



HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 9th December 2019** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor R Higginson
Councillor G Jones
Councillor S Bentley
Councillor I Pryce

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

H2019/027 Welcome

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

H2019/028 Apologies for absence

Councillor A Wilson
Councillor G Williams

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

Absent
Councillor S Burrell

H2019/029 Declarations of Interest

None

H2019/030 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14th October 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Bentley, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the October meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

H2019/031 Matters Arising

None

H2019/032 Speed Indicator Devices - locations

The proposed locations had been forwarded to TWC and an indicative site plan had been provided by the Chairman. TWC had one query which is being addressed and we are awaiting the confirmation of sites to be included in the Partnership.

Morelock Installations is provided the quotation for the management of the cameras within the scheme and also the capital costs of equipment that will need to be funded by the partners.

A funding bid has been prepared to send to West Mercia Police, the above costs will be required before submission.

H2019/033 Quiet Lanes Initiative

Members had been forwarded the CPREs guide to Quiet Lanes, which outlines the process for consideration and consultation.

It was agreed that this should be included in the next Parish Council magazine article to encourage local residents to offer their opinions.

Funding will be required, if successful, to provide the gateway signs and the repeater bollards throughout the Parish. It was agreed that the gateways are an attractive entrance to the villages.

It was agreed that an initial fund of £1000 be included in the budget for consideration.

Councillor Bentley has requested a contribution to this fund from his Councillor's Pride Fund.

H2019/034 Shrewsbury Road Car Park

The Clerk has written to the Cabinet Member, Cllr David Wright, to ensure that he is aware of the poor state of the car park which is the responsibility of TWC. The wall, which had been knocked down many months ago, remains unrepaired and leaves a dangerous entrance at the end of the pedestrian footpath. There is also a pothole in the footpath.

This car park is well used and essential for the success of the walking bus. Therefore pressure is to be applied to improve the surface, remove the potholes and ensure that it is safe to use.

A dropped kerb, to the footpath for the bowls and play area, will be considered as part of the new financial year.

H2019/035 Street Lighting

- a) Overgrown hedges and trees remain a real problem in the Parish as they cause dark areas and shadows which detract from the street lighting scheme.
A request to cut the hedge near to The Lion will be submitted, via the agents.

H2019/036 Road Safety

- a) Community Speedwatch
Members reluctantly queried the effectiveness of the scheme, which appeared to be due to the requirement to advertise using the large visible signage. There is also a concern that the reports are not always followed up by the police. Members understood TWCs view that there may be other ways to address the issue of speed, in roads such as Marsh Road, by changes to the road layout. The Parish Council will continue to work with TWC on this important issue.
- b) 20mph school zone
A reminder will be sent to enquire if and when this will come to Edgmond.

H2019/037 Highways and Transport

The Chairman had circulated a detailed report to local Councillors for their consideration. Thanks were extended for the amount of work undertaken to produce this document. However, Members were clear in that it is important to ensure that such a report is accurate and can be backed up by factual evidence.

It is recognised that many of the issues experienced daily here in Edgmond, can also be witnessed in other villages.

Members recalled the opinion of local residents when a similar piece of work was undertaken a few years ago and that included that they very much want to retain their village identity and therefore it is important to avoid anything that will urbanise the area. There was, at that time, no support for physical measures such as sleeping policemen or road narrowing cushions. These may also result in offence between the Parish Council and residents. It is extremely important that any document has the input of the community, otherwise it will not receive the support of those people it will affect most.

Members confirmed the Parish Council support for the SID partnership and for the introduction of a 20mph zone at the school. There is also the consideration for a Quiet Lanes Initiative. It was agreed that these material considerations must be allowed to run a trial before further options are investigated and then only after public consultation in a manner that we can analyse the results.

H2019/038 TW Bus User Group

It was very disappointing to hear that the Arriva 519 Saturday service will not continue in 2020 due to the fact that the 519 routes, Monday to Saturday, are not financially viable. Even though the numbers have increased on a Saturday, the Monday to Friday services needed financial support to exist.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should insist that TWC reconsiders its funding for bus subsidies and includes the rural area for consideration.

Funding is available from two significant rural development sites, for transport to senior schools, it is the understanding that some of this could be vired to this transport provision which does serve Shrewsbury to Newport, including the Secondary Schools, SCAT and HAU.

Mark Pritchard has also agreed to work with the local Parishes, post election.

There are many reasons for the retention of this service, which include health and wellbeing, social isolation, National climate agenda, TWC Climate Agenda, Education, Retail, Hospital appointments and visits etc.

Arriva has confirmed it recognises the need for such rural transport, but TWC continue to support the buses which service urban areas, late at night, when no passengers travel.

Updated timetables and posters will be available before the end of the year.

H2019/039 Any Other Matters

None

H2019/040 Next Meeting

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

SignedDate