



## ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022** at Edgmond Village Hall at 7.15pm.

**Present:** Councillor C Edwards  
Councillor R Higginson  
Councillor G Jones  
Councillor Y Brunger  
Councillor M Barton  
Councillor A Wilson

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
Derek Owen, Senior Play Consultant, TWC

**E2022/090 Welcome**  
The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited nominations for the position of Chairman for 2022/23.

**E2022/091 Election of Chairman**

Councillor Y Brunger	Proposed by Councillor Edwards Seconded by Councillor Wilson
Councillor C Edwards	Proposed by Councillor Higginson Seconded by Councillor Jones

Following a vote, it was

**RESOLVED that Councillor Edwards continue as Chairman for 2022/23.**

Councillor Edwards read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

**E2022/092 Apologies**  
None

**Absent**  
Councillor K Arbuthnot

**E2022/093 Election of Vice Chairman**  
It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Higginson, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Councillor Brunger be elected as Vice Chairman for 2022/23.**

Councillor Brunger read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

**E2022/094**      **Terms of Reference**  
It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Jones, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference be confirmed for 2022/23.**

**E2022/095**      **Declarations of Interests**  
None

**E2022/096**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
It was proposed by Councillor Brunger and seconded by Councillor Barton, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be signed as a true record.**

**E2022/097**      **Matters Arising from the Meeting, not otherwise on the Agenda**

- a)      Apple Juice  
Councillor Brunger confirmed that this project will commence in Septemeber / October. HAU has confirmed that the Regional Food Hub will be available – anyone with windfalls are asked to donate them to this project which will raise funds for Parish Projects.
  
- b)      Cherry Trees  
TWC has taken action against those responsible for the illegal removal of the Cherry Trees in Robin Lane.  
Replacement trees must be replanted and the Parish Council will request that these should be located in Robin Lane.

**E2022/098**      **Children’s Play Area**

The Chairman welcomed Derek Owen, from TWC. The Parish Council has worked with Derek for many years regarding the provision and maintenance of the play area at Shrewsbury Road. Derek gave a short presentation regarding the role of TWC, in that they have near 140 play areas across the Borough and limited resources. Each play area is assessed and this takes into consideration the condition, demographics and safety. Edgmond has been well used over the years and has provided a number of elements of play for the children of the village, however, it is recognised that maintenance and enhancement would be of benefit.

Other local play areas have benefitted from Section 106 funding (from significant new development) however, this has not been forthcoming in Edgmond. The most recent RoSPA report identified low risk maintenance needs for the area to be compliant. TWC has recently announced that funding will be available for some areas and Edgmond has been identified and could receive in the region of £25,000. This will enable the area to be brought up to standard and could provide some new equipment.

However, this can only be possible if the Parish Council takes on the responsibility for the area in the future. The PC would have full responsibility and this would include the ability to invest and improve the area, for the benefit of the residents. The Parish Council can apply for grants and external funding, which the Borough would not be able to.

The Parish Council will consider this option at Full Council before creating an action plan to engage with the community. The funding available would have to be spent before March 2023 as the future of the play area needs to be confirmed before the next financial year.

**E2022/099 Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)**  
Derek confirmed that TWC will continue to manage and maintain the MUGA, with the Parish Council holding £1000 to be available for any repairs. They will soon be arranging for maintenance to take place.

**E2022/100 Rights of Way**  
A clear map of the Rights of Way in the Parish will be requested.  
An update on the recent DMMO applications will also be requested.

Thanks were extended to Mrs M Wilson, who is currently undertaking work to establish the current status of the route from Pond Lane to Connors Lane, with a wish for this to be re-instated.

**E2022/101 Environmental Maintenance**  
Thanks were extended to Members and volunteers who have offered to assist with some hedge and verge maintenance, especially where visibility is an issue. It is important that hi viz tabards are worn when working on the side of the highway and that the lone-working policy is in place. Volunteers are asked to inform the Clerk by email when they are working in the Parish so that this information is available for insurance purposes. Wherever possible, landowners will be approached to undertake the work in the first instance.

An enquiry will be forwarded to TWC to understand why only half a meter has been left around the playing field, when a meter was originally agreed at the site visit.

The maintenance of the Parish Council’s Robin Lane land will commence in the near future.

Areas for more wild flowers and to encourage more wildlife, will be identified.

**E2022/102 Community Gardens and Planters**  
The vegetable and herb boxes are progressing well, well rotted manure is required. The planters are soon to be painted.

The Gardening Group will be introducing a regular Volunteer Day (probably a Saturday or Sunday) to undertake tasks locally such as litter picking, sweeping paths and maintaining the flower beds.

**E2022/103 Climate Change**  
The TW Plan has been published, although it is missing the inclusion of quantities and timescales – these will be in the next version. The Parish & Town Council Working Group meets bi-monthly, the next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Attendance, however, is poor.  
Another series of SOS Carbon Literacy Training is now available on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July and a session with SLCC is to be arranged in September.

**E2022/104 Oak Tree – Preservation Orders**  
A ‘what three words’ location will be collected for the two trees, in order that their TPO status can be checked.

**E2022/105 Date of the next meeting**  
To be arranged.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Signed .....Date .....