



ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 25th June 2018** in Edgmond Village Hall at 8.10pm.

Present: Councillor G Jones
Councillor C Edwards
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor M Barton
Councillor K Arbuthnot

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Councillor A Wilson

E2018/116 Welcome

The Clerk welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee.

E2018/117 Election of Chairman

Councillor C Edwards Proposed by Councillor R Higginson
Seconded by Councillor M Barton

All were in favour and it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Edwards be Chairman of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee for 2018/19.

E2018/118 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Edwards read and signed the Declaration, which was witnessed by the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Authority.

E2018/119 Apologies for absence

Councillor D Ryan Alternative Engagement
Councillor S Bentley Attending a TWC meeting

E2018/120 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor K Arbuthnot Proposed by Councillor R Higginson
Seconded by Councillor G Jones

All were in favour and it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Arbuthnot be Vice Chairman of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee for 2018/19.

E2018/121 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Arbuthnot read and signed the Declaration, which was witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Authority.

E2018/122 Declarations of Interest

None

E2018/123 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2017

The Minutes have previously been ratified at Full Council.

Any Matters Arising will be included on this Agenda.

E2018/124 Terms of Reference

It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Barton that the Terms of Reference be confirmed for 2018/19. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference be confirmed.

E2018/125 Recreational Facilities in Edgmond

Members discussed the two main facilities for Edgmond residents, the MUGA and the children's play area.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain the current position regarding both areas. The ownership and responsibility together with the maintenance regime and timescales, now and when the new contract is in place in April 2019. This may be going over old ground, but we have new Members and it is important that we engage with the residents to ascertain their views before any significant changes are implemented. A copy of the most recent ROSPA report will be obtained before the next meeting of the Committee.

E2018/126 Rights of Way

Obstructions

It is hoped that all local Rights of Way will be walked in the near future and a request will be publicized that the Parish Council is keen to hear of the condition of the path, was the route well marked and identifiable, are there any obstructions etc? We will continue to work with TWC to ensure that the routes are in a good condition.

Volunteers

Anyone interested in helping to maintain rights of way will be most welcome. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Mrs Paula Doherty, who continues to act on issues within the Parish as a lead member of Ramblers. Thanks are also extended to the many residents who help to keep routes clear – we don't always know who they are.

WET3P

This partnership, with Waters Upton and Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Councils, now has access to the signposts and way-markers. These are stored in Waters Upton and are available to anyone when a location is identified.

E2018/127 Tree Project

Thanks have been extended to everyone who helped with this project and on-the-whole it is pleasing to see that the trees have survived, apart from one in the car park near to the Church. Councillor Edwards will replace then when the weather permits. A replacement tree will be planted in the Autumn.

E2018/128 Parish Environmental Maintenance

The Clerk updated the meeting on the process towards the award of the new grounds and cleansing contract. It is believed that Edgmond Parish will see an overall improvement on the maintenance of verges and grassed areas, with frequent litter picking and road sweeping returning in April 2019.

Members discussed the maintenance of the flower beds. Some of the existing beds around the Parish are to be maintained by local residents – thank you to those who have offered to help out.

It was agreed to hold a community clear up on Shrewsbury Road, to tidy the shrub bed so that the plants do not get suffocated. HAU have agreed to remove the rubbish (later on the Sunday afternoon). Volunteers are asked to bring their own tools to start at 9am on 15th July 2018.

A thank you letter will be sent to HAU, for their help and support with environmental projects in the Parish, including the colourful planters which are looking exceptionally nice this year.

E2018/129 Other Business

Narrow roads, due to overgrown verges

Once again members will remind TWC of the need to request that the verge on Newport Road, towards the B5062 is cut back and returned to its original position, as identified on the Planning Application. This will then mean that the road is wider and not so dangerous, for pedestrians and cyclists in particular.

Safe Route to School

TWC has apologized for the delay in getting this work completed. A quotation has been received and they need to identify the funding necessary to re-surface it. A suggestion that the potholes are filled with loose stone has been rejected as unsafe and a full resurface of the affected areas will cost in the region of £6000. Councillor Bentley has donated towards the scheme, but more funding is required. The Parish Council will request that this work be completed in the Summer Holidays.

E2018/130 Date of the next meeting

A date in September will be arranged.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

SignedDate