



MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at Harper Adams University on **Monday 10th May 2021** at 7.30pm immediately after the AGM.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

21/1808 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman, Councillor Wilson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
There were no members of the public in attendance.

21/1809 APOLOGIES

Cllr I Pryce Work Commitments
Cllr C Rogers Childcare Commitments

RESOLVED that apologies be accepted.

ABSENT

Cllr S Burrell

21/1810 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

21/1811 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 8th and 31st MARCH 2021

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Jones, that the Minutes of the two meetings be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

21/1812 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information

The Community Group, The Lion Roars Again, had requested that the Parish Council submits an expression of interest in the sale of the Community Asset. This had been accepted by Telford & Wrekin Council. The Lion Roars Again has commenced a consultation period with two virtual meetings taking place with invitations to all local residents. These meetings are on Wednesday and Sunday of next week and all Members are encouraged to attend.

21/1813 SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Coronavirus Act 2020 came to a conclusion on 6th May and therefore Full Council meetings must now take place face to face. Thanks were extended to HAU for the use of The Temperton Room until the Village Hall reopens. Working Groups can continue to meet virtually. The Scheme of Delegation will enable the Parish Council to continue to fulfil its statutory duties and commitments.

21/1814

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDMOND – Outside Body Representations

a) **Parish Warden and Police**

The latest report had been circulated and appeared in the Edgmond Echo.

HAU Liaison Meetings

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated for information. Concerns had been expressed regarding unauthorised use of land for footpaths and horses – it is important that only official rights of way are used so that there is no damage to crops or trespassing.

Newport Regeneration Partnership

Councillor Edwards had circulated a report.

Helicopter Liaison Group

There have been no further meetings. A new night flying programme commences on 10th March, for four weeks.

21/1815

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) **Report**

Members were disappointed that TWC/2020/1093 had been granted permission last Friday before waiting for any comments from the Parish Council.

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/2021/0314 18 Chetwynd Road

Single storey side and rear extensions, single storey front and conversion of the garage into a habitable room

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would have no objections but would ask that the Planning Officer takes into consideration any comments from neighbours and considers the 'building line'.

TWC/2021/0333 48 Shrewsbury Road

Erection of a 1.8m high fence

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would respond to explain that the Councillors believe that this would be of excessive height for the front of the property and would question the removal of the established hedge (retrospective). Any comments from neighbours should also be taken into consideration.

TWC/2021/0352 Harper Adams University

Variation of Condition 5 of TWC 2020/0248 to allow amendments to the previously approved plans.

RESOLVED to support this application as part of the automated farm project.

TWC/2021/0387 Rear of 64 / 66 and Ashwood House

Change of Use – open land to garden land and the erection of stables and associated fencing.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will not support this proposal as it is contrary to the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan as development into the open countryside.

TWC/2021/0403 1-2 Newtown

Reserved Matters

RESOLVED to have no objections to the proposals.

Edgmond Methodist Chapel

This application had been received since the publication of the Agenda but Members resolved to consider the proposal within this meeting.

RESOLVED to have no objections to the creation of a dwelling. However, it is important to preserve the character of the Chapel for the streetscene. There should be no parking concerns as the Shrewsbury

Road facility is nearby. The Parish Council will ask that the development protects the boundary hedge. It will also be suggested that they may want to hold a public meeting.

21/1816 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

The Gardening Group Terms of Reference will appear on the next Working Group agenda for consideration. It was also confirmed the hi-viz tabards do not require the Edgmond logo.

b) Kissing Gates

Andrew Careless will be discussing the legal requirements of access with the landowner. It is hoped that a mutual agreement can be reached. It is important to remember that this is the only route to Newport from the village.

21/1817 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

There has been no meeting.

b) Rural Transport

A meeting with TWC is to take place with Newport Regeneration Partnership to look at initiatives taking into consideration the funding that is available at this time.

c) Street Lighting

A new schedule has been received, but the Parish Council remains concerned that not all lights have been upgraded to LED. The Chairman offered to go around the village, after dark, and note down all faults and to identify any upgrades still required.

The Clerk will ask WPD when the old poles will be removed.

21/1818 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

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

21/1819 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

a) Payments

Members confirmed the payments made since the last meeting.

b) End of Year Accounts

A copy of the end of year accounts had been circulated. Members considered Section One, the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 and confirmed that they acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal controls. It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Higginson that Edgmond Parish Council meets the requirements of points one to eight of the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the Statement as approved by Members.

A copy of Section Two had been completed and circulated for information. It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Higginson that the Chairman should sign Section Two on behalf of the Council to confirm the statements have been approved. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the Section Two of the Accounting Statement.

Members confirmed the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights which would be 30 working days from 14th June 2021.

Members would consider the Earmarked reserves of the Council following completion of the Internal Audit.

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

A meeting will be arranged, members of this Working Group are Councillors Wilson, Higginson, Jones and Edwards.

d) Policies and Procedures

All the Councils policies have been updated for the current period. This included the Risk Assessment, which Members would consider as they consider the insurance renewal.

21/1820 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) The regular News In Brief updates have been very useful, keeping the Parish Council up to date with important and relevant information.

21/1821 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Councillor Wilson had no report other than to inform the Parish Council that he is no longer the Chairman of the Shropshire Climate Action Partnership, but will continue to represent Edgmond on the TW Climate Change Partnership.

Councillor’s Report

Councillor Rogers will provide an update on the training attended at the next meeting.

Clerk’s Report

All matters have been included on the Agenda.

21/1822 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillors Bentley updated Members on local issues and included the fire at the recycling centre near Ketley. Unfortunately, there was no insurance and therefore the costs will be paid by tax-payers. Concerns remain regarding toxic waste on the site.

The CSE enquiry continues and it was disappointing to find that only 123 people came forward with information as part of the enquiry.

21/1823 PARISH MATTERS

None

21/1824 NEXT MEETINGS

14 th June	7pm	Highways	Via Zoom
	8pm	Communication	Via Zoom
28 th June	7pm	Environment	Via Zoom
12 th July	7pm	Full Council	Edgmond Village Hall
	Followed by	Appeals and Complaints	

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm 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 July 2021.