



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday, 9th March 2020** at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)
R Higginson
G Jones
K Arbuthnot
G Williams
I Pryce
S Bentley
S Burrell (until 20/1680h)
C Edwards
C Rogers (from 20/1674)
Y Brunger (from 20/1674)

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
Chloe Rogers (until 20/1674)
Yvonne Brunger (until 20/1674)
P C Lee Thomas
PCSO I Collumbell
5 Members of the public

20/1671 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

There were no matters raised in the public session.

Standing Orders were suspended in order that the Chairman could welcome Lee and Ivan to the meeting to give a presentation regarding issues including an increase in landrover thefts and keyless car thefts, across the country with some evidence here in Newport and surrounding areas.

A copy of the presentation is available by contacting the Clerk.

From December 2019, West Mercia has a Rural Crime Team - 2 officers based in Telford supporting farms and businesses. This team, working with local Safer Neighbourhood Teams, work across boundaries, sharing information, intelligence and local information. This is working well. There have been very few burglaries, but it is important that anyone with information reports it. In an emergency using 999, but if it is to report suspicious activity or to log a registration number, then using 101 is appropriate. The police need all the local information, even if they do not attend a scene, the information is logged and could be useful in the future. It is not sufficient to share information on Nextdoor Edgmond or facebook / what's app – the police need the information as soon as possible.

Members were reminded that standing orders now apply and the official meeting commenced at 7.50pm

20/1672 APOLOGIES

None
Cllr Burrell will need to leave the meeting at 9.00pm.

20/1673

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Edwards	Caynton House Planning Application	Personal
Councillor Williams	Application for a Councillor	Personal

20/1674

VACANCIES

Councillor Williams declared an interest in one of the applications.

Two applications had been received and the personal statements have been circulated to Members for information. Members had an opportunity to ask questions of Chloe and Yvonne and they were invited to offer any additional information in support of their applications.

Chloe and Yvonne left the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Arbuthnot that Chloe Rogers and Yvonne Brunger be co-opted to the Parish Council. With two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that two vacancies be filled by co-option.

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Chloe Rogers completed, read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, this was witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

Councillor Yvonne Brunger completed, read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, this was witnessed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

The Chairman welcomed the two new Councillors who were presented with a copy of the Good Councillors Guide. Other information will be provided by email from the Clerk.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillors Rogers and Brunger will complete their Disclosures which are a legal document and will appear on the website and be lodged with Telford & Wrekin Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rogers	Child attending School in Edgmond	Personal / Pecuniary
Councillor Brunger	Scouts	Personal

COMMITTEES

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Edwards that Councillor Rogers becomes a member of the Highways Committee and Councillor Brunger, a member of the Environment Committee. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the two vacancies on Edgmond Parish Council Committees be filled as above.

Committee Membership will be renewed at the AGM in May.

20/1675

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 2020

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Edwards, that the Minutes of the January 2020 meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With three abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.

20/1676

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

a) Parking on Footpaths

Thanks were extended to members of the public who are providing details and evidence, this will be passed to the new CPE Team. However, it is not an offence to park on a pavement, but it is an offence to block access or right of way. Hopefully a visit by the CPE Team (known as the Environmental Officers) will be useful.

b) Soil on the highways

The Clerk reported on discussions that had taken place with owners and developers and Members agreed that there had been an improvement.

c) **Footpath widths**

Negotiations with landowners has resulted in work being done to cut back some hedges and verges in order to ensure that the paths are passable. Thanks were also extended to Idverde, for their assistance in clearing the verge on the B5062. This had resulted in the bath returning to its proper width.

20/1677

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDGMOND – 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. Edgmond remains a low crime area. Thanks were extended to Mr Keeping and PC Thomas for keeping the Parish informed.

b) **HAU Liaison Meetings**

The Minutes of the liaison meeting which had taken place on 5th March 2020, had been circulated to Members and would appear on the website, for information.

c) **Newport Regeneration Partnership**

Cllr Edwards updated the meeting on the latest meeting of the Partnership, giving information regarding current work on the NiPark project, Newport Retail Park and changes to the car parking in the Town. Councillor Bentley, Chairman of NRP, invited information and comments from all Parish Councils in and around Newport on any matters and in particular regarding transport needs and plans.

d) **Helicopter Liaison Group**

Cllr Jones will represent Edgmond Parish Council at the next Helicopter Liaison Group meeting on March 19th 2020. He reminded Members that anyone can inform RAF Shawbury of concerns via the website.

20/1678

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) **Report**

All Planning Application updates are circulated to Members, who can request for one to be added to the next agenda.

b) **New Applications for consideration**

Members had taken the opportunity to consider the attachments for the applications which are on the telford.gov.uk/planning website

TWC/2020/0067 Caynton House

Cllr Edwards declared an interest in this application and took no part in the consideration

Retrospective Application with amended plans.

Members were interested in the views of the TWC Conservation Officer, particularly with reference to the ancient walled garden.

RESOLVED to continue to have no objections to the storage building, biomass boiler and woodchip store, although the Conservation Officer's view will be important in its determination.

TWC/2020/0118 22 Shrewsbury Road

Single Storey side extension, following the removal of a conservatory

RESOLVED to have no objections to this application. Members would be interested to know why this could not have been allowed under permitted development rights.

TWC/2020/0203 Chetwynd Grange Farm

Erection of a agricultural workers dwelling with car port,

RESOLVED to have no objection as this had previously been supported as an outline application and would be supported by the NPPF.

c) **The Lion ACV Application**

The Chairman confirmed that the ACV has been added to the Register and a group of local residents have expressed an interest in the venture. However, Enterprise Taverns have currently withdrawn it from sale.

d) **Flatt Pit Farmstead**

A copy of the revised report will be circulated to all Members, for their information. Any comments

received will be taken into consideration before it is presented back to Heritage England for further consideration.

20/1679 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor Edwards presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February, for information.

b) Other Matters

Work on the Parish flower beds will be required in the Spring.

20/1680 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

There had been no meeting of this committee.

b) Chairman's Study Report

Members had had an opportunity to read the 75 page document which the chairman had produced regarding a range of issues and possible projects that could be introduced in the parish. It was proposed by Cllr Bentley and seconded by Cllr Williams and all agreed to forward the document to the TWC Highways Officer for consideration, prior to a public consultation on some of the proposals.

c) Community Speedwatch

Members had been disappointed that the scheme had 'fallen by the wayside' for a variety of reasons. A new co-ordinator is now in post at West Mercia and he (Mark Booth) is keen to revisit the scheme. The Chairman will liaise with Mark. It was agreed that any monitoring must avoid the holiday periods in order to get a true analysis.

d) Speed Indicator Devices

It is disappointing that this partnership scheme is taking so long to bring forward, however, it is hopeful that the SIDs will be available in April.

d) Shrewsbury Road Car Park

TWC is inviting partnership funding towards this project, which is proving to be expensive. Cllr Bentley has pledged £1000 from his Councillor's Pride Fund and TWC are contacting other user groups, such as the Village Hall, Cricket, Football, Bowls etc. for contributions.

e) Street Lighting

Overgrown hedges and trees continue to cause 'dark' areas and these should be reported to the Clerk as soon as possible so that action can be taken. Thanks were extended to those residents who had cut back overgrown hedges, particularly opposite The Lion, however some are still required opposite the Priory and in Mentone Crescent.

f) School Zone

No response had been received as to what a 20mph zone actually means and which areas of Edgmond it could be implemented. It was believed that TWC had announced that such a zone would be implemented outside of all primary schools, this will be checked. PC Thomas confirmed that such a zone is not enforceable by the police, but it is hoped that there will be voluntary compliance. There are concerns about speed in Stackyard Lane, School Road and Bailey Hills, but evidence will be required before further action can be taken by the Local Authority.

g) New Street Light issues

None

h) School Crossing Patrols

Following a recent meeting at The Lamb, details relating to school crossing patrols had been obtained from the Local Authority. The highways committee will consider this further. The information will be shared with Members for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Edwards that the Council's Standing Orders be suspended in order that the meeting can continue to complete the Agenda. All were in favour.

20/1681 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February had been circulated, for information.

b) Telephone Kiosk

The legal transfer of the kiosk has been completed and Councillor Wilson had created a poster to be displayed on the door. This will be transformed into a children's library.

c) Use of Social Media

Members considered and agreed the response to be used on social media. This will be added to the Council's Social Media Policy.

Councillor Rogers believed that this form of communication is important, for certain age groups in particular, and it was agreed that the Edgmond Parish Council facebook will continue and be linked to a new Parish Council Twitter account.

20/1682 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
000960	Newport League of Friends	LGA 1972s137	£60.00
000961	Street Light Energy	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34	£92.25
000962	SLCC subscription (50%)	LGA 1972	£56.20
000963	Street Light Repairs	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p34	£290.16

b) Payments Against Budget

The Clerk provided an update on the payments against the budget for 2019/20 which would result in a balance of around £17,000 including the earmarked reserves.

20/1683 CORRESPONDENCE

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

b) Parking on Pavements

Evidence has been received which will be shared with the CPE team. This will also be included in the next magazine to request that local residents and visitors refrain from causing an obstruction on footpaths.

c) Tibberton & Cherrington Neighbourhood Plan

Members resolved to support Tibberton & Cherrington in its production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

20/1684 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Wilson will represent SALC on the new Climate Change Working Group to be led by TWC.

20/1685 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Bentley updated Members on current issues, which included the PRH campaign, Council Tax has been set at a 3.99% increase (with little funding identified for the rural areas) and the Council's Climate Emergency.

20/1686 PARISH MATTERS

- The telephone has been removed from the Flatt Road phone box.

