

2023 New Year Message

I would like to start the year with a message of thanks to all our residents for the views and support throughout the past year and ask that you continue to keep in touch with the Parish Council in the months to come.

Members of the Parish Council have appreciated your support on those very important matters, like the two proposed planning developments, and for expressing your views not only to us but to the local authority. Equally we are grateful for comments that we have received with regards to traffic in and around the village and a big thank you to those members of the public who have 'stepped up' and subsequently trained to become members of the Edmond Community Speedwatch team.

Throughout the year the Parish Council works behind the scenes to resolve or progress matters around noise, rights of ways, potholes, and other such matters that can affect our residents.

2023 has yet to unfurl its colours and outline what it has in store for us, however as a Council, we will do our utmost to ensure that our residents are represented in all that we undertake on their behalf.

We appreciate that 2023 will be special as our new King, Charles III will be crowned on 6th May 2023 and there are embryonic plans afoot for engaging the parish in these celebrations. Therefore we will be calling upon people to volunteer at some stage in the planning of this event.

Earlier in the same month there will be local elections for both the Parish Council and the Local Authority too, which will take place on the 4th May, so ensure you have registered to vote by post or in person as the notification of the elections will be posted on the 27th March 2023.

If you are interested in local matters and wish to become a councillor, please apply to become one. Telford & Wrekin Council will be advertising for candidates and we encourage people to stand for election.

We know that this year will also bring forward the long-awaited Speed Indicators Device (SID) that residents will see 'pop-up' at the six Local Authority approved sites around the village. These machines will enable us to start a statistical database for use by the local authority. The data collected will help with addressing the concerns expressed around perceived inappropriate speed of vehicles in the village and on the B5062. The speed data sets will enable informed decisions to be made around traffic management solutions for our parish. The applications of further measures can be established with both the Police and Local Authority to resolve these concerns for the benefit of our community.

These SID sockets have been installed and we are awaiting the contractor to instigate the rotational siting of the SID at these locations. The SID will belong to the parish and will rotate between these six sites on a regular basis.

There will be a planning appeal at some stage during the year with regards to the "Egremont House" development, off Shrewsbury Road, which is being proposed by a Coventry based organisation. At this meeting the Inspector will have to decide the outcome. The Parish Council will be able to make our final representation in an allocated 3-minute address. So, we also need our residents to be aware of this pending event in this year's calendar.

There will always be something that needs doing where money needs to be spent in a Parish like ours, the final phase of our LED lighting contract 'swap-out' concludes this year and we are already starting to allocate funds to improve parts of the Children's play area on the recreation fields off Shrewsbury Road where both repairs and renewal plans are being prepared for consultation during the early part of this year.

This undertaking will be at some cost and in support “Let’s Play Edgmond” has been formed in the parish and it is looking for more volunteers to assist in the progression of the plans and fundraising. Watch out for these developments and please contribute where and when you can in either time or ideas. Contact details are available on Edgmond Chit Chat and Nextdoor websites.

I am sure I could continue further, however I just would like to finally thank all our partners. We work together to support the community and contribute to the parish. The list is endless, but I would like to record our thanks to West Mercia Police, especially our PCSO Ivan Collumbell, Telford & Wrekin Council, Harper Adams University, businesses and landowners, Edgmond Primary School and Edgmond Owls, the Village Hall Management Committee and St Peter’s Parochial Church Council.

We are also very grateful to the residents who help in a variety of ways with small, behind-the-scene, tasks such as litter picking, grass cutting, garden maintenance and leaf clearance – your support is much appreciated.

On behalf of all the Parish Councillors and our Clerk, I would like to wish all our residents and your families, a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Kind regards for now

Allan Wilson

Chairman

Edgmond Parish Council