



**MINUTES** of an Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place in Edgmond Village Hall on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at 7.15pm.

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

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

**21/1858 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**Public Session**

a) Safety of the children outside of Edgmond Primary School and Nursery

The Parish Council has raised concerns regarding the parking outside of the school and nursery for a number of years and Telford & Wrekin Council has been involved in discussions regarding the issue.

However, since the return to school following the summer holiday, it appears that it is more dangerous.

Two parents were welcomed who shared more information regarding the issue, and photos are also available.

A number of points could be raised and suggestions considered by the relevant authorities. A meeting of the various agencies, authorities and partners will be arranged as soon as possible.

b) Information had been received regarding work that is planned at Log A Log, which will assist to address the alleged noise nuisance.

1. The Eastern Gable End of the processing building has been fully clad to floor level.

2. Four of the Five bays on the Northern side are to be fitted with sectional overhead doors – scheduled to be completed in 2 -3 weeks.

3. The fifth bay, nearest to the Western Gable will be fitted with heavy duty strip curtain – scheduled to be completed in 2 – 3 weeks.

The above mentioned works have been undertaken voluntarily by the company to illustrate their readiness and desire to work as harmoniously as possible with the local community.

**21/1859 APOLOGIES**

Councillor C Edwards                      Work Commitments                      Accepted

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

**RESOLVED that the apologies from Councillor Edwards be accepted.**

**21/1860 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

21/1861

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Brunger, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the August meeting be accepted as a true record.**

21/1862

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

There are many hedges around the Parish that have been allowed to grow out over the highway and footpaths and this is making the roads dangerous. An article was included in the Echo and a number of letters have been sent to properties asking for co-operation. We are now in the season where all hedges can be cut and local residents and landowners are asked to ensure this work is undertaken as soon as possible to assist with visibility and to ensure there is no encroachment onto the public highway or paths.

**Bus Strategy Consultation**

The consultation was extended to 5<sup>th</sup> September to enable more local residents to take part. Hard copies were available for those who don't use computers. There were a lot of responses from the rural areas and it is hoped that funding can be identified to tackle the issue and to enable transport to the towns for shopping, education, leisure and visiting.

21/1863

**WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

**a) West Mercia Police**

A copy of the recent newsletter had been circulated. Members discussed the positive impact for the local residents since the employment of a Rural Support Officer. It was good to hear that the Police & Crime Commissioner is committed to continuing to support this. However, there will be a need for local councils and organisations to assist in providing the funding to ensure that a suitable vehicle is available for use in the rural areas. Members looked forward to receiving more information for consideration prior to setting their budget for 2022/23.

**b) Parish Warden**

A copy of the report, provided for the Edgmond Echo, had been circulated. There was little information available as PC Thomas has been off work in recent weeks.

**c) Newport Regeneration Partnership**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Any matters for inclusion on the Agenda can be forwarded to the Clerk.

**d) Harper Adams University**

No meeting had taken place.

21/1864

**FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

**a) Payments**

it was proposed by Cllr Higginson and seconded by Cllr Jones, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised.**

Grant to Age UK	LGA 1972 s 137	100.00
Framed Royal Photo	LGA 1972 s 137	139.21
Audit Fee	LGA 1972	240.00
Finance Package Subscription	LGA 1972	276.00

**b) Completion of the External Audit**

The Notice of the Conclusion of the Audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 will be displayed. The Auditor's report included no requests for action or points to be raised with the Parish Council.

**c) Financial Report**

The bank reconciliation had been circulated and showed a balance of £35,944.00.

**d) Revised National Code of Conduct**

A copy of the revised Code had been circulated. This has now been adopted by Telford & Wrekin Council. A summary (2 page) document had been produced for quicker reference. It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Barton that Edgmond Parish Council should adopt the revised Code with immediate effect, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would adopt the revised National Code of Conduct.**

21/1865

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**a) Report**

The following applications have been granted:

TWC/2021/0758 and TWC/2021/0702

TWC/2021/0599 Land adjacent to Egremont House

TWC was minded to refuse the application, the planning officer is now awaiting an amended application and if received, a re-consultation process will take place.

TWC/2021/0615 Log-A-Log

The planning officer has been made aware of further noise complaints which will continue to be investigated by Environmental Health. However, Members are aware of the planned works (see 21/1858).

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council would request that if the Local Authority is minded to grant consent, conditions should be applied with regards to the timescales for the installation of shutters and also to insist on a waste management plan to ensure that there is no burning of waste on the site.**

The planning officer had confirmed that the Highways Authority had assessed the vehicle movements and offered no objection, subject to the provision of adequate visibility splays and a bound access road where the access lane meets the highway.

**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/2021/0817 Westwinds, Edgmond**

**Erection of a replacement dwelling.**

The Parish Council had requested a topographical image, but this has not been provided. The proposal appears to be the same footprint.

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would have no objections to the proposals, providing that the replacement dwelling is no higher than the original. The development should be sustainable and to take into consideration adequate parking.**

A comment will also be included, to request no further light pollution from the site.

**TWC/2021/0851 1 -2 Newtown**

**Variations of Conditions 3 and 5 of TWC/2021/0403**

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would offer no objections. However, TWC should insist on more specific detail.**

c) **The Lion Inn – An Asset of Community Value**

It has been confirmed that the sale has been completed. The Parish Council has been approached by the new owners, for a meeting regarding their plans, prior to a planning application being submitted.

**21/1866 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

a) **Report**

No further information has been received from TWC following the site meeting in August.

Members are awaiting further details regarding the play area and the proposals for wild flower beds in the Parish.

b) **Outdoor Gym Equipment**

This will be included on a future agenda for consideration.

**21/1867 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE**

a) **Report**

A request has been submitted to meet with Highways Officers to discuss a wide range of outstanding highway matters. Unfortunately, the officer dealing with our area is leaving TWC so we await the appointment of a new officer and a meeting will be requested at that time.

b) **Community Speedwatch**

Five more volunteers are available for the training. Mark Booth will arrange a suitable evening. When more trained volunteers are available, the community speedwatch can undertake more local sessions.

c) **Caynton Road**

Following receipt of a letter from a local resident, Members agreed to re-visit the speed issue which has previously been raised with TWC. Members were reminded that there are no paths, and limited verges and therefore, pedestrians and cyclists are vulnerable. Councillors Bentley and Burrell had visited this area as part of their Ward Walk and highlighted the problem to Telford & Wrekin Council. The Clerk will contact TWC and request a meeting of the stakeholders.

**21/1868 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

a) **Report**

None

**21/1869 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** – regularly circulated to Members for information

c) **London Bridge Protocol**

i) The framed photo and book of condolence are available and a request will be sent for them to be kept at Church and for them to be made available at the appropriate time.

ii) Members agreed that there should be a Proclamation in the Parish, the most appropriate venue will be agreed at the next meeting.

d) **Remembrance 2021**

It was agreed that two wreaths would be purchased and the Chairman will attend the service in Church and the wreath –laying at the Memorial. All Members are welcome to attend.

e) **Wrekin Area Committee of SALC**

Members are welcome to join via zoom on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm.

21/1870

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

Arrangements are progressing well, Chloe is organising the Village Fete, there will be a Sunday Service in church and other events. Thanks were extended to HAU for the donation of a tree which will be planted in the Church Field.

Members considered a Beacon and it was agreed to support an event at the Agricultural Show Ground at Cheney Hill including a bonfire, and not a gas beacon.

**Healthwatch**

A representative will attend a future meeting to share more information with the Council.

**Climate Change**

The TWC Plan is available on their website. The PTC working group is continuing to promote the ‘Climate Emergency’ and support local councils with their own Plans.

Members agreed to write to the Planning Policy Team at TWC to express concerns as to why TWC is not insisting that new-builds have electric charging points, solar panels, appropriate insulation and should consider alternative heating sources to meet the Climate Emergency Agenda.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

Telford & Wrekin Council has confirmed that it will not support the provision of a namesign for Parkdale / Mentone Crescent as it does not meet the criteria.

21/1871

**WEST MERCIA POLICE**

PCSO 6306 I Collumbell had sent his apologies to this meeting, but continues to represent the local residents.

21/1872

**MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

Councillors S Burrell and S Bentley had taken an opportunity to invite officers of TWC to accompany them on a Ward Walk to identify issues around the Ward. There were many concerns raised and a draft report had been received but needed significant amendments to ensure that all relevant matters are included.

As Ward Members, they continue to express concern regarding the lack of public transport, which is not only not acceptable for local residents, but also is contrary to the Climate Emergency plans.

21/1873

**PARISH MATTERS**

Redundant Electricity Poles

Western Power Distribution has a programme in place to remove all redundant poles, but it has no timescale.

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**NEXT MEETINGS**

11 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	7.00pm	Environment / RoW	Via Zoom
	8.00pm	Highways	Via Zoom
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	7.15pm	Full Council	EVH

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.06pm 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 2021.