



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday, 10th June 2019** at **7.30pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)
R Higginson
K Arbuthnot
S Bentley (also TWC Ward Member)
C Edwards
G Williams
S Burrell (minute 19/1578) (also TWC Ward Member)
I Pryce (minute 19/1578)

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
James Tait (public session only)

19/1575 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

19/1576 APOLOGIES

Councillor C Edwards	Previous Engagement	Accepted
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It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Higginson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

19/1577 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Williams	Planning Application	Owner
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19/1578 VACANCIES

The Chairman confirmed there are still vacancies for Parish Councillors following the election in May. Two applications have been received. Members had previously agreed that no personal statement was required from Councillor Burrell, who is also a TWC Ward Member. A personal statement from Ian Pryce had been circulated. There was an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates and for candidates to offer further information in support of their applications. It was proposed by Councillor G Williams and seconded by Councillor Higginson that Stephen Burrell and Ian Pryce be invited to join Edgmond Parish Council.

Both candidates signed and read their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, which were confirmed by the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council. The Chairman welcomed the two new Councillors.

It is a requirement that the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests is completed and returned as soon as possible, these are public documents and will appear on the websites.

19/1579 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN MAY 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Williams, that the Minutes of the May meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members who attended the AGM in May confirmed that the Minutes of the meeting were accurate.

19/1580

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information

a) Assets of Community Value

Councillor Burrell had completed the draft application for The Lion Inn, Edgmond, which has now been sent to TWC and an acknowledgement has been received. The application for The Lamb has not yet been submitted.

b) Bank Signatory

It is a slow process to add a signatory to the bank mandate, however, this is progressing.

c) Robin Lane Land

Members were pleased to hear that the legal documents will be provided soon and that the transfer is now imminent.

19/1581

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.

b) Newport Regeneration Partnership

No meeting has taken place. The Chairman is awaiting a date for the next NiPark meeting before setting the date for the next Partnership meeting.

c) Helicopter Liaison Group

No meeting had taken place.

d) Harper Adams University

The notes of the meeting held on 22nd May had been circulated to all Members, for information.

19/1582

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

Provost Mews

A copy of the letter to the Secretary of State had been circulated to Members for information.

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2019/0234 Garage Annex and Summerhouse at Bayley Hills House aka 35 High Street

Councillor Williams confirmed that the amended plans reflected exactly what he had explained at the last meeting and therefore Members confirmed that they have no objections to the proposals as outlined in the application.

c) Planning Information Seminars

Members are required to inform the Clerk of which of the Seminars they wish to attend. It will appear on a future agenda for reports to be shared with the Council.

19/1583

ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

No meeting had taken place.

b) Rights of Way

Thanks were extended to Cllr Arbuthnot and Paula Doherty, Ramblers, for their work on rights of way and the installation of posts and waymarkers. A number of paths around the village are cleared by unknown volunteers and members, on behalf of the community, are keen to acknowledge this work.

c) Hedgehog Conservation Area

The Chairman introduced a request that had been received for the Parish Council to endorse the designation of Edgmond as a Hedgehog Conservation Area which will support the removal of panels in fencing and add access holes and to encourage the use of hedgehog friendly slug pellets. It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Higginson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council fully supports Edgmond as a Hedgehog Conservation Area and will ask residents to support the Parishes hedgehog conservation group whose activities can be found on Edgmond Nextdoor website by assisting where possible in developing their property boundaries, by allowing access points under or through gravel boards in fenced gardens to enable hedgehogs to forage for invertebrates, ie slugs, wood lice etc in their garden.

The Edgmond Hedgehog Conservation Group can be contacted for further information on how to develop these access points at little or no expense on the Nextdoor Website.

The Clerk will inform Harper Adams University in order to further promote and support this project.

d) Flower Beds

Concerns remain regarding the condition of the flower beds around the Parish. It was agreed that quotations should be obtained for the regular maintenance of the beds and the grassed area at Robin Lane.

e) Grounds and Cleansing Contract, Idverde and TWC

Members expressed concerns that areas around the Parish are not as well maintained as the new contract had indicated. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be represented at the Rural Forum where representatives of TWC and Idverde are to be in attendance on 16th July. In the meantime the Clerk will write to ask how TWC believes that the contract is performing in rural areas.

19/1584

HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

There had been no meeting.

b) Community Speedwatch

In the recent update from Marsh Road 26 vehicles had been recorded travelling in excess of 36mph and one had recorded a speed of 45mph. It was clear that motorists are 'relatively compliant' when the speedwatch signs are erected, at other times there is still a significant speed issue.

The volunteers have experienced anti social behaviour from one motorist and the registration number has been reported to the police for action. It was further agreed that the registration number will be provided to HAU in case this is a student, in order that a further message can be sent out to them regarding this unacceptable behaviour.

The volunteers will be asked to undertake Speedwatch in High Street again, in the near future.

c) Street Lighting

The first phase of the LED upgrade programme is nearing completion and many residents have thanked the Parish Council for this project and in particular the fact that the lights dim throughout the night. As a reminder, this not only saves energy (and costs) it is also kinder to the wildlife.

There remains a query over a light in Kilvert Close. The contractors have provided a quotation for a new standard on which the new LED light could be fitted. However, the cost of £738.29 is not available in the budget. Members also questioned the need for the replacement, especially as the new LED light is meeting the needs of residents across the Parish and the Parish Council cannot set a precedent, especially at such a high cost.

Further information will be obtained for the next Highways and Street Lighting meeting in order that a further discussion can take place.

Members were informed of a BT Broadband fault on 25th April which affected a number of properties

causing the Broadband speeds to drop significantly.

d) Other Matters

Arriva 519 Saturday Bus Service

The residents of Edmond are pleased to have use of the Saturday services and have appreciated the support by the Parish Council to enable this project. It is understood that this is for one year only and the total cost (£9800) has been provided by the local Parish Councils, Newport Regeneration Partnership and Ward Members, Councillor's Pride Funding. The first payment of £400 is now due under LG & RA 1997 s26.

Rural Forum

It was agreed that Edmond Parish Council will be represented at the next Rural Forum on 18th June 2019 at 7pm at Waters Upton Village Hall where representatives from TWC and Balfour Beatty, the new Highways Contractors, will attend. There will also be further information available regarding a Speed Indicator Device partnership.

19/1585

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

No meeting had taken place

b) Website and Facebook

Members will discuss the use of Facebook at the Communication Committee meeting.

19/1586

FINANCE

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

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

Cheque Number	Expenditure	Authority	Total Cost
000934	Publication	LGA 1972 Sch 12	£3.20
000935	Church Clock	Parish Councils Act 1957 s2	£235.20
000936	RoSPA Training	LGA 1972 s111	£120.00
000937	Photocopying	LGA 1972 Sch 12	£18.00
000938	Street Light Repair	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34 PCA 1957 s3	£87.41
000939	Donation to 519 bus	LG & RA 1997 s26	£400.00
000940	Kickstart Grant	LGA 1972 s145	£200.00
000941	Salary Apr – Jun	LGA 1972 s112	£720.00
000942	PAYE Apr –Jun	LGA 1972 s112	£180.00

b) Financial Report

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was presented to Members and all elements of the Annual Governance Statement were confirmed. The end of year accounts were proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Jones and all Members were in favour. It was confirmed that Edmond Parish Council is Exempt from a Limited Assurance Review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 as neither income or expenditure have exceeded £25,000 in the year 2018/19. The AGAR pack will be forwarded to PKF Littlejohn's and will appear on the website, along with the Internal Audit report.

c) Insurance

Came & Company has confirmed the Insurance renewal and all the documents have been received.

19/1587 CORRESPONDENCE

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

b) **Kickstart**

The Chairman had represented Edgmond Parish Council at the planning meetings which had now confirmed the dates for the four roadshows. 2nd August, High Ercall; 9th August, Ellerdine; 16th August, Edgmond and 23rd August, Crudgington.

Edgmond Village Hall Committee is also represented on the planning group and has provided information about groups and organisations that can be involved. They are also arranging the refreshments for the day. The Parish Council grant of £200 will be paid, this will be added to the grant of £3500 from TWC and a balance sheet will be available for our records.

19/1588 CLERK’S REPORT

Arriva 519 School Bus

There have been recent concerns regarding the use of the early bus which also transports school children. It has been confirmed that bus passes can be used on this route and Arriva will confirm this with the drivers. This matter will be raised at the TW Bus User Group on 27th June 2019.

19/1589 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillors Burrell and Bentley will continue to represent the community at every opportunity.

19/1590 PARISH MATTERS

a) **Dangerous locations of signs**

Councillor Jones confirmed that the signs at both ends of Stackyard Lane need removing.

b) **Pavilion Key**

It is important that TWC manages the use of and access to The Pavilion.

c) **Provost Mews**

Councillor Burrell informed the meeting that it is his intention to continue to challenge the decision to grant permission for the three detached homes on this land and he has arranged a consultation meeting with a Barrister from 5 Chambers in order to gain an opinion on a possible outcome of a Judicial Review. The Parish Council will be asked to submit the application if the Barrister is confident of a positive outcome. The meeting is to take place on 13th June. Councillor Burrell will inform the Parish Clerk by the end of the week as a special meeting of the Parish Council may be needed to consider the next steps.

The Parish Councillors believed that TWC had ignored the Neighbourhood Plan as well as their own Local Plan and therefore compromised the Conservation Area. Their action, resulting in approval of the application, will set a precedent for the future and should be challenged if at all possible.

19/1591 NEXT MEETINGS

18 th June 2019	Rural Forum	7pm	Waters Upton Village Hall
24 th June 2019	Highways Committee	7pm	Edgmond Village Hall
	Environment Committee	8pm	Edgmond Village Hall
8 th July 2019	Full Council	7pm	Edgmond Village Hall

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm 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 July 2019.