



ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 10th February 2020** in Edgmond Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Present: Councillor C Edwards
Councillor G Williams
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor K Arbuthnot
Councillor I Pryce
Councillor G Jones
Councillor A Wilson

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2020/014 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee which had not met for some months due to the lack of items for the Agenda.

E2020/015 Apologies for absence

None

E2020/016 Declarations of Interest

Cllr I Pryce Employee Harper Adams University

E2020/017 Recreational Facilities in Edgmond

MUGA – Edgmond’s Multi Use Games Area

By way of background information for new Members, the facility was provided with funds raised within the Community by an organization known as ERCI. On completion of the project, TWC requested that the Parish Council includes £1000 in its budget for essential repairs and maintenance. They will retrospectively invoice the Parish Council for any costs.

Members discussed the current condition of the flooring, cage and equipment and agreed that it is need of a steam clean / jet wash. In the first instance, the Clerk will ask if this is something TWC intend to do. If it is not, we will obtain quotes from other companies that can do this on our behalf.

Children’s Play Area

It has been some years since the first discussion when TWC wanted to transfer the play area and equipment to the Parish Council. After many meetings and discussions, the Parish Council has resisted this option due to the condition of the play equipment and cost of the landscape maintenance, insurance and amount of funding that will be required to maintain and update the area.

Members discussed the location and confirmed that there is no requirement to consider moving the children’s play area from its current location. Members did agree, however, that the equipment needs upgrading and maintenance and the Clerk will ask TWC if they are prepared to do this.

Members confirmed that whilst the play area is in its current condition, Edgmond Parish Council does not have sufficient funds to take on the management and maintenance of

the area.

However, if at any point in the future, the play area is at risk of being lost, the Environment Committee will call a meeting, inviting the public to attend, so that the matter can be discussed as part of a proper consultation exercise.

E2020/018 Rights of Way

WET3P

Councillor Arbuthnot attends the meetings to represent the Parish Council and Paula Doherty attends from Ramblers. A lot of work has been undertaken and we are currently awaiting delivery of more posts. The Clerk will ask for a meeting asap as there is much outstanding work.

Caynton / Calvington Project

The Clerk must write to TWC to add pressure to the need to bring this matter to a swift conclusion. All the consultation work has been completed and the landowners are awaiting the next steps. The legal order was drafted and TWC now need to process this so that it can be added to the Definitive Map before it is lost.

Kissing Gate, Connors Lane

Although not urgent, this is still awaiting repair / replacement.

Short Walks

The Clerk will request an electronic copy of the Edgmond Rights of Way. This will help with publicizing routes for local walkers. Cllr Pryce is undertaking work at HAU to create walk leaflets and this information will be useful. We will add this to the agenda for the regular meeting with HAU as a possible joint project. Exploring the Countryside is very important and will be good for staff and students as well as local residents.

E2020/019 Parish Environmental Maintenance

Potholes

Potholes need to be reported direct to TWC via My Telford, everyone is encouraged to create their own My Telford account and they send reports, with photos, direct for action. This also creates a record of reports, which can assist with future scheme programmes.

Litter Picking

Thanks were extended to Denise and her team of volunteers for the amazing litter picking that takes place on a regular basis. It is disappointing that people do not treat the Parish with respect and that this is necessary, but we are grateful that it is done. Recently over 50 bags were collected, 13 of these were on Longford Lane. It is also important to report litter issues on My Telford. The Parish is entitled to a litter pick undertaken by the contractors, but they do not attend because our residents are good enough to do this for them. We should be asking for alternative jobs to be done in lieu of the litter picking.

Mud on the Road

It is important to report when a contractor, farmer or landowner does not clear the roads of unacceptable levels of mud. This can result in accidents. Reports can be made on the Edgmond Parish Council website, direct to the Clerk or to TWC, via My Telford. This will be included in the next magazine article, too.

Contractors from the Provost Mews site will be reminded of the need to clean the road, as this is not fair on the nearby farmer who has been seen doing this, even though not his responsibility.

E2020/020 Flower Bed Maintenance

As always, the Parish Council wished to records its thanks to HAU for their help with the maintenance and filling of the Parish planters. Members would also like to see more bulbs planted next year.

It may be necessary for the planters to be painted following the summer flowering season.

E2020/021 Date of the next meeting
As required.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

SignedDate