



Communication Committee

MINUTES of the Communication Committee meeting held on 12th June 2023 at 7.45pm at Edgmond Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor R Higginson Cllr G Jones Cllr A Wilson
Councillor M Barton

In Attendance: K Baker (Clerk)
Councillor S Bentley Cllr M Wilson Cllr Y Brunger Cllr J Brunger

C23/001 WELCOME

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited nominations for Chairman.

C23/002 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Barton Proposed by Councillor Higginson
Seconded by Councillor Jones

All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Barton be elected as Chairman of the Communication Committee for 2023/24.

C23/003 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Barton read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, this was witnessed by the Clerk.

C23/004 APOLOGIES

Councillor Edwards Holiday

Members accepted the apologies from Councillor Edwards

C23/005 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor R Higginson Proposed by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Jones

All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Higginson be elected as Vice Chairman of the Communication Committee for 2023/24.

C23/006 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Higginson read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office, this was witnessed by the Clerk.

C23/007

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members confirmed that this wish to add details regarding Members being elected to the Committee to serve the community and to confirm that they have no extra responsibility or rights and that they have no delegated authority unless agreed by Full Council or Committee at a meeting.

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

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference be adopted for 2023/24.

C23/008

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Wilson Edmond Wildlife Group Committee Member

C22/009

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Wilson that the Minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

C23/010

COMMUNICATING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Website

Members wished to record their thanks to Paula for her work to design and keep the website up to date. The Clerk would assist with this in order to support the role during holidays. This might be something that an HAU student may be interested in so that we have a link to their information, too.

Suggestion Box

Councillor Jones would open the box regularly and check for messages and we will promote where it is located. It will need a new label as it is no longer the PACT box.

Meet Your Councillors

The Clerk would enquire if the organisers of the Afternoon Tea events would allow Parish Councillors to attend and be available for the community to discuss local issues from 1pm until 2.30pm once per month.

C23/011

NOTICEBOARDS

Thanks were recorded to the volunteers who have continued to update the noticeboards, this is much appreciated as it is noted that many residents rely on the noticeboards if they do not have access to the internet.

Councillor Y Brunger and Councillor Barton will keep an eye on the Village Hall and Shrewsbury Road noticeboards to ensure that they are up to date.

It is hoped that D Ryan will continue to keep the Marsh Road noticeboard up to date.

The Shrewsbury Road noticeboard is in need of some maintenance and attention.

C23/012

SOCIAL MEDIA

Councillor Y Brunger volunteered to have responsibility for posting Parish Council information on Chit Chat, Facebook and Next Door to make sure the same messages are circulating. Anyone wishing for something to be included can send it to the Clerk.

C23/013

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

Harper Adams University

The Liaison Meetings with HAU will recommence and an annual programme of dates will be agreed. It is hoped that these meetings can be face to face at HAU. Anyone with matters they wish to raise with HAU can send them to the Parish Council and they will be added to the Agenda for discussion. The Minutes of the meetings will be on the Parish Council website.

Edgmond Wildlife Group

EWG is one of a number of local groups and organisations that the Parish Council can work with on specific topics, but it would not be possible to arrange regular meetings with any of them. If there are matters they wish to discuss, the Parish Council will include them on an appropriate agenda.

It is our understanding that HAU will hold liaison meetings with the community and local organisations. Edgmond Parish Council will be invited to send a representative, too. These meetings will not be administered by the Parish Council.

West Mercia Police

Thanks were recorded to PCSO Collumbell for his good work in the rural areas and for raising the profile of rural policing, whilst supporting the Parish Council and offering confidence to residents.

C23/014

PARISH AGREEMENT WITH TWC

It is some time since we signed up to the Parish Agreement, which replaced the Parish Charter and there are many areas that are not working for local councils.

It was agreed that we should monitor our work with TWC closely, especially in relation to responses and response times and remind officers of the Parish Agreement

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

SignedDate

E & O E These minutes remain draft, until accepted at the next Communication Committee meeting, but can be published for information.