



HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 14th October 2019** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor A Wilson
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor G Jones
Councillor S Bentley
Councillor G Williams
Councillor I Pryce

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

H2019/015 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. A special welcome was extended to Councillor Pryce following his recent election to this Committee.

H2019/016 Apologies for absence

None

Absent
Councillor S Burrell

H2019/017 Declarations of Interest

Councillor G Williams High Street Resident

H2019/018 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 24th June 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Higginson, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the June meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting
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H2019/019 Matters Arising

The Longford Lane junction has been highlighted as inconsistent with highway road marking regulations and TWC will be rectifying this in the near future.

H2019/020 Rural Forum

This meeting took place on 1st October at Waters Upton Village Hall and members heard in detail the information relevant to rural parishes included in the Freedom To Move

strategy. It was interesting to hear that the 8 Characteristics of Play are essential and all planning proposals must take them into consideration. It would be useful if these were included in Neighbourhood Plans, to ensure that the Borough Council supports the opinions of the Parish Councils on this topic.

The other subject included on the agenda was the SID Rural Partnership. Edgmond Parish Council had previously resolved to join this scheme to provide SID points around the Parish and in order that we could be part of the project to enable SIDs to monitor and record activity, which can then be used by TWC when assessing needs for traffic regulation orders or when we request the support of the police.

Members agreed to forward their proposed locations to TWC for assessment against the national guidelines – these included

Playdale Junction on Chetwynd Road

Newport Road

Marsh Road

Outside Provosts House

Hillside

Bailey Hills, High Street – opposite Connor’s Lane.

H2019/021 Street Lighting

- a) Update on the programme to upgrade street lights to LED
The first phase has been completed and a credit note received from the energy supply contractor which has credited the current invoices. The new rates payable will be significantly lower on the LED lights which will offset the cost of the upgrade programme over a period of time. Invoices for the original lights are still expected.
- b) New light issues are reported when received and EON will repair them if they re not due for upgrade.

H2019/022 Road Safety

- a) There has been no activity recently by the Community Speedwatch Teams. Details of the process were confirmed in that the police do not contact trade vehicle owners as the do private car owners. The Parish Council will express this as a concern to the Police & Crime Commissioner.
Members agreed to write to Mrs Wheeler to thank her for her work in Marsh Road and to extend their best wishes.
- b) The Parish Council wishes to know when a 20 mps zone outside of Edgmond Primary School can be expected. The Chairman and Councillors have visited the location and witnessed the issues that have been identified. The police have also been at the location at school time to remind parents and carers of their responsibilities in relation to the safety of children outside of the school. There is obviously an issue with the number of staff cars, too. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the Headteacher to see how our two organizations can work together to keep the children safer.
The use of the walking bus is essential and Members wished to record their thanks to the staff, parents and volunteers who support the children on this route to school throughout the week.
It was agreed that further messages will be included on facebook and in the newsletter.
- c) Members agreed to consider the Quiet Lanes project – this will be included on a future agenda as a future project.

H2019/023 Highways and Transport

Copies of the email correspondence relating to High Street, following the site meeting with the Highways Officer, Councillor Bentley as Ward Member and members of the Parish Council had been circulated for information. It is hoped to have further updates before Full Council in November.

H2019/024 TW Bus User Group

The next meeting is on 22nd October 2019, Mrs Keeping had agreed to attend with Martin Reid to represent Edgmond. The Minutes of the meeting will be circulated, for information.

Councillor Bentley, with Councillor Wickson, Chairman of the Bus User Group, had met with the MD of Arriva and ascertained the details regarding the Arriva 519 scheme. Whilst the Saturday service was well used, it did not help with the sustainability of the Monday to Friday service. There is a shortfall in funding for the entire 519 service of around £80,000 which cannot continue next year. The Bus User Group will consider writing to TWC and Newport Town Council to reinstate their request for funding for this essential lifeline to many rural residents along the route. The continual subsidy for urban routes is not at all fair, when the rural residents are in more need and are suffering more with social isolation and the inability to access doctors, hospitals, friends, shopping, links to other services etc.

H2019/025 Any Other Matters

None

H2019/026 Next Meeting

2nd December 2019 To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

SignedDate