



EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 8th January 2018** at **7.00p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R Higginson (Chairman)
K Arbutnot
C Edwards
R Hayhurst
M Hughes
P Hughes
K Humphreys
D Ryan
A Wilson (Minute 18/1342)

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
1 Members of the public (until Minute 18/1342)

18/1341 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

It was with sadness that the Chairman informed Members that Mrs Sue Jones was in Intensive Care having been taken ill suddenly. Members wishes to send their best wishes to Gwyn, Sue and the family.

PC Lee Thomas had intended to attend the meeting, but work commitments have prevented him from doing so.

18/1342 VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

A personal statement had been received from Mr Allan Wilson. Mr Wilson was available to answer any questions. The applicant then left the room.

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

RESOLVED that Mr Allan Wilson be co-opted to Edgmond Parish Council.

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

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

Councillor Wilson accepted an invitation to join the Highways and Street Lighting Committee.

18/1343 APOLOGIES

Cllr M Barton	unwell	Accepted
Cllr S Bentley	TWC Meeting	Accepted
Cllr P Doherty	unwell	Accepted
Cllr G Jones	personal circumstances	Accepted

It was proposed by Councillor R Hayhurst and seconded by Councillor C Edwards and all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

PC Lee Thomas Work commitments



18/1344 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P Doherty Member of the Ramblers Association & Local Access Forum
Councillor R Hayhurst Harper Adams University
All Members resident in Edgmond Parish Dispensation to take part in the budget discussion and precept decision

18/1345 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2017

It was proposed by Councillor D Ryan and seconded by Councillor M Hughes that the Minutes of the November 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.

18/1346 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information only

- 17/1331 We are still awaiting a response from TWC regarding the current status of the SHLAA sites.
- 17/1336 A new branch of CPRE has been formed. Connor Furnival is the Chairman, there is a vacancy for a Secretary. The next meeting will take place at HAU on 6th February 2018. All are welcome to attend. An Agenda will be forwarded to all Members when it is available.

18/1347 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 next meeting will take place on 20th April 2018, any items for the Agenda can be sent to the Clerk.

Rebecca Hayhurst, as an employee of HAU, informed the meeting that HAU are in discussion with Arriva regarding expanding the partnership bus service. There will be a further meeting at the end of January and if it goes ahead, it will start in the September.

d) 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. There was a query regarding the timetable and the Newport to Stafford Connection, this will be discussed at the next meeting on 6th February 2018.

18/1348 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

TWC will adopt the Local Plan on 11th January 2018. Together with the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan, Edgmond Parish will be better protected from large scale inappropriate development.

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2017/0876 Rashleigh, Bayley Hills –amended plans

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will continue to object to this proposal which is out of keeping with the rural settlement and Bayley Hills in particular. All the reasons for objecting previously are still applicable. Local residents are encouraged to put forward their objections, too.



Edgmond Parish Council has called in the application for determination by Planning Committee if the officer is minded to recommend approval. Councillor R Higginson will attend the meeting and speak against the application. A good attendance would be welcomed. It is hoped that local residents will also speak at the meeting.

c) Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan

The Independent Examiner has completed his examination of the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan and Evidence and has recommended the Plan to move forward to the Referendum. Some minor amendments have been recommended. Some changes to policy wording have also been recommended in order to take into consideration the public views.

The Parish Council will meet with TWC to agree to accept the report and to make arrangements for the Referendum, which is likely to take place towards the end of April.

This will be a full day election, 7am until 10pm and the count will take place in the Village Hall at the close of the poll.

TWC has agreed to fund the costs.

It had been agreed at a recent Communication Meeting that the Parish Council would produce a one-off newsletter to announce the Referendum and to share with the public information regarding the work of the Parish Council and contact details for the Council and Councillors. A draft newsletter will be available at the communication committee meeting on 12th February.

The examiner's report has been welcomed by representatives of PHE and HAU.

d) Other Planning Matters

i) Enforcement Enquiries

Edgmond Parish Council has reported the process to the Parish Charter Monitoring Group to raise awareness of the importance of confidential reports coming from the Parish Council and not from individuals.

ii) An update on current investigations will be available and circulated to Members for information.

18/1349

ENVIRONMENT & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

The Clerk presented the Minutes of the meetings for information.

b) Rights of Way

There will be a meeting of the WETP3 on 24th January at 9.30am at Waters Upton, Cllr Doherty will attend.

Members did not think it appropriate to add their logo to and fund one-off signs on rights of way as it set a precedent which could not be maintained. Standard signs are available and should be encouraged.

c) Magazine Articles

A schedule of Councillors for particular editions has now been agreed and will be circulated.

Two articles will appear in the New Year edition in order to cover both the work of the Parish Council and the dangers of dog fouling, when not picked up.

d) Tree Project

Councillor Edwards confirmed that further planting will take place at the end of January. Locations have been agreed with landowners. There will be a site meeting regarding the Church Field planting to agree the locations. Website news items have continued in order to ensure that the community is aware of this worthwhile project.

Thanks are extended to landowners and volunteers for their help with the project.

e) Shrewsbury Road Play Area

No further information had been received from TWC following the last meeting. Due to this it was agreed that this project would be deferred for further discussion. It was therefore agreed that Edgmond Parish Council would not be in a position to consider further a possible lease agreement for the site until the next financial year.



18/1350

HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

- a) **Report**
Councillor Higginson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December, for information.
- b) **Street Lighting**
The Parish Council is awaiting the annual survey report from Eon in order that consideration can be given to the necessary upgrade work.
- c) **External residential lighting**
Anyone who believes they are distracted by external lighting on residential properties should report this to the police for investigation.
- d) **Speeding Traffic**
There had been no further update from the Police regarding the Community Speedwatch Scheme.
- e) **Maintenance**
 - A pothole on the B5062 near to the Marsh Road junction is in need of urgent repair.
 - A request for a weight limit on High Street would not be possible, unfortunately, the HGVs that use the road, often as a short-cut, have caused damaged to Bayley Hills House wall

18/1351

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

- a) **Report**
Councillor R Higginson presented the Minutes of the last meeting, for information.
- b) **Parish Logo**
Thanks were extended to Councillors P Doherty and M Barton for their work to create a Parish Logo.
The coloured, and black & white versions, are excellent and will be added to future correspondence and used on the website and other communications.
- c) **Newsletter**
Thanks were extended to Councillor P Doherty for her work on the first draft, this will be discussed at the Communication Committee meeting.
It was agreed that these will be delivered to all houses two weeks before the Referendum.
- d) **Community Renewable Energy**
This information has been passed to the Village Hall Committee.

18/1352

FINANCE

- a) **Payments & Financial Report**
It was proposed by Cllr P Hughes and seconded by Cllr C Edwards, all were in favour and the following payments were confirmed.

Cheque No	Expenditure	Power	Amount
000880	Clerks Salary – 6 months	LGA1972 s112	£1400
000881	PAYE/ NI	LGA 1972 s112	£350
000882	Logo design	LGA 1972	£96
000883	Tree Project	LGA 1972 s 101	£358.08
000884	Street Lighting repairs	LGA 1972 sh 14 p34	£302.08
000885	Street Lighting maintenance agreement	LGA 1972 Sh 14 p 34	£1351.20

- b) **Budget Consideration**
Further to the previous discussions regarding the budget, a draft had been circulated for consideration.
It was proposed by Councillor K Humphreys and seconded by Councillor C Edwards, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the budget for 2018/19 be agreed as £18,980.00, this will be achieved by raising a precept of £18,115.00. TWC will be asked to raise this on our behalf via the Council Tax bills. Edgmond Parish Council will request the funding as 50% in April and 50% in October.



Members asked that a thorough survey of the street lights, and poles (with the ages of the poles) be available so that appropriate consideration can be given to the budget required for next year.

c) TWC request for funding towards 170,000 daffodil bulbs planted at Telford Town Centre.

Members had received a letter from the Mayor of Telford & Wrekin requesting a £100 donation to the project in which 170,000 bulbs have been planted on Community Mound in Telford.

Members were concerned that this is a retrospective application for funds as the Parish Council has not been given the opportunity to include funding in our budget. We have no funds available for further grants at this time of year. Also, it is important that TWC realizes that we have a Grants Policy which dictates that any grant should be for the benefit of a significant number of Edgmond residents. Without asking the community, Councillors are not in a position to know if this would be supported.

RESOLVED, unanimously, that Edgmond Parish Council is not in a position to donate to the request.

18/1353 CORRESPONDENCE

None

18/1354 CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S REPORT

a) Parish Forum

The Chairman had attended the Budget Forum on 4th December and heard about the extra expenditure that will be needed for Adult Social Care and Children's Services.

Otherwise, we are in the second year of a two-year budget and although cuts will be continue, in order to meet the reduced budget, front line services should not be further affected.

b) Parish Charter Monitoring Group

The Clerk will attend in order to raise awareness of the importance of Parish Council Enforcement Enquiries not including individual names and to raise a question regarding the limited resources available to support the Rights of Way Officer.

c) Wrekin Area Committee of SALC

The Chairman will represent the Parish Council at the next meeting on 17th January at 7pm at Randlay Community Centre.

18/1355 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Stephen Bentley had sent a report to confirm that he is working with Andrew Careless to access the necessary funding for the upgrade work required for the safe route to school path from Shrewsbury Road Car Park.

18/1356 PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Ryan reported that although the road drain clearing in Marsh Road, as requested, has been completed, further issues have occurred. It is his intention to raise this, as an affected resident, with TWC.

18/1357 NEXT MEETINGS – to be confirmed

12 th February 2018	Communication Committee	7pm
14 th February 2018	Environment Committee	7pm
12 th March 2018	Full Council	7pm

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 March 2018.