



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday, 14th January 2019** at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors: R Higginson (Chairman)
P Hughes
G Jones
A Wilson
K Arbuthnot
S Bentley
C Edwards

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

19/1497 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman, Councillor Higginson, welcomed everyone meeting and thanked them for attending. He wished everyone a happy and health New Year.

19/1498 APOLOGIES

Cllr D Ryan	Leave of Absence
Cllr M Hughes	Previous Engagement
Cllr R Hayhurst	Moving House

It was proposed by Councillor P Hughes and seconded by Councillor C Edwards, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

19/1499 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Bentley	Budget (Clerk's Salary)
All Councillors	Budget – all have a dispensation to take part and to set the precept for 2019/20.

19/1500 VACANCIES

No applications had been received. The process dictates that this must remain an agenda item until the elections in May 2019. However, if there are no applications or nominations, the vacancy can remain.

19/1501 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2018

It was proposed by Councillor C Edwards and seconded by Councillor P 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.

19/1502 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information
None

19/1503 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDMOND – Outside Body Representations

a) Parish Warden and Police

No report had been received. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send a 'Thinking of You' message to Lee and to ask Gary Wade for an update if Lee remains off work due to personal circumstances.

b) Newport Regeneration Partnership

The next meeting will take place on 15th January 2019.

c) Helicopter Liaison Group

No meeting had taken place, the next meeting will be in March 2019.

d) Harper Adams University

The next liaison meeting will take place on 4th March 2019, if Members have any matters for inclusion on the Agenda, please forward them to the Clerk.

19/1504

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

The Minutes of the planning meeting held on 4th January 2019 had been circulated for information.

b) New Applications for consideration

There were no new applications.

c) Harper Adams – Vet’s School

HAU has kindly agreed to host a drop in session at the University on 16th January from 7pm for the community to see the plans for the new Vet’s School and associated works. Officers will be in attendance to answer questions.

d) Flatt Pit Farm Application

Members were disappointed that this application was going ahead and that new plans had been submitted, some of which is retrospective, but which still does not address the concerns for the future.

However, based on planning guidance, there is no more reasons for objection than have already been submitted.

19/1505

ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2018

No meeting had taken place.

b) Rights of Way

There are additional posts available for other sites, if needed. It is important that a WET 3P meeting is arranged in February and that a programme of work is agreed before Spring.

c) Overgrown Hedges

Despite a magazine article, there are still some overgrown hedges in the Parish which cause a hazard due to road narrowing and visibility issues. TWC will continue to write to landowners to ask for assistance.

Areas of concern include: Rear of Manor House, Opposite The Priory, near Forge Farm and opposite The Lion Inn.

d) Football Field & Use of The Pavilion

There remains an issue with Street Kings use of the field in that they also require access to the Pavilion for use of the toilet facilities. TWC does not appear to make the necessary arrangements for it to be opened up and locked and cleaned before the walking bus uses the building. It is not appropriate that the users ask to use the Village Hall facilities.

With regards to a contract, no further discussions will take place at this time.

e) Play Area and Equipment

It had previously been agreed that the Parish Council will not be in a position to take on the maintenance of the area or the equipment in April 2019. The Councillors will discuss this in the future following the start of the new contract by Idverde.

19/1506

HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Minutes

Councillor Wilson presented a report which updated Members on recent work undertaken.

b) Community Speedwatch

The scheme continues and thanks were extended to all the volunteers who take part. It is, however, only successful when the signs are out. More volunteers are welcome if anyone is interested in taking part, training can be arranged. West Mercia Police will be providing details of the analysis and a record of how

many follow up calls and letters have resulted from the monitoring.

It was further agreed to ask TWC to provide the traffic / speed counter in Marsh Road and School Road during term time in order that more assessment and analysis can take place.

c) Street Lighting

The Chairman and Members have attended a series of meetings with contractors to understand more about the LED lights that are available.

Members thought it was essential that the new lights address the issues and are respectful of the wildlife. Members therefore considered the report, which had been circulated, with a recommendation for the project to take place and to upgrade all lights over a three year period on a fixed rate annual contract of £7230 per year. The phased reducing in lighting would protect the wildlife and address some of the local concerns. It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Bentley, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council enters into a three year contract with Eon to upgrade all street lights over the three years at a cost of £7230 per year. Details of the scheme would be included in a future magazine to inform the residents.

It was agreed that wherever possible no more existing lights would be repaired, as they are reported, Eon will upgrade the light at the earliest opportunity.

d) Other Matters

Gateways and traffic calming in Marsh Road will be added to a future agenda for discussion. The results of the Speedwatch will be required before further discussions on these considerations can take place.

19/1507

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

No meeting had taken place

b) Smartwater

The Council is keen to enable the Parish to become a 'We Don't Buy Crime' zone and it is disappointing that there has been a low percentage of local residents signing up to be part of the scheme. It was agreed that we should ask if nearby Parish Councils have any kits they wish to sell at the reduced price and to ask West Mercia if they would support a scheme with less than 70% and how this would affect the publicity and signage. Councillor Wilson kindly agreed to have a table at the next Village Hall event on 2nd February to promote the scheme.

c) Parish Council noticeboard in the Village Hall foyer

Members agreed to accept the kind offer and to thank Janis for agreeing to put up notices and posters when required.

d) Election and costs

Election Day is 2nd May. Anyone interested in standing for the Parish Council should request a nomination form from TWC after 26th March, which is the start of Purdah. An uncontested election is likely to cost in the region of £140, but a full election will be around £1600.

19/1508

FINANCE

a) Orders for the payment of invoices, as per the financial regulations of Edgmond Parish Council

The vouchers were checked by two Members and the corresponding cheques signed for the following payments:

Cheque Number	Expenditure	Authority	Total Cost
000915	Poppy Wreath Donation	LGA 1972 Sec 137	£19.00
000916	Clerk Sept - Dec	LGA 1972	£700.00
000917	PAYE	As above	£175.00
000918	Street Light Energy	LGA 1972	£3007.51

b) Financial Report

A copy of the report has been circulated to members and will appear on the website.

c) Budget Consideration

Members had considered a draft budget provided for information. Some adjustments had been made to take into account expenditure for this financial year.

Members were committed to the upgrade of the street lights and funding would be included for a three year project. However, this would result in reduced energy costs and a reduced maintenance fee. It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Arbuthnot that the budget be set at £33,820. However, identified savings and a use of balances enabled a reduction of £13,000 which resulted in a proposed precept of £20,820. With one abstention (Councillor Bentley), all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would request a precept of £20,820 to be collected on our behalf by Telford & Wrekin Council.

19/1509

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Information, received for members, has been circulated. There have been no requests for it to be included on the Agenda.

b) Future Fit

The public are invited to attend, but not speak, at the meeting where the decision will be taken on the future provision of A & E and Urgent Care and Planned Care at RSH and PRH. This will be at HAU on 29th January at 6.30pm.

c) Shrewsbury Road Car Park

Concerns continue regarding the surface of the car park. It is unlikely that funding will be available for this work from TWC and Members will consider a grant application in the future.

d) Buckingham Palace Garden Party Invitation

The Chairman had declined the invitation to be included in a draw to attend the event in June.

e) Council to Protect Rural England

A schedule of meetings for 2019 had been circulated for information, these meetings take place at Edgmond Village Hall.

19/1510

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Issues and concerns continue with regards to the security of the Pavilion Building and the regime for opening / locking and cleaning of the facility between users, which include footballers and the school walking bus.

Despite regular reports to TWC, they do not appear to be keen in resolving the issues.

It is not appropriate that the footballers and spectators expect to use the village hall facilities.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had represented the Parish Council at the following meetings:

Wrekin Area Committee

PCMG

TW Bus User Group

Minutes of the meetings are circulated for information.

A further report has been submitted regarding the blocked drains in Shrewsbury Road.

A meeting will take place in June for the rural parish councils to discuss a partnership arrangement to provide a shared speed camera.

19/1511

MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley updated Members on the reintroduction of the Arriva 519 Saturday service which is being well used. He had received a lot of favourable comments and thanks. His thanks are extended to the Parish Council for the offer of funding for this to be possible. It is a one-year project and Arriva are looking for it to be sustainable before a decision on its future can be taken.

A request for an average speed camera scheme on the A442 had not been successful.

A large industrial planning application had been received for Shawbirch and local residents were concerned about the effects on their properties and the nearby highway and Shawbirch Island. Other local parishes have come together against the proposal and TWC has written to Homes England to ask that the application be withdrawn because of the strength of local feelings.

However, this can only be a short-term delay, as it is likely that an application will be re-submitted after the election. It is important that work is undertaken to review the Local Plan, so that this green field site can be removed from the Housing and Development site allocations.

Whilst TWC has announced a council tax increase of 3.2%, the budget has not yet been provided. It is likely that more services will be devolved to PTCs, Members were asked to keep this in mind.

Mark Pritchard MP had agreed to Steve’s request to ask the Secretary of State to revisit the Provosts House application in view of the fact that TWC granted permission despite the application being contrary to the NPPF, Local Plan and more importantly the Neighbourhood Plan.

19/1512 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Redundant and out of date signs need to be collected from around the Parish.
- b) A number of road drains need clearing out to allow the water to flow away better.
- c) A fingerpost at Birchmoor Lane needs re-positioning.
- d) The ivy needs removing from the bus shelter on the B5062. BB has kindly offered to undertake this work.

19/1513 NEXT MEETINGS

11 th March 2019	Full Council	7pm	Edgmond Village Hall
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It may be necessary to hold a Committee meeting, this will be agreed by the Chairman and agendas sent out as required.

9 th April 2019	Annual Parish Meeting	7pm	Edgmond Village Hall
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There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm 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 2019.