



HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 12th October 2020** via Zoom at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor A Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor G Jones
Councillor S Bentley
Councillor G Williams

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Councillor Y Brunger

H2020/055 Welcome

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

H2020/056 Apologies for absence

Councillor C Rogers Childcare
Councillor I Pryce Work Commitments

RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.

Absent

Councillor S Burrell

H2020/057 Declarations of Interest

Cllr G Williams Parish Council representative on Edgmond Village Hall Committee

H2020/058 Membership of the Committee

It was agreed that Councillor Arbuthnot be invited to join the Committee, until the AGM, where all Committee Membership will be considered.

H2020/059 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27th July 2020

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Jones, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the July meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

H2020/060 Matters Arising

None – all are included on the Agenda.

H2020/061 Speed Indicator Devices

The delay in bringing the Rural Partnership scheme forward is now due, in the main, to the increased costs and lack of funding. However, there is still a wish by all partners to bring this forward as soon as possible.

Members discussed High Street, in particular. There is a view that speeding in High Street is excessive and dangerous. However, it was agreed that evidence should be obtained and it was therefore agreed that the Police and TWC should be approached for further information. It was also agreed that details of the 'Safe Routes to School' reports be observed and to find if any funding is available to assist with the project, especially as High Street is a main route to school.

The Parish Council will be asked to consider a scheme for the Parish and what the costs are at a future meeting, when this additional information has been obtained.

H2020/062 Parish Analysis Report

The report had been forwarded to TWC some time ago. The Chairman had produced this detailed analysis, which had been supported by the Parish Council, and was as a result of a meeting with TWC Highways Officer and included all aspects of Highways and Transport safety. TWC had acknowledged receipt and were using some of the information in their current considerations for the Parish. We anticipate a reply to our reminder in the next couple of weeks, when the current Highways Officer returns to work.

H2020/063 Shrewsbury Road Car Park

TWC has completed its feasibility study and the initial design plan specification has included the pedestrian route at the front of the car park (as requested by the Village Hall), the dropped kerb provision (as requested by the Bowling Club), the rebuilding of the wall at the entrance and the work on the car park surface which includes significant infrastructure work in order to improve its surface and ensure user safety.

The design also included a footpath to the front of the car park, but it had been agreed that the road was too narrow at that location. A revised plan is to be drawn, and a request has been included for an electric charging point (or two) to be included.

The Parish Council had been asked to enquire of other users of the car park, if any financial support is available. The Village Hall Chairman had confirmed that the Committee were not in a position to contribute, replies from other users (bowling club, football, cricket etc. are awaited).

Councillor Bentley had confirmed his £1000 contribution and the Parish Council will consider increasing its contribution to £1000 at Full Council.

H2020/064 Street Lighting

There are still a number of hedges and trees that need to be cut back so that the street lights are effective. The LED upgrade programme is continuing and when complete, the revised schedule will be forwarded to Western Power for our energy costs to be readjusted – this will result in a decrease in the cost of energy.

No new issues have been reported.

H2020/065 Road Safety

a) Community Speedwatch

The Chairman updated Members on his meeting with the police regarding the new machine which has been made available and will be used in Marsh Road.

In a meeting with Mark Booth, the Parish Council was asked if the trained

volunteers would be available to assist on the B5062, a site has been identified near to the bus shelter (adjacent to Marsh Road junction). It was agreed that the High Street Volunteers would be willing to assist.

There remains considerable frustration at the Community Speedwatch Scheme, the siting of large signs results in many cars slowing down, so that statistics gathered are not a true reflection of the speed issue.

H2020/066 TW Bus User Group

The next meeting is scheduled for 14th October, via Zoom. Our representative, Martin Reid, has sent his apologies, but it is hoped that other local residents will attend.

The decision not to continue the Arriva 519 is purely a commercial one, based on the income and expenditure. Government grants have enabled a school transport route to be available, for the time being.

TWC will be considering electric and hydrogen vehicles as part of its procurement process for the Fleet Transport Services. However, Arriva is unlikely to consider this at this time, due to the initial expenditure and the lack of information regarding the use of such vehicles on long, rural journeys.

The issue of lack of public transport in rural areas remains a concern, this has a significant detrimental effect on some of the more vulnerable residents who don't have their own transport and are therefore relying on taxis for appointments, shopping and visiting.

Councillor Wilson is the Chairman of the Transport Working Group, for the TW Climate Change Partnership in Telford & Wrekin and Chairman of the Shropshire CC Partnership - the Green Agenda is very much part of the current work and this will be included on the agenda for the Rural Forum on 22nd October 2020.

H2020/067 Any Other Matters

Inconsiderate Parking

The Parish Council will bring to the attention of the Football Club, and TWC, that some parents are parking inappropriately when attending football matches, particularly at a weekend. Cars are found to be blocking accesses and parking on pavements. This will also be mentioned to our local policing team with a request that, if they are on duty and available, that they will attend and speak with the parents about the dangers of their actions.

H2020/068 Next Meeting

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

SignedDate