



**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019** at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)  
R Higginson  
G Jones  
K Arbuthnot  
G Williams  
I Pryce  
S Burrell

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk  
Two Members of the public

**19/1627 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Residents of Turner's Lane attended to express concern over inappropriate use of the lane by larger vehicles. They requested a sign from High Street to inform drivers that it is too narrow for delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles. Advice will be taken from TWC as this is Private Lane and therefore unadopted.

**19/1628 APOLOGIES**

Councillor C Edwards	Work Commitments	Approved
Councillor S Bentley	Recovering from an operation	Approved

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

**RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.**

**19/1629 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor I Pryce	Matters relating to HAU	Employee
Councillor S Burrell	Grant Application	Applicant
Councillor G Williams	High Street	Resident

**19/1630 VACANCIES**

The positions remain advertised.

**19/1631 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Higginson, that the Minutes of the September 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.**

**19/1632 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information**

**a) Bank Signatory**

Confirmation has now been received that the Chairman is now a bank signatory. It was further agreed

that the Parish Council would sign up for internet banking – this will not include payments at this time.

19/1633

### WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDGMOND – Outside Body Representations

- a) **Parish Warden and Police**  
The report had been circulated to Members, for information.
- b) **HAU Liaison Meetings**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October have been circulated for information. Members had also received an update on the Hands Free Farming initiative.
- c) **Newport Regeneration Partnership**  
The next meeting has moved to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- d) **Helicopter Liaison Group**  
Councillor Jones updated Members on the information from the last meeting in October. RAF Shawbury had requested that they be consulted regarding planning applications in the flying zones.

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### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- a) **Report**  
None
- b) **New Applications for consideration**  
TWC/2019/0851 23 High Street, Edgmond  
Outline application for a dwelling  
It was resolved to object to this application as the site did not appear big enough and if granted it would create a new building line which would set an unacceptable precedent. Any approval would result in parking issues and lack of garden space. Objections had been received from neighbours. This application is contrary to the NPPF as it will destroy the character and setting, classed as over development and would cause harm to the village, therefore our policies RES 1 and 3 should be taken into consideration.

**RESOLVED to object to the application for one dwelling.**

TWC/2019/0881 6 Tuners Lane  
Single Storey Extension with partial demolition of an existing extension.

**RESOLVED to support this application.**

TWC/2019/0889 Rear of 66 Shrewsbury Road  
Change of Use to Garden Land

**RESOLVED to have no objections to this application.**

TWC/2019/0897 Provosts House  
Installation of a stair lift

**RESOLVED to have no objection as long as installed with the agreement of the Conservation Officer recommendations. The Parish Council is pleased to be able to support this application in order to enable the family to remain in the village.**

TWC/2019/0905 26 Shrewsbury Road  
Single Storey Rear Extension

**RESOLVED to express some concerns. Members have no objections to the principle of the application but they do question the design, particularly using a flat roof.**

### c) **Planning Information Seminars**

Councillors A Wilson and R Higginson attended the seminar which gave delegates an overview of development and planning, from a developer point of view and as a parish council consultee. It was useful to have planning officers in attendance and good to meet them. Information from the seminar is captured on a USB stick which is available to borrow.

Members would consider the opportunity of including an introduction to planning on our website, this

may invite prospective developers to come to talk to the Parish Council at an early opportunity. Keeping in mind that the NPPF is in favour of development, it might be useful to have a wish list available for initial negotiations. This does not prevent the Parish Council from objecting to any application when it is received.

**d) The Lion ACV Application**

This will be determined by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**e) Flatt Pit Farmstead**

The Chairman introduced the submission which has been sent to TWC for consideration in order that the Flatt Pit Farmstead be included on the Listed Register. This application takes into consideration the historical features and ridge & furrow status and recognises the historical and heritage advantages and features of the property and associated buildings.

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would fully endorse this submission.**

**19/1635 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

No meeting had taken place.

**b) Rights of Way**

The report regarding the condition of the kissing gate in Connor's Lane has now been passed to Andrew Careless, TWC RoW officer as they are legally responsible, however this will be considered as part of the WET3P project.

**c) Freedom to Move**

The presentation that was received at the Rural Forum was very useful. The draft strategy has now been submitted for consideration by Shropshire Council.

**19/1636 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October had been circulated for information.

Members wished to thank TWC for arranging the road sweeping following the High Street site meeting which took place earlier in the year.

**b) Community Speedwatch**

The Chairman would discuss the project with the volunteers and this will appear on the Highways Agenda. If it is to continue, more volunteers will be needed. Questions have been asked as to how effective it can be, when the signs have to be out so drivers are forewarned and therefore forearmed.

**c) Safer Roads – Application for funding**

The chairman updated members on this initiative and confirmed that applications needed to be submitted by the end of March. The Chairman is undertaking a traffic study across the Parish and will prepare a draft report for members to consider. Options will be included.

**d) Speed Indicator Devices**

Members had previously agreed to join the rural SID partnership and consideration was given as to the areas where cameras would be of most benefit.

The Chairman will produce a proposal to go to TWC who will assess all the sites for suitability.

**e) School Parking**

Members thought that a 20mph zone would be useful, but questioned how it could be managed in Edgmond, as so many roads are affected by school parking and associated issues. Thanks would be extended to the police who have visited and this had made a difference. It was suggested that the school liaison meetings be introduced as a forum to discuss joint issues.

**f) TW Bus User Group**

Members confirmed that they did not believe that there is a need to relocate the bus stop.

**g) Street Lighting**

There had been one or two recurring faults, this could be as a result of the older light fittings. Hopefully this will be resolved as we progress with the upgrade programme throughout the village.

There is a dark patch evident in Manor Road, due to the size of nearby Beech Trees, the Clerk will ask Eon for their advice.

**h) Overgrown Hedges**

The Parish Council wishes to thank the residents who keep their hedges cut back, this helps with visibility and access and keeps our road users and pedestrians safer.

**i) Dropped Kerb Request**

Members understood the request, which had been received from Members of the bowling club. This will be discussed with TWC and depending on the officer consideration, it may be necessary to ask TWC Members to consider this as an option for a Pride Funding application.

**j) Shrewsbury Road Car Park Wall**

Residents have expressed their concerns that TWC has not re-built the wall that was knocked down some months ago.

**k) Quiet Lanes Initiative**

Members would give this further consideration and the Chairman would be including it in his traffic study.

**19/1637**

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

None

**b) Telephone Kiosk**

Information will be requested from TWC regarding the transfer and associated costs.

Consideration will be necessary to ensure funding is available for insurance, maintenance, management and signage.

**c) Website**

When considering the website, it is necessary to take into consideration the new Accessibility Regulations.

**d) Magazine Articles**

Members were reminded of the rota for magazine articles, which have to be submitted by the first Sunday of the month before publication. It was disappointing that the last two articles had not been included in the recent edition.

**19/1638**

**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
000947	Scribe Package	LGA 1972s143	£215.88
000948	Defib pads	LGA 1972 s 137	£48.00
000949	Street Light Repairs	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£260.23
000950	Clerk Salary July to Sept	LGA 1972s112	£720.00
000951	PAYE 3 months	LGA 1972s112	£180.00
000952	Street Light Energy	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£288.75
000953	Street Light Energy	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£1793.90

**b) Defibrillator Costs**

*Councillor G Williams declared an interest*

Members were reminded of the need to include in their future budget the annual costs for the defibrillator. However, Councillor Williams declared an interest as a member of the village hall committee, which hosts the equipment, and suggested that he would be able to ask the village hall to fund the provision.

**c) Grant Request**

*Councillor S Burrell declared an interest*

Councillor Burrell introduced this agenda item, asking the Parish Council to consider funding the advice received by members of the community regarding the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan and a possible judicial review for a local planning approval. He explained that back in June, he had taken advice from 5 Chambers and the invoice had been paid by two local residents. Although the advice was not in favour of further action, it did provide interesting information relating to the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan. He informed the Members that he had secured funding from TWC and that they would pay £1000 to the Parish Council for a NP review in lieu of the Parish Council funding the 5 Chamber Advice. This request has come in the form of a grant application and this was contrary to the Parish Council Grants Policy as funding cannot be paid to individuals and an invoice had to be received made out to the Parish Council for consideration. Finally, there is no funding allocated for such expenditure in the 19/20 budget.

**RESOLVED that this application could not be supported.**

**19/1639**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**b) VE Day**

Members would be interested in working with the Village Hall, Church and School to create a series of events to mark this special occasion on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The Chairman has already discussed the bells with the Tower Captain.

**c) Wrekin Area Committee and Rural Forum**

The Minutes have been circulated for information.

**d) Budget Briefing**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend the session on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**e) PCC On The Beat publication**

This document had been circulated for information.

**19/1640**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Remembrance Events had been well supported and wreaths had been laid at the church and memorial services.

Members confirmed that the invoice would be paid promptly when received and a cheque would be made available to avoid delay.

**19/1641**

**MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

Councillor Burrell explained that the council is now working under Purdah rules until the election on 12<sup>th</sup> December. This will result in the budget process being delayed as the settlement figure will not be announced until a new Cabinet is in post.

**19/1642**

**PARISH MATTERS**

- Work in Newport Road was continuing and metal plates have been used to keep the road open as much as possible. This has caused problems for the buses.
- The drains outside the Old School House need clearing urgently.

- The hedge growth on Newport Road outside The Lion is causing visibility problems and needs attention.
- Cllr Pryce agreed to arrange for the street light in Kilvert Close which is covered by over growth, to receive attention and for the trees to be cut back.

**19/1643**

**NEXT MEETINGS**

9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	7pm	Highways Committee	apols from AW and GW
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	7pm	Full Council	

A meeting may be required to discuss budget options.

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm 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 January 2020.