



EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL AND HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2020 at 10am in the Temperton Room, with thanks to Harper Adams University.

Present

Catherine Baxter (CB),
Jo De Silva(JS),
Rebecca Hayhurst (RH)

Cllr A Wilson, Chairman
Cllr R Higginson,
Cllr G Jones,
Katrina Baker (Clerk)

2020/0040 Welcome & Introductions

Councillor Wilson welcomed everyone and thanked HAU for the opportunity to meet to discuss current topics.

2020/0041 Apologies

Cllr S Bentley
David Llewellyn
Scott Kirby, Farm Manager
Cllr G Williams

2020/0042 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2019.

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that they were an accurate record of the meeting.

There was only one matter arising, in that the meeting for the Parish Council to receive information regarding the new Strategic Plan did not take place. However, the document is now available and will be shared with the Parish Council. It is also available on the HAU website.

2020/0043 Update from Harper Adams University

Catherine updated the Parish Council on current matters which included the University's Carbon Management Plan. In 2015, they planned for a 20% reduction by 2020 and they have achieved 36%. It is still their objective to be carbon zero by 2040 (which is based on the NFU target).

The University has been shortlisted in the University Caterer of the Year competition. The Vet School is progressing well, despite the adverse weather conditions. The number of acceptances is as planned and there is an Open Day on 21st March where more interested students will be in attendance to see the facility. The feedback from those already visited, has been very positive.

Obviously, the coronavirus has resulted in emergency planning meetings and all aspects are being considered. The college has no-one staff or students who have been in the affected area. When necessary, a remote delivery can be made to China if students cannot return to

the University. There are sanitizers around the campus and the normal hand-washing procedure is being promoted at every opportunity. Staff are actively discouraging travel and work from home options will be available. As the University approaches the exam season, the emergency planning team are on hand to advise staff and students and will be taking advice from Public Health England throughout.

**2020/0044 Matters Raised by Edgmond Parish Council
Christmas Ball**

There was an opportunity to discuss the 2019 event. The SU had employed the services of Impact, an approved independent company, which had undertaken sound readings and monitoring around the area. These readings had been reported to TWCs Night Economy Team. When the noise levels were found to be above those acceptable, a message came back to the University so that the volume could be turned down. This happened throughout the event. There appeared to be a problem with the level of the bass, and this was made worse by the weather conditions.

It appeared that not every property had received a letter, which had the telephone number on to ring 'at the time'.

These points will be kept in mind for future events.

Mud on the Road

Although the weather has been extreme this year, residents have complained that the roads are now always swept and cleaned after farm vehicles have travelled from fields to farms etc. It was confirmed that this is the responsibility of the contractor, regardless of who they are working for. HAU ensures that its staff are aware of the requirements, however, it is sometimes a contractor that does not return to clear the highway.

Flooding

Flooding on the Caynton Road corner is to be reported to TWC Highways Department. The condition of Caynton Road also needs reporting.

Rights of Way

Work to ensure that the Definitive Map is current and accurate is under way.

2020/0045 Future Plans

Nothing new planned at this time.

2020/0046 Events

Paddy's Ball, 13th March – letters have been distributed and the telephone number for anyone with concerns to ring is included. A copy of the letter will be provided to the Clerk so that this can be made available.

Summer Hall, 20th June – the company Impact is employed to monitor the sound levels at all HAU events. This is a requirement of the licence.

2020/0047 Future Meetings

Dates will be arranged for July, October and March 2021.

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