



MINUTES of an Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place in Edgmond Village Hall on **Monday 11th July 2022** at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
Chris Pearson, TWC
Sgt Richard Jones, WMP
6 Members of the public

22/1964 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

Public Session

Speeding on the B5062 and within Edgmond village

Lance from the Lamb Inn raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the B5062 and the dangers on the junction with Shrewsbury Road. Following his facebook and next door posts, he had received over 100 supporters. There are a number of factors to take into consideration:-

- Children waiting for the bus
- Pedestrians crossing
- No footpath on Cheney Hill
- HAU Students

Anthony added that the worst times of day are 6 – 8am and 8am until 12 noon (tractors).

Brendan added information regarding the dangers at other junctions on the B5062, mentioning the fatality at Marsh Road. He added concerns regarding no advisory signs, obstructed views, a straight road used as a race track and the weight and speed of Agricultural vehicles.

Paula mentioned numerous near misses which had been report to the police and the council at the time.

Chris Pearson, representing the Highways Department of TWC, had arranged for the speed enforcement team to attend the Lamb junction recently and collect data, but would also arrange another site meeting at this and other locations on the B5062. He explained that the Council has to consider all applications for improvements and these are assess on particular criteria and the Council will implement in priority order. There are no Council funds available for this financial year.

Chris will enquire about the funding allocated to the HAU junction and what scheme this will be bring forward and how this can impact on safety along the B5062 through Edgmond. It is hoped that the Safety Camera Partnership can visit the village more often and

undertake speed camera checks. These provide essential information and statistics.

The Lion Inn, Edgmond

Mr Howlett confirmed his objection to the application which remains regardless of the amended plans and information. He is especially concerned about the access and highway comments.

The Parish Council confirmed that it is important that local residents express their views direct to Telford & Wrekin Council.

West Mercia Police

Sgt Jones updated the meeting on the local information available regarding four local crimes which are currently under investigation and therefore limited information is available.

The role of the Rural Support Officer is vital and the communities are very grateful to PCSO Collumbell for his support and engagement within the villages. Sgt Jones explained that his team covers an area of 50 sq miles and he has the support of two other PCSOs. Their SNT supports 8 local councils and according to their local policing charter and contracts, speeding is an issue for all. Sgt Jones is also the Wildlife Crime Officer and work continues regarding hair coursing – witnesses are asked to contact the police ‘at the time’ if they see anything suspicious.

Investigations continue regarding a 20mph zone around Chetwynd Road, High Street and the school, this would have to have the support of TWC.

There was also an enquiry about the feasibility of an Average Speed Camera scheme for the B5062. There are already requests for the A41 and A442 – it is not sure if these can be allocated to B roads, but investigations will take place.

22/1965

APOLOGIES

Councillor Burrell

Holiday

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

22/1966

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council had received one application from Mr J Brunger.

Councillor Y Brunger left the meeting

A copy of the nomination form had been circulated to Members. There were no more questions for the applicant and Mr Brunger had no questions for the Members. Mr Brunger left the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Higginson that Mr Brunger be co-opted to the Parish Council all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Mr J Brunger be co-opted as a Parish Councillor for Edgmond.

Councillors Y and J Brunger returned to the meeting

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Brunger read and signed his Declaration which was confirmed by the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council.

Councillor Brunger will complete a DPI and Members Information form and return to the Clerk so that the website can be updated. The completed DPI has to be sent to TWC and will appear on their website.

22/1967

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded that following the adoption of the New Code of Conduct, there is now a requirement for Members to declare their membership to groups, organisations and charities that are based or work within Edgmond Parish.

Councillor A Wilson	Edgmond Village Hall, SOS and Edgmond Wildlife Group
Councillor Y Brunger	Edgmond Scouts
Councillor J Brunger	Edgmond Scouts
Councillor Edwards	Sustainable Newport
	Newport Agricultural Society and Shropshire Wildlife Trust

22/1968

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 9TH MAY 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Higginson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

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

22/1969

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

None

22/1970

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

a) West Mercia Police & Parish Warden

A short report had been provided by the Parish Warden for the Edgmond Echo and had been circulated to Members.

Copies of the new Safer Neighbourhood Team information had been circulated and will appear on the website.

The Council wished to record its thanks to PC Lee Thomas, who has recently retired.

Sgt Jones was not aware of the role of the Parish Warden and would make contact.

b) Helicopter Liaison Group

There had been no further meeting. Shropshire Council will continue to provide administrative support to this useful organisation. The next meeting will be on 11th October 2022.

c) Edgmond Village Hall

Mr G Williams has been elected as Chairman and an Events Committee has been formed. The Parish Council has requested that a meeting takes place with the Village Hall, School, Church, Scouts etc. to discuss a calendar of events in order that all the organisations can work together for the benefit of the residents and avoid event clashes.

22/1971

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

a) Payments

It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Arbuthnot that the following payments be authorised:

Jubilee Expenses	Jubilee funding grant	£105.47
Clerk's Salary April to June	LGA 1972	£732.75
PAYE April to June	LGA 1972	£183.00

b) Financial Report

The bank reconciliation had been circulated. There is currently a balance of £53,090.06. We are awaiting the outcome of the External Audit so that the earmarked reserves can be confirmed and discussions commence regarding projects to benefit the community.

c) Appeals and Complaints Committee

The Minutes of the meeting had been circulated, for information.

22/1972

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Updates

None

b) New Applications for consideration

Members had taken the opportunity to consider the attachments for the applications which are on the

TWC/2021/1220 Land adjacent to the Lion Inn, Edgmond

Amended Plans and Descriptions

It was clear to Members that the amended plans and descriptions did not satisfy the many concerns previously raised regarding the size, style and scale of development on this site.

The application continues to include inaccurate information which is misleading (for example there is no regular public transport). This location does not fit the category of a rural exception site, and there has been no recent housing needs survey in order to assess the needs of the local community. The green spaces within the village make it unique and should be retained wherever possible.

The proposals remain contrary to the NPPF, the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan and the design is not sustainable. There is no innovative design features, solar panels, car charges, heat exchangers – the proposal is contrary to the Climate Change Action Plan.

A major concern is with regards to the access. There is poor visibility and no footpaths outside of the site.

The Parish Council remains committed to the Lion as an Asset of Community Value and will request that this be brought forward for re-opening prior to any other development being occupied on the site.

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council has no alternative but to continue to object to this application as it remains contrary to the NPPF, Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Wilson had circulated his proposed response, which included detailed information regarding important points regarding the application. Members supported this response and thanked Councillor Wilson for taking time to ensure all the relevant points are included.

**TWC/2022/0572 Colworth House, Birchmoor Lane
1.6m high metal bow top fencing and 1.5m timber sliding gates**

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would refer this to the Conservation Officer and Planning Officer in order that this is considered in accordance with the Conservation Area Management Plan.

c) Other Planning and Development Matters

None

22/1973 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor Edwards presented the Minutes of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee meeting held on 4th July 2022.

b) Play Area All Ability Equipment

The Committee had met with Derek Owen from TWC to discuss the current situation with the play area, off Shrewsbury Road Car Park. Lengthy discussions had taken place and Edgmond Parish Council was pleased to hear that £25,000 has been awarded to upgrade the play area. In order for this funding to be available, it was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Brunger that the Parish Council agree to take on the management and maintenance of the area from 1st April 2023. All were in favour, and thus it was

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council will take on the responsibility of the play area from April 2023 following the completion of the maintenance and upgrade work (to the value of £25,000) which will be undertaken by TWC before the end of March 2023.

TWC will provide options, and costs, for consideration by the Parish Council. On completion of the Audit,

the Finance & Governance Committee will confirm the funding available from the Parish Council budget in order that a proposal can be created which can then be used within a consultation period throughout the Parish. The Parish Council will have an opportunity to apply for additional grant funding, increase the precept or apply for a PWL.

c) Multi Use Games Area

TWC had confirmed that this will remain their responsibility and that funding has been allocated to undertake the current essential maintenance which is required.

d) Tree Preservation Orders

The TWC GIS System includes details of all trees with TPOs within the Borough. When the locations confirmed for the trees in question, the information and location will be checked and confirmed with the TWC Tree Officers.

e) New Matters

None

22/1974 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor Wilson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June, for information.

b) Community Speedwatch

Councillor Wilson had taken on the co-ordinator role and is working with Mark Booth, WMP to set up some local Speedwatch Sessions so that the information can be forwarded to WMP for action.

c) Transport Survey

Deferred until the next Highways Meeting.

d) Speed Indicator Device

It is very disappointing and extremely frustrating that this project has still not come forward despite many broken promises. The Clerk will write to senior officers. The Parish Council will inform TWC that it is an a position to bring this project forward independent of the Borough Council.

e) New Matters

None

22/1975 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) War Memorial

A communication from the PCC requested details of maintenance for the war memorial in the village. Thanks were extended to the Scout Group for their offer. The Parish Council would reimburse any expenditure (on production of a receipt).

It was also confirmed that in order to assist in keeping the memorial looking good all year, that the Remembrance Day wreaths would be removed at the end of May each year.

d) Carbon Literacy Training

Details of a further course had been circulated.

e) WMP Priorities

Members confirmed that the three priorities for the Charter would be

- Speeding and inappropriate use of rural roads and lanes

- Inconsiderate and dangerous parking
- Rural Crimes

f) Parish & Town Council Survey

Members had agreed the response which has been submitted to the Police & Crime Commissioner. Members were keen to ensure that he realises the value of the rural support officer, and that we are very grateful to the current post holder, for his excellent work and support.

g) Queen’s Commonwealth Games Baton Relay

Members had been invited to join HAU on 19th July, Councillor Wilson and Councillor Brunger would attend to represent the Parish Council.

h) Emergency First Aid – Parish Councils holding community events

Councillor Wilson would apply to attend this event at Longdon Upon Tern Village Hall.

i) Community Defibrillator

It was confirmed that the Parish Council will continue to maintain and update the PADs and battery as required. Edgmond Village Hall Management Committee continues to provide the power supply and the equipment will remain on the outside of the Village Hall, to enable 24 hour access.

22/1976

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

A financial summary of the events had been circulated, for information. It will be necessary to return £426.48 to TWC as unused grant funding. The balance of any funds raised within the community will be donated to the Play Area Fund.

CLERK’S REPORT

Everything has been included on the Agenda.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Members are reminded that there is a requirement to attend information and training events whenever possible. Members should inform the Clerk of any attended so that the Training Register can be updated.

22/1977

MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor S Bentley informed Members that the CSE Enquiry Report was to be published and that the Council is committed to taking on board the outcome of the enquiry and implementing any recommendations, which are expected.

Parish & Town Councils also have a role to play in corporate safeguarding and this will be included on a future Governance Agenda.

22/1978

PARISH MATTERS

None

22/1970

NEXT MEETINGS

12th September 2022 Full Council 7.15pm Edgmond Village Hall

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm 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 September 2022.