



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday, 11th March 2019** at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors: R Higginson (Chairman)
P Hughes
M Hughes
A Wilson
K Arbuthnot
S Bentley (also TWC Ward Member)
C Edwards
R Hayhurst

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
3 Members of the public
Cllr S Burrell, TWC Ward Member

19/1514 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

State of Roads and Drains

Concerns remain regarding the roads within the Parish, which are not adequately cleaned by the agricultural vehicle drivers and contractors. Dangerous areas can be identified and in some cases the mud has caused the drains to block which results in severe flooding. Whilst some drains were cleared at the end of last year, others remain untouched, including on the opposite corner to the Lion in Shrewsbury Road.

Excessive Speeds

Despite the speed limits and introduction of the Community Speedwatch scheme in the Parish, there are still drivers, both local and passing through, that do not drive appropriately for the condition of the roads. There are many blind bends, and numerous access points which are very dangerous when vehicles travel at high speeds. The Parish has limited footpaths, which also means that there are often pedestrians walking in the lanes who are often at risk.

Longwithy Lane, with Marsh Road and Flatt Road, have been identified as 'short cut routes' from the A41 to Telford. Discussions with Telford & Wrekin Council and West Mercia Police will continue to see what measures can be introduced to encourage drivers to be more respectful of residents and other road users particularly through the village.

19/1515 APOLOGIES

Cllr D Ryan Leave of Absence
Cllr G Jones Holiday

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.

19/1516 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Hayhurst Employee at Harper Adams University

19/1517**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor C Edwards and seconded by Councillor A Wilson that the Minutes of the January 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.

19/1518**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information**

- a) 19/1503 PC Lee Thomas thanked members for their kind thoughts
 19/1509b Future Fit recommended that A & E be at Shrewsbury with Planned Care at PRH. Both sites will have a 24 hour Urgent Care centre. However, TWC is considering calling-in the decision by referring it to the Secretary of State for a review.
 19/1509c Shrewsbury Road Car Park remains in a poor condition which has been reported to TWC. Over the weekend the low wall at the access has been knocked down. Photos have been sent to TWC with a request to make it safe, before repairing.

19/1519**WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDGMOND – Outside Body Representations**

- a) **Parish Warden and Police**
 The Parish Warden report had been circulated and would appear in the next magazine. PC Thomas has confirmed that he will attend the Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) **Newport Regeneration Partnership**
 The next meeting will possibly take place on 2nd April 2019.
- c) **Helicopter Liaison Group**
 The next meeting will be at The Shirehall on 19th March 2019 at 5.30pm
- d) **Harper Adams University**
 The meeting was postponed due to lack of items for the agenda and will be re-arranged in May 2019.

19/1520**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT****a) Report**

Councillor Bentley had met with Mark Pritchard MP who has arranged to meet the Secretary of State to discuss concerns regarding local planning applications, including Provosts Mews and Neighbourhood Plans. Councillor Burrell has called in the Provosts Mews application to be considered by the Policy Compliance Unit in Birmingham for review by the Secretary of State due to the fact that the NPPF, Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plan and Conservation Area was ignored when the application was considered at Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council will ask TWC Planning Officer what was meant by our Neighbourhood Plan being a 'permissive plan'? It is important that TWC takes the views of the community into consideration on every planning application and this can be done by ensuring that the NP policies are adhered to.

b) New Applications for consideration**TWC/2019/0151 Retrospective application to install an outbuilding to house a biomass.**

Members expressed concerns that this will be the second retrospective application but accept that it will regularise the site. The Parish Council has no objections to the outbuilding, but will write to the Planning Officers to express concern regarding retrospective applications.

TWC/2019/0160 Single storey side extension to 1 Robin Lane

Although this property has had a number of applications and extensions, on this occasion Members had

no objections to the proposals.

19/1521 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

No meeting had taken place.

b) Rights of Way

The minutes of the recent WET 3P meeting, held on 7th March, are available and highlight the work recently undertaken by Cllr Arbuthnot and Paula Doherty. The Parish Council wished to record thanks for taking time to install fingerposts and way markers.

The legal issue for Caynton / Calvington is moving forward and TWC have employed the services of a part time legal officer to deal with the communications.

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. Cllr Higginson has offered to attend to the Yew Tree opposite the Priory with the owner's consent.

19/1522 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

There had been no meeting.

b) Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Councillor Burrell explained that Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Council purchased a SID and as they only have two sites, they may be interested in loaning the equipment to our Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to investigate the insurance necessary (and cost), the costs of installing two blocks and a pole. This will then appear on a Highways Committee meeting agenda for consideration.

c) Community Speedwatch

Councillor Wilson updated Members on the scheme, particularly with statistics from Marsh Road. In February, 23 cars exceeded the speed limit with the highest recording 46mph. The police have confirmed that over 90 letters have been sent to offending drivers. More volunteers would be appreciated. There will be reduced sessions in April as the machine will be away for calibration.

d) Street Lighting

The order has been placed for the three year programme to update Street Lights in the Parish and to have the units programmed with the 24 hour output adjustments. Two lights are currently out, and it is hoped that these will be replaced early in the scheme, if not, Members will consider funding a repair in order to get the lights working sooner.

e) Other Matters

Robin Lane

The namesigns are missing and this has been reported to TWC.

Standford Lane Sign

It has been noted that there is an incorrect sign at Chaingate Cottage, this is Stanford Lane (and not Marsh Road).

Pedestrian Crossing near to Blue House Barns

Councillor Burrell informed Members that section 106 funding should be available to fund a crossing near to Blue House Barns. This is essential for school children.

Bus Stop, Cheney Hill

Dropped kerbs identify where a bus stop should be provided, just before the island. However, the Arriva bus is hail and ride and therefore the driver can still stop to allow passengers on or off the bus.

19/1523 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

No meeting had taken place

b) Smartwater

Only 23% of Edgmond residents have registered for a Smart Water kit. This will not enable the supply of free We Don't Buy Crime Zones, as this requires a 70% take up of the offer from John Campion PCC. The Clerk has asked Smartwater direct for the cost to purchase 120 kits and the cost of signage.

c) Parish Council noticeboard in the Village Hall foyer

The Village Hall committee has kindly offered to purchase the new noticeboard and Cllr Wilson will fix it into the new foyer.

d) Election and costs

Details of the election process and timescale have been circulated to all Members. Forms are also available from elections@telford.gov.uk or from the Electoral Commission. Forms have to be returned to Addenbrooke House between 26th March and 4pm on 3rd April. The statement of persons nominated will be available on 4th April. At this point we will know if Edgmond is to have a Parish election. As long as 5 members are returned / elected, the remainder of members, up to 15, can be co-opted within 35 days.

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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
000919	Clerk July - Sept	LGA 1972	£700.00
000920	PAYE	LGA 1972	£175.00
000921	Street Light Repair	LGA 1972	£62.20
000922	Street Light Contract	LGA 1972	£1351.20
000923	Subscription	LGA 1972	£68.25
000924	Clerk Jan – March	LGA 1972	£700.00
000925	PAYE	LGA 1972	£175.00

b) Financial Report

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

c) Bank Signatories

Yorkshire Bank has confirmed that all signatories will need to take ID to a branch for ratification. New signatories, following the election, will also have to complete a mandate.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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

b) Litter Pick

Denise Bishop and local residents were thanked for the work undertaken to litter pick the entire Parish as part of a Street Champions initiative.

c) Motofest

This event, at the Newport Showground, will take place again this year.

d) Footpath, canal to Newport Road

Ownership of the flooded section is still not known, however HAU have made a start at applying stone to the worst areas on their land, hopefully with some persuasion they may well assist at this location.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CLlr Higginson thanked Members for the work on the Parish Council, which they all undertake voluntarily. CLlr Higginson has created a replica door for the red phone box set into the Wall in High Street, near Bayley Hills. It was agreed that an appropriate notice be included in the door design.

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.

An enquiry regarding future use of the property on the corner of Shrewsbury Road had resulted in confirmation that no taxi company has applied for a licence from that venue at this time.

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MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Burrell encouraged the Parish Council to apply for an Asset of Community Value for both the Lion Inn and the Lamb Inn to protect their future use. This will appear on the May agenda for consideration. Councillor Bentley updated members on the new highways contract, with Balfour Beatty who have confirmed their intention to clear out 36,000 miles of road drainage and drains in the first 12 months of the contract. The dog warden service will be provided by Hilbrae Pets Hotel from April. Ercall Magna Parish Council has received the first invoice for the 519 and Edgmond will receive an invoice for a contribution in the new Financial Year. Mark Pritchard MP had accompanied Matt Hancock, Secretary of State, on a visit to the PRH where he confirmed that he would consider a review of the recent Future Fit decision, when he receives an official request from TWC.

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PARISH MATTERS

a) Open green spaces and unused car park areas need to be protected against travellers.

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NEXT MEETINGS

9 th April 2019	Annual Parish Meeting	7pm	Edgmond Village Hall
2 nd May 2019	Election Day		Edgmond Village Hall
13 th May 2019	Annual General Meeting	7pm	Edgmond Village Hall
	First meeting of the new Council	at 7.30pm	

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm 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 May 2019.