



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday, 13th January 2020** at 7.30pm.

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

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

20/1644 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

The Council welcomed Mr B, who thanked the Parish Councillors for all they do for the Parish. However, as he walks around the village there are issues he wishes to be investigated and appropriate action taken. These include:

- Parking on footpaths
- Soil on highways
- Footpaths narrowed because of overgrown hedges and verges

It was also suggested that an open session take place at a future meeting, inviting people to come along and have their say – this is available at the Annual Parish Meeting.

20/1645 APOLOGIES

None

Absent

Councillor S Burrell

20/1646 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members who are resident within the Parish of Edgmond declared an interest in the Budget, but received a dispensation to take part in the budget discussions and to set the precept for 20/21.

Councillor Bentley Budget (Clerk's Salary) Personal and Prejudicial

20/1647 VACANCIES

The positions remain advertised. There had been no applications.

20/1648 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Jones, that the Minutes of the November 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.

20/1649

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

a) Defibrillator Costs

Edmond Village Hall Chairman had confirmed that the Village Hall Management Committee had resolved to reimburse the Parish Council for expenditure relating to the Defibrillator which is sited at the Village Hall. The Parish Council will raise an invoice at the end of 2020/2021.

20/1650

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDMOND – Outside Body Representations

a) Parish Warden and Police

The Parish Warden report had been circulated to Members, for information, prior to it appearing in the next magazine. WMP had provided a report including details of incidents over the past year. Edmond remained a low crime area.

b) HAU Liaison Meetings

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would engage with HAU in its Strategic View – an initial meeting is to be arranged.

The recent Christmas Ball had resulted in some local complaints regarding the noise levels. This will be added to the next meeting, for discussion. Members confirmed it is important that local residents are notified in advance of events.

c) Newport Regeneration Partnership

The next meeting has moved to 30th January 2020. Items included in the minutes of the last meeting were the Heritage High Street Bid, NiPark, A518, parking in the High Street and the Royal Victoria Development.

d) Helicopter Liaison Group

There had been no further meeting.

20/1651

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December had been circulated for information.

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2019/1035 38-40 Shrewsbury Road

Front Extension

RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposed extension.

TWC/2020/0011 Egremont House

Pruning two Yew Trees

RESOLVED to have no objections to this application.

TWC/2020/0013 Provosts Mews

Reduction in height of a lleylandii hedge

Members expressed concern that the details and plans submitted with this application were not satisfactory and as this is within the conservation area, it was agreed that the Parish Council could not comment with accurate details.

TWC/2020/0015 Chetwynd Grange Farm

Reserved Matters for the Rural Enterprise Dwelling

RESOLVED to have no objection.

c) The Lion ACV Application

Information had been received from the owners, on 4th December, and therefore TWC have delayed the decision date to end of January 2020.

d) Flatt Pit Farmstead

The Chairman informed Members that a reply from Historic England which indicated that the Farmstead was not worthy of inclusion on a Listed Register. Members were asked to consider forwarding an updated report which included more historical evidence. A copy of this report will be circulated to all Members, for their information and this matter will appear on the next appropriate Agenda for consideration.

20/1662 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

No Committee meeting had taken place. However, the Clerk had met with representatives of Idverde and TWC to consider the current provision of grass cutting, litter picking, overgrown hedges etc. On the whole there has been some improvements although the contractors are behind schedules due to the weather.

An agreement has been reached regarding the walking bus route, and this will be maintained by TWC twice per year.

We will still need to press for the surface to be repaired.

b) Rights of Way

A request had been received for the Parish Council to include a route in each magazine edition, with a map and information of the route – this will encourage more local residents to use the routes and enjoy the countryside. Members would ask PD for her assistance with this.

c) Children's Play Area

This will appear on the agenda for the next Committee meeting. It would be useful if members had visited the area prior to the meeting to consider its condition and to look at the current equipment, bins, bench etc.

d) Other issues

- Overgrown hedges opposite The Lion PH.
- Condition of the MUGA – equipment needs cleaning.

20/1663 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December had been circulated for information.

b) Chairman's Study Report

Members thanked the Chairman for the work on this document which will be useful in the future when discussing specific issues and requests with the highways authority.

c) Speed Indicator Devices

TWC have assessed the proposed areas and agreed the locations for the posts-holders. A grant application has been submitted to West Mercia Police for a contribution towards the partnership, which includes 6 other parishes in the rural area.

d) Shrewsbury Road Car Park

The surface continues to deteriorate and the potholes worsen. TWC are considering a partnership to fund the work. This will mean grant requests from the Parish Council, Village Hall, Bowling Club, Football and Cricket Clubs with TWC managing the project.

It was suggested that consideration be given to an electric charging point, as this often attracts grant funding which may also assist with the necessary repairs.

The work will include the re-building of the wall at the entrance and the provision of a dropped kerb to the Bowling Green footpath.

e) Street Lighting

Overgrown hedges and trees continue to cause 'dark' areas. We are awaiting a reply from Eon regarding Manor Road.

f) School Zone

The Parish Council will need further details of what a '20mph school zone' actually means by way of road markings and signs, before further consideration.

g) New Street Light issues

Faulty lights in High Street and Robin Lane have been reported and repaired.

h) Arriva 519

There is to be a meeting with the Bus User Group and TWC to investigate any funding opportunities that may be available to support the reintroduction of the Saturday services.

i) **Highway Issues**

The Clerk reported that she had met with officers last week to discuss the condition of the roads in the village and to request footpath and road sweeping visits. Additional work is also required on Newport Road, Robin Lane Cul-De-Sac and blocked drains near The Old School.

20/1664

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) **Report**

None

b) **Telephone Kiosk**

The Contract has been returned, along with the £1 payment, we await the completion of the transfer before work can comment on the kiosk.

20/1665

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
000954	RBL Poppy Wreath	LGA 1972s137	£20.00
000956	Clerk's Salary Oct - Dec	LGA 1972 s 112	£720
000957	PAYE 3 months	LGA 1972 s 112	£180
000958	Councillor Training	LGA 1972	£70
000959	Rural Bus contribution	LGA 1972 s 111	£400

b) **Grant Request**

The Grant application form has now been returned, completed by Newport League of Friends. It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Edwards that £100 be granted towards the upgrade of the X-Ray Unit, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council grants £100 from its Section 137 Grant Budget.

c) **Budget for 20/21 and Precept Level**

Councillors declared their interests as necessary.

Councillors Wilson and Higginson had represented Edgmond Parish Council at the recent TW Budget event, which had been enlightening and had confirmed TWCs priorities for the coming year would be as this year. This will result in little expenditure being available for the rural areas, which is disappointing. A draft budget had been circulated and was discussed in detail, with Members having an opportunity to ask for further information. It was proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Jones, with one abstention (SB), all were in favour that the budget be set at £30,850. Taking into consideration savings and minimal use of reserves, it was

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would set its budget at £30.850 and would request a precept of £21,350 be collected by TWC through the Council Tax.

20/1666

CORRESPONDENCE

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

b) **Wrekin Area Committee**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend the next meeting on 15th January 2020.

20/1667 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Budget Briefing

It was disappointing that there was no mention of rural areas or priorities within the presentation, all focus was on the urban areas. Rural transport should be a priority and this will be expressed as a concern to the Leader of TWC.

Armistice Day Wreaths

The Parish Council is of the view that the new Poppy Wreath is used in church, with the older one used outside. This remains in place throughout the year, unless it becomes battered and unsightly. This will be confirmed to Rev. Morby.

Clerk’s Report

It had been confirmed that Turner’s Lane is a Private Road. It is unlikely that TWC will provide and erect a road narrow / no HGV sign. However, the residents can provide and install such signs as they feel necessary.

20/1668 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley reported that TWC will not look at housing allocations when reviewing the Local Plan. This will have no impact on the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan.

CPE comes into force at the end of January, it is important that reports of illegal parking and obstructions are reported for action.

Council Tax will increase by 3.9% (2% of this is ring-fenced for adult social care).

20/1669 PARISH MATTERS

- Thanks had been received from a local resident against a planning application that would have affected her property if permission had been granted.
- Condition of Shrewsbury Road highway from The Lamb to the junction with High Street
- Street Lights in Connors Lane and Turners Lane – private road

20/1670 NEXT MEETINGS

10 th February 2020	7pm	Communication Committee	apols from AW
	7.30pm	Environment Committee	
9 th March 2020	7pm	Full Council	

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm 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 March 2020.