

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Wednesday 14th February 2018** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor P Doherty
Councillor C Edwards
Councillor G Jones
Councillor D Ryan
Councillor K Humphreys
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor K Arbuthnot

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2018/127 Welcome

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

E2018/128 Apologies for absence

Councillor M Barton Unwell

E2018/129 Declarations of Interest

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

E2018/130 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017

It was proposed by Councillor C Edwards and seconded by Councillor G 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 11th December 2017 be signed as a true record.

E2018/131 Matters Arising

a) Overgrown Hedges and Ivy

Councillor Higginson kindly agreed to cut back the ivy which was engulfing the litter bin.

b) Walking Bus Route

Councillor Bentley has offered funding to assist with the work required to improve the surface of the walking bus route.

c) Tree Planting

There are small maple trees available to be planted into the edge of the playing field off Shrewsbury Road.

d) Footpath linking Rock Lane to Birchmoor Lane

Work had been undertaken to cut back the overgrowth.

e) Thank you Letters

As previously agreed, the Parish Council wanted to send thank you letters to local residents who have helped with local projects, such as the tree project and also rights of way maintenance. Members were asked to forward names and addresses (confidentially) to the Clerk for letters to be processed.

E2018/132 Play Area, Shrewsbury Road

The information, as requested by the Committee, had not been available from Telford & Wrekin Council. Members are also aware of the process of procurement for a new grounds maintenance and cleansing contract for April 2019 which will see an enhanced

service, with reduced costs. This will enable a wider discussion regarding the grass and hedge maintenance of the play area in the future. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Doherty and seconded by Councillor Edwards that Edgmond Parish Council informs Telford & Wrekin Council of its decision to defer any decision on the future lease of the play area site and equipment until into the next financial year when more information is available to enable an informed decision. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council will re-consider the lease option for the Edgmond Play Area site and equipment in the next financial year, when hopefully more information is available to make an informed decision.

E2018/133 Rights of Way

The Minutes of the meeting of the WETP3 meeting are available on request. This partnership is working with Tibberton & Cherrington and Waters Upton Parishes to enhance the rights of way network and create some linked walking routes. Walkers are encouraged to report 'issues' as and when they are evident in order that the Rights of Way Officer can discuss them with landowners if appropriate to do so. The Parish Council had written to TWC identifying concerns over the funding and resource implications for rights of way and this had been raised at a Parish Charter Monitoring Group. From this a seminar on Rights of Way has been arranged for 8th March 2018 at 2pm at Randlay Community Centre, Telford. It is hoped that Edgmond will be represented, along with members of the walking groups, rambles etc.

There are a number of local residents / walkers who are our unsung heroes who undertake regular maintenance tasks as and when required. It was agreed that the Parish Council will create some certificates to be presented as a thank you for the efforts and to show it is much appreciated. Members are asked to let the Clerk know of local people eligible for such certificates.

E2018/134 Parish Environmental Maintenance

- A) Telford & Wrekin Contract
The Clerk updated Members on the current position regarding the procurement of the new contract for TW grounds maintenance and cleansing provisions from April 2019. An announcement had been communicated that the existing contractor had not been short-listed and that the new contractor, when appointed would be working closer with Parish & Town Councils in a partnership agreement. This would result in an improved and enhanced specification for grounds maintenance and cleansing services. They will be providing a shopping list of additional services available, with a bespoke price list for our Parish in order that we can buy in additional work at a fixed cost to benefit the local community.
- B) Shrub and flower bed maintenance
Members discussed the future maintenance of areas around the Parish. It was agreed to accept and thank Mr Spears for his offer regarding Robin Lane and Chetwynd Road. Councillor Doherty would continue to maintain the Shrewsbury Road border, with help from Councillors Arbuthnot, Edwards and Ryan. Thanks were also extended to HAU for the help of Mark Hall, to collect the arisings and to return them to HAU for disposal.
- C) Veolia Grant
The latest application was not successful. The company is looking for an innovative project to support, we can apply again after April 2018.

E2018/135 Any Other Urgent Business

- a) Dog Fouling
This problem has re-occurred and is particularly bad in Stackyard Lane / Hillside and on the Shrewsbury Road Playing Field.
If anyone knows of a dog whose owner / walker do not pick up after it, please can

they inform the Parish Council or the Dog Warden, in order that action can be taken.

E2018/136 **Date of the next meeting**
To be agreed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

SignedDate