



**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place via Zoom on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021** at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)  
R Higginson  
G Jones  
K Arbuthnot  
S Bentley  
C Edwards  
Y Brunger  
C Rogers (arrived 21/1770)

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk  
4 Members of the public

**21/1760 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**Alleged noise from Log-a-Log**

An update was received from a member of the public. Details following a visit to the site by TWC will be obtained. It was suggested that anyone affected by the noise could request an environmental acoustic assessment.

**The Lion PH - An Asset of Community Value**

TWC has publicised that any Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> April. Discussions are taking place within the community in order to generate a community-driven business plan to purchase the pub and land, as advertised. Various options have been considered and it is thought that some limited development on the land may assist to provide finance for a sustainable pub / community asset. Any development will need to be in accordance with the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan and it is important to protect the interests of neighbours to the site. It was suggested that the Plunkett Foundation be approached for help and advice and that the legal officer at TWC could be approached for additional information and guidance on the process. The community group realises that this needs to be an innovative scheme and a project to create a sustainable asset. There appears to be lots of interest and hopefully this will bring about an exciting community initiative.

**21/1761 APOLOGIES**

|               |                  |                    |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Cllr I Pryce  | Work Commitments | Leave of Absence   |
| Cllr C Rogers |                  | Arrived at 21/1770 |

**RESOLVED that apologies be accepted from Cllr I Pryce.**

**21/1762 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

|                    |              |         |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| Grant Applications | Cllr Brunger | 21/1771 |
| Namesign request   | Cllr Brunger |         |
| Namesign request   | Cllr Rogers  |         |

21/1763

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Edwards, that the Minutes of the January 2021 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.**

21/1764

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

All matters arising are included on the Agenda for further discussion or consideration.

21/1765

**SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

The Coronavirus Act 2020 comes to a conclusion on 6<sup>th</sup> May and at this time we have not been informed as to whether virtual meetings will be able to continue. As the Village Hall is not scheduled to re-open, it may be that an alternative venue will be required for the May meeting and onwards.

21/1766

**WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDMOND – Outside Body Representations**

**a) Parish Warden and Police**

The Parish Warden had submitted a report for the Edgmond Echo. The SNT had produced a newsletter, which had been circulated for information.

PCSO Collumbell had sent apologies for tonight's meeting but looks forward to attending a future meeting.

**HAU Liaison Meetings**

The next meeting will take place in April.

**Newport Regeneration Partnership**

A transport working group had been set up to enable more regular conversations and had representatives for road, rail, canal and cycles, as well as representatives for the Town Council and Parish Councils.

It is hope that as the restrictions ease, more face to face meetings may be possible and more information on progress of Ni Park might be available.

**Helicopter Liaison Group**

There have been no further meetings. A new night flying programme commences of 15<sup>th</sup> March, for four weeks.

21/1767

**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](http://telford.gov.uk/planning) website

**TWC/2021/0204 Egremont House**

It was agreed that this application would be considered when information relating to the ownership was established.

**TWC/2021/0207 58 Shrewsbury Road**

Erection of a side extension and associated alterations

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would have no objections to the proposals. However, the standard response including the Parish Council's aspirations regarding future fit, sustainability and climate change initiatives would be included.**

**c) Other Planning Matters**

None

## 21/1768 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

### a) Report

Councillor Edwards presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for information.

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

The Parish Council is awaiting the outcome of the Play Strategy Review before considering the Children's Play Area further. A meeting with TWC will be requested.

### c) Rights of Way

Consideration should be given to a small diversion on Bayley Hills Field in order to avoid the very muddy patch. The Clerk will liaise with the Ramblers before approaching the landowner.

TWC will be asked for an update on the Siddlington paths as this issue has been awaiting resolution for a number of years.

### d) Flower Beds

The Parish Council expressed its thanks for the £100 donation received towards the Parish Council Gardening Club.

### e) Climate Emergency

The Chairman introduced the carbon calculator which has been circulated for information. Following the resolution to declare a Climate Emergency, it was agreed that the Chairman would write a regular article in the Echo which would also appear on the Parish Council Website, with useful tips and showing how lots of little savings will make a big difference and how everyone can be involved.

The Parish Council was informed that Government Grants are available and it is hoped that rural public transport will be a theme where a significant difference can be achieved.

## 21/1769 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

### a) Report

Councillor Wilson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for information.

### b) Highway & Road Safety Matters

A suggestion for a reduced speed limit from Cheney Hill to Newport had been received from the Town Mayor and Members had lengthy discussion over the advantages. Whilst members were not opposed to the proposal, Members will be asking for the police to ensure that the current speed limit is observed. It is hoped that the Road Safety Partnership would favourably consider deploying a van sometimes, or even if a police car could park there on occasions. As this is not in the Parish of Edgmond, Members agreed that it would not be appropriate for such a consultation or proposal to be led by the Parish Council.

Members were also reminded that reduced speed limits assist with carbon emission savings.

Parking outside of the school remains a concern and the police will be asked to visit at school times to speak with parents and to highlight the dangers.

### c) Rural Transport

Councillor Wilson and Councillor Higginson had completed the Transport Review Questionnaire.

### d) Street Lighting

No response has been received regarding the remaining four upgrades.

### e) Shrewsbury Road Car Park

The resurfacing is a great improvement, although there are areas of concern. Photos have been taken and shared with TWC to be available if issues arise before the end of the guarantee period.

*Councillor Rogers arrived*

## 21/1770 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

### a) Report

There had been no meeting and no issues had been raised.

21/1771

## FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

**a) Orders for the payment of invoices, as per the financial regulations of Edmond Parish Council**

A copy of the payments had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Jones that the payments be authorised for payment by BACs.

|                                             |                 |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Street Lighting Annual Maintenance Contract | LGA Sch 14 p 34 | £700 | £140 | £840 |
| Dog Fouling Signs                           | LGA 1972 s111   | £110 | £22  | £132 |
| Salary (Jan to March 2021)                  | LGA 1972        | £720 |      | £720 |
| PAYE (Jan to March 2021)                    | LGA 1972        | £180 |      | £180 |

**b) Financial Report**

A copy of the balance sheet, taken from Scribe, had been circulated for information. All outstanding payments should be paid before the end of the Month in order to complete the Year End Accounts for audit.

**c) Arrangement for the Council's Internal Checks and Clerk's Review**

A meeting will be arranged, members of the Committee are Councillors Wilson, Higginson, Jones and Edwards.

**d) Grant Applications**

*Councillor Brunger left the meeting*

Members had perused the three grant applications. It was confirmed that all three groups are based in the Parish and are looking forward to re-opening to offer activities for the local young people. However, funds in the grant budget are limited. It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Jones, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Edmond Scouts, Brownies and Guides all receive £100 from the Grants Budget. It would be necessary to vire funds into the budget to cover the expenditure in this financial year.**

*Councillor Brunger returned to the meeting*

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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 – details are available on the SALC website. The Chairman encouraged members to attend training, wherever possible.
- ii) Wrekin Area Committee – The next meeting will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm.
- iii) Rural Forum – the Minutes of the meeting held in January had been circulated for information.

21/1773

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Wilson updated Members on work by the Shropshire Climate Change Partnership and in particular the role of Carbon Watchers and Climate Champions.

**Councillor's Report**

None

**Clerk's Report**

All matters have been included on the Agenda.

**21/1774 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

Councillors Bentley updated Members on the Council's decision to increase the Council Tax by 4.9%. He explained that he had not been able to support this as he had hoped that any increase would be the minimum in order to support residents across Telford & Wrekin at this difficult time. Information is awaited regarding the £50m investment in roads – especially to find out the plans for the rural areas which have been neglected for some time.

**21/1775 PARISH MATTERS**

- The Church Wall is due to be repaired in the near future
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be advertised with the link to join included on the website.
- Excessive mud on the road in Pipers Lane
- An update on the road namesigns, as previous suggested for Playdale and Mentone Crescent, will be requested

**21/1776 NEXT MEETINGS**

The meeting schedule, as circulated, was agreed.

|                             |                                        |               |                       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 | Annual Parish Meeting                  | 7pm           | Zoom                  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021   | Annual General Meeting<br>Full Council | 7pm<br>7.30pm | Venue To be confirmed |

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 May 2021.