



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday, 8th July 2019** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)
R Higginson
K Arbuthnot
S Bentley (also TWC Ward Member) (from 19/1601)
C Edwards
G Williams
G Jones
I Pryce

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
Alex Moore, Press Reporter

19/1592 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

There were no matters raised from the public.

19/1593 APOLOGIES

Councillor S Bentley	Attending a TWC meeting – will arrive later	Approved
Councillor S Burrell	Attending a TWC meeting	Approved

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.

19/1594 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Edwards	Planning Application	Friend
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19/1595 VACANCIES

Anyone interested in being considered for one of the vacancies should submit a personal statement by Wednesday, 4th September for consideration at the September meeting. The positions remain advertised.

19/1596 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JUNE 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Jones, that the Minutes of the June meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

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

19/1597 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information

a) **Assets of Community Value**

The application for the ACV at The Lion was not successful, mainly due to changes in the requirements of what is required on the application form. A meeting is to be arranged with the Legal Team at TWC, to receive advice and guidance in order to submit a more successful proposal. Unfortunately, none of the dates provided, up to 25th July were suitable and new dates will be requested for consideration. Those

Members, available to attend, will go to represent the Parish Council and will report back to Full Council.

- b) **Bank Signatory**
There had been no further progress on this.

19/1598 **WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDMOND – Outside Body Representations**

- a) **Parish Warden and Police**
The Parish Warden report had been circulated and would appear in the next magazine. A warning is to be shared regarding bogus police officers and traffic wardens.
- b) **Newport Regeneration Partnership**
The next meeting will take place in September and will be AGM.
- c) **Helicopter Liaison Group**
No meeting had taken place.

19/1599 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

- a) **Report**

Provost Mews

A copy of the letter from the Secretary of State, in reply to the Parish Council letter, had been circulated to Members for information. This is disappointing, especially as the Government clearly states that Neighbourhood Plans carry equal weight to Local Plans and must be taken into consideration when considering planning applications.

NALC is taking up the concerns of our council, along with other councils, as a national concern that recent actions by Planning Authorities have been contrary to the democratic process.

Unfortunately, PHE had informed the Parish Council of its unsuccessful request to 5Chambers for legal opinion on the possible success of a judicial review. The Parish Council wished to thank the Committee of PHE for their efforts to support the Parish Council and community in getting a review of the recent approval in a conservation area. Their decision not to pursue this further was understood and accepted without question.

- b) **New Applications for consideration**
TWC/2019/0513 21 Chetwynd Road

Members confirmed that they have no objections to the proposals for 21 Chetwynd Road to add a two storey extension.

- c) **TWC/2019/0537 Caynton House Farm (part retrospective)**

Councillor Edwards declared an interest

RESOLVED to support the proposals for the agricultural building with biomass boiler and store.

- d) **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. The special meeting for PTCs on 11th July regarding pre-application consultations has been postponed until the Autumn.

19/1600 **ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

- a) **Report**

Councillor Arbuthnot presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2019, for information.

- b) **Rights of Way**

We are still awaiting delivery of further sign posts, which are holding up work on local rights of way routes.

Concerns had been expressed that landowners often allow paths to become overgrown and unpassable

and a friend request will be included in a future newsletter. They know their duties in this respect and it is disappointing that they do not keep paths accessible.

d) Flower Beds

The Clerk had visited each of the sites with a representative of HAU. Following a period of time to allow seeds to drop, additional grass cutting will be undertaken to avoid visibility issues and untidy areas outside of front windows.

Further discussions took place regarding the need to have a more formal border on the Shrewsbury Road Car Park area. A group of volunteer Councillors will meet to undertake some work, but more professional work is required to protect the shrubs and recreate the display.

e) Grounds and Cleansing Contract, Idverde and TWC

The reply from TWC had been shared with Members. It is TWCs view that the contract is 'coming along well' but the weather has been against the contractors and therefore the schedules are not yet ready for publication.

TWC is keen to offer an enhanced service and Idverde can quote for additional grass cuts, road sweeper visits, shrub bed maintenance and bulb planting – quotations can be requested.

Representatives of TWC and Idverde will be attending the Rural Forum on 16th July 2019 at Waters Upton to start at 7pm.

19/1601 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor Wilson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June, for information.

Councillor S Bentley arrived.

b) Community Speedwatch

Councillor Wilson updated Members on the scheme to date and in particular the analysis of vehicles recorded in Marsh Road. Vehicles had been 95% compliant with the highest recorded speed being 45mph. The highest recorded speed in Chetwynd Road was 37mph.

An officer of TWC has been invited to Marsh Road to gain a better understanding of the residents' concerns in order that other traffic calming measures can be considered, if the data gathered supports further action. A copy of the data collected will be provided to TWC for consideration. The Stanford road sign remains incorrect and should be changed.

c) Street Lighting

Overall, the remaining lights are all in a good state of repair and we have not received more requests for repairs. The invoice for phase one is due for payment.

c) Other Matters

Lion Inn Bus Stop

Members received a request, which had originally been presented to the Bus User Group, to relocate the bus stop from near to the Lion Inn into Shrewsbury Road. Members resolved that they could not support this request as it would have a detrimental effect for many users.

Consideration of a 20mph home zone area

Following the announcement of possible 20mph home zones in Newport, Members considered if this was possible for Edgmond. The funding may be prohibitive as the funding for Newport was as a result of the NiPark development. Further investigations are required and the Clerk will contact TWC for more information and guidance. We will also request more visible visits by the police to monitor speeding.

Funding is available from the PCC for appropriate initiatives and it was noted that the Commissioner is at Newport Show this year and anyone can approach him to discuss areas of concern.

19/1602

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) **Report**

b) **Communication Committee**

Matters for consideration at the meeting on 29th July will include:

Social Media Accounts

Nextdoor Edgmond

Website

Reduction in the use of paper

Magazine

Members wished to express their sincere thanks to Sarajane Taylor, who has edited the magazine over many years. Her decision to retire is accepted with sincere gratitude and Members hopes that a volunteer is recruited to continue the role as this is an excellent way of communicating with the residents, especially as not everyone has computers for electronic information.

19/1603

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
000943	Street Light upgrade project	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34 PCA 1957 s3	£7752.00
000944	Street Light Repairs	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34 PCA 1957 s3	£112.46

b) **Financial Report**

The AGAR report is available on the website and has been acknowledged by the Auditors, but no report has been received as yet.

19/1604

CORRESPONDENCE

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

b) **Kickstart**

Progress has continued with the arrangements for the 4 rural roadshows, the third on 16th August takes place at Edgmond, on the field and in the Village Hall.

A full day of activities, information, demonstrations and fun and games has been arranged. There is no charge to attend and all activities are free. All local groups and organisations, including users of Edgmond Village Hall, will be welcome to have a stand at the event or to offer sessions to promote their activities.

Refreshments will be available all day, with breakfast baps from 8.30am and healthy home-cooked lunches from 12 noon with a variety of healthy snacks, hot and cold drinks etc. all day.

Following the roadshows, a series of events will be arranged around all the villages so it is hoped that Edgmond Village Hall will take up the opportunity to be involved.

c) **Rural Forum**

The next event is on 16th July at Waters Upton, at 7pm. All Councillors are welcome to attend to hear a presentation from the new contractors Idverde, and TWC, and to ask questions about the new schedules of work.

19/1605 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Planning Sessions

Councillor Wilson had attended more of the Planning Sessions, which had been useful. Details of each presentation will be available for all members at the end of the series.

Concerns for the future maintenance of play areas were evident at the Play Areas and Open Spaces seminar.

CLERK’S REPORT

A visit to the Parish had resulted in a series of photographs to report to TWC on issues that need attention, including the dangerous road signs and overgrown verges.

19/1606 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley confirmed that he will continue to represent the community at every opportunity. There had been no Council meetings as yet, following the elections. However, there had been a series of training sessions for Members.

Work continues towards the Civil Parking Enforcement scheme in preparation for the go-ahead. This will result in enforcement by TWC, rather than the police.

NiPark is developing its plans well, albeit, slowly and the NRP hopes to continue to work with all partners and in particular Newport Town Council to bring forward a scheme for the Borough to be proud of.

An application for a 7 day music licence at The Red House, Lilleshall, has been received and is open for consultation. If granted, there will be restrictions to protect local residents from undue disturbance.

19/1607 PARISH MATTERS

a) Dangerous locations of signs

It is disappointing that no action has been taken by TWC, however, the sign has now been turned around so no longer dangerous to pedestrians.

19/1608 NEXT MEETINGS

29 th July 2019	7pm	Appeals Committee
	7.15pm	Communication Committee
9 th September 2019	7pm	Full Council

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm 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 September 2019.