access Forum

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2017

It was proposed by Councillor S Bentley and seconded by Councillor G Jones that the Minutes of the September 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

None

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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.

b) Newport Regeneration Partnership

The next meeting has moved to 16th January 2018 at 7pm at HAU in order that TWC can be represented by the Cabinet Member and appropriate officers. It is also hoped that David Llewellyn, HAU, will be able to attend.

Councillor Cath Edwards will represent Edgmond Parish Council at future meetings.

c) Harper Adams University

The minutes of the recent Liaison Meeting have been circulated to all Members.

Members who attended were pleased to hear of the work undertaken to ensure that the new lighting is appropriate and it was confirmed that there is no light pollution evident now. Also, there was an agreement that the Students Union would advertise the dates of significant events direct in the Edgmond Magazine.

d) Helicopter Liaison Group

Councillor G Jones had attended the last meeting and confirmed that the Group would welcome representatives from all Telford & Wrekin Parish & Town Councils. We are in a low flying area and three local fields (Tern Hill, Chetwynd and Shawbury) are used for nighttime activities and landing practice. Shawbury is keen that people keep them aware of events, such as weddings and funerals, and they will avoid the area if at all possible.

e) TW Bus User Group

Martin Reid continues to represent Edgmond and has expressed concerns regarding the lateness of buses, those who miss to go through the village and incorrect advertisements and signage for some diversions.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

TWC has received the Inspector's Report on the new Local Plan and he has now confirmed that the document is 'sound' providing that the Main Modifications are included.

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2017/0782 Manor House – removal of existing chimney stack and installation of roof lights

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

TWC/2017/0818 The Hollies, 1 Marsh Road – extensions and roof light with car port

RESOLVED to have no objections to the car port, however questions were asked as to whether the remainder of the application was appropriate especially in relation to the roof finish, windows and external wall finishing.

TWC/2017/0841 HAU – pedestrian crossings with dropped kerbs

RESOLVED to have no objections to these proposed crossings.

TWC/2017/0876 Rashleigh, Bayley Hills – extension and roof terrace

RESOLVED that the roof terrace is out of keeping and will be imposing to the neighbours and has the potential of enabling a noise nuisance. The appearance of the proposed extension is out of character for the estate. It was further resolved that should the application be recommended for approval, the Parish Council will call it in for decision by the Planning Committee.

TWC/2017/0884 Extension and roof terrace at 77 Newport Road

RESOLVED that the roof terrace is out of keeping and could be a problem for the neighbours. Members asked the question of ‘was this appropriate’ for the site and would ask that TWC takes into consideration the views of the neighbours.

TWC/2017/0889 The Old School, School Road, Side & Front extensions

RESOLVED that the proposals in this application are not acceptable due to the character of this unique and historic building which sits within the Conservation Area. The proposals are inappropriate and will have a negative impact on this important building. The use of extensive glass will also result in light pollution.

c) Edmond Neighbourhood Plan

15 comments had been received as part of the Regulation 16 consultation. On the whole, the document was supported.

The comments are now available and the Plan, with evidence base and all comments will be sent off to the Examiner.

TWC and EPC have jointly employed the services of an external examiner, recommended by NPIERS.

On receipt of the information, the Examiner will assess if he believes that a hearing is required for him to understand any matters raised in the consultation process. If a hearing is required, this will add 28 days to the process and the referendum will also be delayed.

d) Appeal Hearing

A copy of the Gladman Appeal hearing outcome report is now available. It was pleasing that the Inspector had taken into consideration the points raised by the Parish Council and the community (via PHE) and these have now been forwarded to the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner.

e) Other Planning Matters

i) The Clerk will request details of the status of the SHLAA sites.

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ENVIRONMENT & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor Mrs Doherty presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October for information.

b) Rights of Way

A footpath sign is missing from the bottom of Connor’s Lane.

A form of words needs to be agreed, reference farm animals and the use of rights of way.

c) Tree Project

Cllr Mrs Edwards confirmed that further planting will take place on 19th and 26th November. Everyone is welcome to come along and help. Confirmation is awaited that trees can be planted around the Shrewsbury Road playing fields.

- d) **Marsh Road Trees**
Councillor Ryan confirmed that the information had been received and all is in order.
- e) **Ridge & Furrow Designation**
Shropshire Council has confirmed the designation and this will be taken into consideration if any development is proposed for the designated fields.

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HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

- a) **Report**
None
- b) **Speeding Traffic**
The residents of Marsh Road are keen to undertake their training and to bring the Community Speedwatch scheme into action in Marsh Road. However, we are awaiting confirmation that the traffic regulation orders are correct. In order to implement the scheme, some of the repeater signs have been removed.
- c) **Highway Maintenance**
Concerns had been expressed regarding the lack of advance notice for the closure of the B5062 for maintenance.
- d) **Street Lighting**
The community regularly inform the clerk of lights that are not working properly, this is really useful and ensures that the lights are out for the minimum amount of time.
- f) **Road closures, diversions and notifications**
The advance notice regime from TWC is not working well for the rural areas and this will be added to the next agenda for the PCMG. STW had not notified Marsh Road residents of work, where the water supply was to be cut off.
- g) **Blocked drains**
There remain issues in some local areas, the end of Newport Road and Birchmoor Lane experience flooding regularly. This will be taken up with the relevant department at TWC.

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COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

- a) **Report**
None
- b) **Parish Logo**
Thanks were extended to Councillor Mrs Doherty and Mrs Barton who had visited the design studio and requested some initial designs for consideration. These will be considered by the Communication Committee at its next meeting. It is important that this is available to be used in different sizes for different documents and should be clear whether in colour or black and white. The committee will consider the options and a recommendation will go to Full Council in time for the successful design to be used in the Neighbourhood Plan flyer.
- c) **Noticeboard, Shrewsbury Road**
It was noted that there is limited room for public notices on the 'extra' board provided at the location with the TWC Rights of Way noticeboard. Councillor Doherty confirmed that community notices can be inserted into the noticeboard on request.

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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
000874	Insurance	LGA1972 s 140 s111	£658.07
000875	Poppy Wreath	LGA 1972 s177	£19.00
000876	PPS	LGA 1972	£2.08
000877	NP Consultant Fee	LGA 1972 s 112	£2000.00
000871	Street Lighting	LGA 1972 s14 p34	£2078.06

- b) **Budget Consideration**
Members were asked to give consideration to any 'new' or enhanced projects to be included in the budget for 2018/19.

A draft budget will be circulated for consideration and Members will have the opportunity to discuss other headings at Full Council in January when the precept will need to be set.

17/1336 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) CPRE – Campaign to Protect Rural England
Members have been invited to a meeting on 21st November at 7.30pm in Waters Upton Village Hall to discuss the formation of a Telford & Wrekin Branch.
- c) Stoke on Tern Neighbourhood Plan
The draft plan has been published and is now open for consultation.
- d) TWC continues to work with Openreach to provide Superfast Broadband to Marsh Road area of the village.

17/1337 CHAIRMAN’S AND CLERK’S REPORT

- a) **Parish Charter Monitoring Group**
The Minutes have been circulated to Members for information.
- b) **Wrekin Area Committee**
Councillor Higginson had represented the Parish Council at the meeting in Newport where Michael Barker attended and gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning. Wrekin Area Committee seconded a motion to put forward to NALC regarding industrial developments in rural areas.

17/1338 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Stephen Bentley confirmed that he, and Councillor Burrell, continue to represent local residents wherever possible.
Councillor Bentley reminded the Parish Council of the Pride in the Community funding which is available for local projects.

17/1339 PARISH MATTERS

None

17/1340 NEXT MEETINGS

21 st November 2017	1.30pm	Environment Committee
11 th December 2017	6.30pm 7.30pm	Environment Committee Highways Committee
14 th December 2017	2.00pm	Communication Committee
8 th January 2018	7.00pm	Full Council

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**

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in January 2018.