



MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place via Zoom on **Monday 13th April 2021** at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)
R Higginson
K Arbuthnot
C Edwards
Y Brunger
C Rogers (arrived 21/1789h))

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
Cllr S Bentley
11 Members of the public

21/1782 WELCOME

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

One Minute silence was observed in memory of the Late HRH, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

21/1783 APOLOGIES

Cllr I Pryce
Rod Roman
HAU
Headteacher, St Peter's School

Cllr G Jones
Jeremy Bowman
John & Marion Keeping

21/1784 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Councillor Allan Wilson, presented his report. A copy will be attached to the Minutes and will appear on the website.

21/1785 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Council commenced the financial year on 1st April 2020 with a balance of £19,784. The total receipts through the year were £28,485 which included the precept, a VAT refund, a grant for the community support programme and £100 for the gardening group. £4275 was also received towards the Speed Indicator Device Project. The total expenditure was £21,802.28. The balance at the end of March 2021 is £26,467 which includes significant earmarked reserves. The figures are subject to the end of year audit. A VAT refund of £2532.30 is expected.

Members, when considering the budget for 2021/22 were keen to keep any increase to a minimum. Members recognised that local residents have had a difficult year and therefore the precept was set at £21,777.

21/1786 THE LION ROARS AGAIN

The Chairman read the report from the community group which has formed 'The Lion Roars Again' to bid on behalf of the community for The Lion which has recently come up for sale.

The report informed the meeting that they intend to form a Community Benefit Society (CBS) to make a bid and will shortly be consulting with the community regarding the options for the site and the asset of community value.

A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes and will appear on the website.

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TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor Steve Bentley had prepared an annual report which had been circulated. It will be attached to the Minutes and it will be added to the website.

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WEST MERCIA POLICE

PCSO Collumbell had provided an update including a list of the type of incidents that have occurred which include

Hare coursing	Covid Breaches	Suspicious vehicles
Assault on staff at covid centre	Loose sheep on the road	Trespassing
Power cable damage by tractor	Scrap Collectors without license	Uninsured / untaxed vehicles
Catalytic converter thefts	Off road motorcycle nuisance	

The report states that if anyone has any points they wish to raise, please pass these on via the Clerk or ring 101 to report this direct to the police or 999 if it is an emergency situation, taking place at the time. You can also send information through by email.

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OTHER REPORTS

a) Parish Warden

A copy will be attached to the Minutes and will appear on the website, it is also provided for inclusion in the Edgmond Echo.

b) Edgmond Village Hall

The Chairman had provided a report, which will be added to the Minutes and will appear on the website.

c) St Peter's Primary School

Councillor S Burrell, Governor, was to present a report – this will be added when received.

d) Edgmond Wildlife Group

This group has been established to improve the natural environment locally. It is proud to have a management plan and will be working with other groups and organisations such as Edgmond Hall, HAU and the School. They are building their website and using social media platforms.

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e) Edgmond Gardening Group

This is a new initiative, led by the Parish Council's Environment Committee. Volunteers will assist with tasks around the Parish including the maintenance and upkeep of the shrub beds.

f) Helicopter Liaison Group

Councillor Jones had reported that the meetings had continued virtually where up to date information is available on new training regimes. The Gliding School still intends to fly from RAF Shawbury when the restrictions permit. It is good to have the advance notice of the night flying. The two-way communication works well.

g) Harper Adams University

The University's Annual Report is available on their website.

The liaison meetings with the Parish Council continue to provide an excellent forum to discuss local issues.

The HAU report to the APM confirms that some HAU land been targeted for hare coursing, fly tipping and stolen goods had been found on land in the Parish.

Students will be returning on a phased scheme from 24th April.

The University is looking for volunteers to help with lateral flower testing on site.

It was disappointing to find that HAU has had to inform the police of anti social behaviour and trespassing on the land which has included horses ridden through trial plots. This may result in additional fencing. Dog fouling has also been found amongst the grazing stock, which has caused increase of risk to livestock.

Members wished to record their thanks to Dr David Llewellyn who retires in June. Members, on behalf of the community, send him every good wish for his retirement.

Cllr Chloe Rogers attended the meeting

h) Newport Regeneration Partnership

Councillor Edwards introduced the work and aims of the NRP, which is to work with TWC and partners on development such as the Agritech Innovation Park, progress of the Royal Victoria Hotel. Other areas of interest include:

i) St Peters Church

Thanks were expressed to Rev Morby for supporting the congregation and community in Edgmond over the past 12 months. It is hoped that the church will re-open this week for private prayer. There will be a Sunday service at 10.30am and one at 9.30am on a Thursday.

Robert Wilkinson arrived

21/1790 PARISH MATTERS

This was an opportunity for anyone resident in Edgmond to offer comments and ideas or to ask questions of the Parish Council.

- a) Additional questions were asked about the Lion Inn and the Asset of Community Value status. It was suggested that these questions should be forwarded to 'The Lion Roars Again' Group.
 - i) Consultation with the community is essential
 - ii) The proposal will need to be sustainable
 - iii) Government supports such initiatives in the recent White Paper
 - iv) Respect for the Village Hall and The Lamb must be retained
 - v) Suggestion to include a health centre as a room with the ACV, drop off for prescriptions
 - vi) Alternative / diverse uses should be suggested to the community group
 - vii) Maybe a multi-purpose community building, rather than just a pub?
- b) Future of the Methodist Church
- c) Noise nuisance from Log-a-Log
- d) Speed of traffic, especially along Newport Road

21/1791 NEXT MEETINGS

10 th May 2021	Annual General Meeting	7pm	HAU
	Full Council	7.30pm approx	

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

Signed **Date**

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed as accurate at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in May 2021. They will not be signed until the APM in 2022.