



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place via Zoom on **Monday, 14th September 2020** at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)
R Higginson
G Jones
K Arbuthnot
G Williams
S Bentley
C Edwards
Y Brunger

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
1 Member of the public (unable to connect to Zoom)

20/1707 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman, Councillor Wilson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
Thanks were extended to Cllr Williams for travelling back to attend the meeting, as the signal is poor whilst on holiday.
One member of the public attended but was unable to join via Zoom.

20/1708 APOLOGIES

None

ABSENT

Cllr Pryce
Cllr Rogers
Cllr Burrell

20/1709 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Flooding in High Street Cllr Williams

20/1710 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JULY 2020

It was proposed by Councillor Brunger and seconded by Councillor Higginson, that the Minutes of the July 2020 meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. The Chairman signed and showed the signed copy and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

20/1711 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information

A Planning Application is likely to be submitted by the Methodist Church Local Committee which will propose that the Church building be converted into two dwellings and a four bedroom detached property erected on the site of the old hall. This was at the request of TWC who wished it to remain as one site.
Members would be interested to see the proposals, keeping in mind that the Church is a building of significant importance in the village.

20/1712 SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Clerk updated Members on the work of the Council, under this Scheme, which had enabled the council to continue to fulfil its role legally and in the best interests of the Community. Meetings are to continue virtually

for the time being and any site visits must be carried out with social distancing in place. These should be arranged via the Clerk so that Track and Trace records can be in place. These are required and will be kept, under the terms of our Privacy Policy, only for this purpose and will be destroyed after 21 days.

20/1713 **WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDGMOND – Outside Body Representations**

a) **Parish Warden and Police**

There had been no report. It is hoped that reports will be received in future and these can be at any time, not necessarily only for use at a Full Council meeting.

Copies can be available for the Edgmond Echo.

HAU Liaison Meetings

The Minutes of the liaison meeting had been circulated, for information. HAU had met with the Parish Council throughout the Summer recess to update Members on their plans for a safe re-opening of the University. A further meeting will take place on 15th September and notes will be circulated.

Newport Regeneration Partnership

There had been no recent meeting. Any matters to be included on the Agenda can be forwarded to the Chairman or Secretary.

Helicopter Liaison Group

There had been no recent meeting. A request was received for information to be received in a timely manner for the best effect.

20/1714 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

a) **Report**

None

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/2020/0657 4 Pipers Lane

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would have no objections to the removal of the damaged branch of the Scots Pine Tree.

TWC/2020/0682 14 Waterloo Road

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would have no objections to the proposal. However, Members would request that the Planning Officers discuss with the applicants the environmental issues, related to the Climate Change Agenda and to ask that consideration be given to renewable energy, better insulation and to preserve biodiversity wherever possible.

c) **Flatt Pit Farmstead**

No response had been received. The officer is not in the office until 21st September – the Clerk will contact Natural England again after this date.

d) **Change of Use Enquiry**

An update will be circulated to Members when received.

e) **The Bungalow, Shrewsbury Road**

TWC officers are working with the landlord to monitor the use of this building as a possible house of multiple occupancy.

20/1715 **ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

a) **Report**

There had been no meeting.

b) **MUGA and Children's Play Area**

It was confirmed that TWC had arranged the appropriate cleaning as requested. There is £1000 available in the Parish Council budget for essential maintenance costs. The Parish Council is awaiting the outcome

of the Play Strategy Review before considering the Children’s Play Area further.

c) Rights of Way

No issues had been reported to the Parish Council.

d) Flower Beds

Thanks were extended to Mr J Brunger and Councillor Edwards for the work to clear the flower bed in Shrewsbury Road. Thanks were also extended to Mark Hall, HAU for collecting the arisings from the site.

20/1716 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

There had been no meeting of this committee.

b) Highway Matters

It is important to report local issues, such as potholes or damaged kerbs direct to TWC at the earliest opportunity. Using My Telford ensures that the matter is logged and a reference number available for future use.

Funding for the Speed Indicator Device Partnership is proving difficult, although additional funding may now be available from the Police & Crime Commissioner. This will be included on the Agenda for the Highways Committee in October.

Some local hedges have been cut back to aid access and visibility for the school walking bus.

c) Transport Matters

The lack of subsidy (to assist with a service similar to the 519) has been referred to a meeting with the Leader of TWC.

It may be necessary to consider alternative options.

d) Street Lighting

The upgrade to LED has been of great benefit to Edgmond Parish. There are some hedges / trees that will need cutting back before the dark nights to ensure that the lights can be effective. This is usually the responsibility of the landowner.

e) Use of remote / electric toy vehicles

It is important to remember the law regarding use of such vehicles, especially on the public highway or on public open spaces. The Village Hall Committee has included this on its next agenda for discussion. The Parish Council has informed TWC, regarding the use of the cricket / football recreation field.

20/1717 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

There had been no meeting of the committee.

b) Noticeboards

Thanks were recorded to R Higginson for his work to repair the noticeboard in Shrewsbury Road.

c) Church Magazine

The church magazine will no longer be printed.

There is a need for the Parish Council to consider its procedure for communicating with the residents in the Parish. This will appear on a Committee meeting agenda in October.

20/1718 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

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 will be signed for the following payments:

Cheque Number	Expenditure	Authority	Total Cost
000977	Noticeboard repairs	LGA 1972	£82.66
000978	Accounts Package	LGA 1972	£215.88
000979	Annual Website Fee	LGA 1972	£437.71

000980	Clerk's Salary July - Sept	LGA 1972	£720.00
000981	PAYE July – September	LGA 1972	£180.00
000982	Church Clock – Annual Service	Parish Council Act 1957	£242.40

b) Financial Report

A copy of the financial report, taken from Scribe, with details of all receipts and payments had been circulated.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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

b) Information from SALC

- i) Training Programme – copies will be circulated
- ii) Wrekin Area Committee will meet on 30th September 2020

c) Rural Transport

The Chairman updated Members on the decision of Arriva with regards to the 519 Shrewsbury to Newport service. Details had then been received regarding the provision made for students. A discussion is to take place with TWC regarding other options that may be available.

20/1720

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Telephone Box Library

Members thanked the Chairman and Mrs Wilson for their work to provide this excellent facility. It is Covid-19 and any new book donations should be taken to the Chairman and not left in the library. Additional childrens books would be appreciated.

Flooding

Cllr Williams declared an interest in flooding in High Street

The Chairman had attended a meeting with the TWC Flooding Officer and Cllr Brunger. Due to the extreme weather, the drainage system in Chetwynd Road and Waterloo Road could not cope which resulted in the need for sand bags to be provided to local residents.

A request would be submitted to TWC for the drainage team to attend the drains in High Street to ensure that the leaves are removed and the roads swept to avoid further flooding issues. Pro-active maintenance is essential – this may require additional visits throughout the year.

Climate Change

The Chairman attends the Telford & Wrekin Borough Climate Change Partnership, along with Cllr C Edwards. TWC has declared it will be carbon neutral by 2030. In order to represent PTCs, a Parish & Town Council working group will meet on 17th September. Cllr Wilson will Chair the Highways Sub-group. He also represents SALC on the Shropshire Climate Action Group, which is working in partnership with TWC for a County wide approach.

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MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillors Bentley updated Members on current issues. It was very disappointing to find that Arriva had ceased the 519 service, especially when permission had been granted for Arriva to use Poynton Road due to the closure of Mill Bend In High Ercall. This was to support the service and to enable it to continue. The removal of this service has affected some of the rural areas most vulnerable and is not acceptable.

Councillor Bentley is encouraging Parish & Town Councils to include, in all planning consultation responses, the need for the Borough to ensure that rural transport and climate change initiatives are included. Any Section

106 / CIL payments can provide funding for transport initiatives. Thought can also be given to identifying charging points on properties and renewable energy initiatives.

Whilst it is sincerely hoped that there will not be another 'lockdown' necessary, Steve thanked everyone for all that had been done since March and hoped that this could continue for as long as it is needed. He is happy to be contacted for support is required.

It is hard to understand why Veolia have withdrawn the provision of the food waste bags. However, people are asked to use alternative ways of lining the food caddy. Bags will be available to purchase in supermarkets etc. or they can be lined with newspaper. It is important that we all continue to dispose of food waste appropriately.

It is hoped that the Parish Council will help to get the message out about the importance of taking the current situation regarding Covid 19 seriously to avoid a further escalation of numbers of cases. As the colder weather returns, it is likely that numbers will increase and local residents need to avoid getting together in large groups. It cannot be stressed enough, the importance of controlling this virus. For the well being of the entire community, please help to get this message out.

20/1722 PARISH MATTERS

- Signpost to Village Hall on Crossroads needs repositioning

20/1723 NEXT MEETINGS

The meeting schedule, as circulated, was agreed.

12 th October 2020	7.00pm	Highways Committee (via Zoom)
	8.00pm	Communication Committee
9 th November 2020	7.00pm	Full Council

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm 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 November 2020.