



MINUTES of an Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at Edgmond Village Hall on **Tuesday, 11th July 2023** at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: A Wilson (Chairman)
K Arbuthnot
M Barton
S Bentley
M Wilson
R Higginson
G Jones
Y Brunger
J Brunger (until 23/0050)

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
4 members of the public
PC R Edward

23/0046 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION.

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

Public Session

Birchmoor Lane Planning Application Appeal

Residents of Birchmoor Lane expressed disappointment that following the refusal of Planning Permission for the three properties by TWC, there is now an appeal. They continue to object as nothing has changed since the refusal. Questions remain regarding ownership of the Lane which is the access to the site.

The Chairman explained that this appeal will be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate on exchange of written evidence. The Parish Council continues to object and will reinforce its support for TW Planning Officers' decision. Members of the public are encouraged to respond to the appeal with any new information that they wish the Inspector to be aware of.

23/0047 APOLOGIES

Councillor C Edwards Holiday Accepted

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

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

Councillor Burrell, TWC, had sent his apologies.

23/0048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Wilson	SOS, Edgmond Wildlife Group
Councillor J Brunger	Edgmond Village Hall
Councillor M Wilson	SOS. Edgmond Wildlife Group
Councillor K Arbuthnot	Edgmond Wildlife Group
Councillor S Bentley	Member of TW Planning Committee

23/0049 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD IN MAY 2023

It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor J Brunger that the Minutes of the meeting held in May 2023 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.

It was proposed by Councillor M Barton and seconded by Councillor M Wilson, with three abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 29th June 2023 be accepted and signed as a true record.

23/0050 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information
None

Councillor J Brunger left the meeting to attend the Village Hall Management meeting, as a Parish Council representative

23/0051 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

a) Financial Report

i) Payments

Details of the payment had been circulated. It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Higginson that the payments be made in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

Street Light Energy	Parish Council's Act 1957 s3	£1345.50
Financial Package	LGA 1972 s115	£331.20
Defibrillator Battery	LGA 1972 s 137	£353.99
Clerk's Salary	LGA 1972 s112	£809.46
PAYE	LGA 1972 s112	£202.20

ii) Report

A Bank Reconciliation had been circulated to the end of June 2023, and the Council had a balance, including earmarked reserves, of £69,173.48. The balance at 4th July was £68,962.74.

23/0052 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman, and Councillor M Wilson, have accepted an invitation to Newport Cottage Care, for the opening of a memorial garden.

23/0053 WORKING WITH PARTNERS

a) Harper Adams University

An open invitation has been extended to the community to attend a Community Picnic and Fayre on 13th July from 4pm until 7pm.

The Liaison Meetings with the Parish Council will continue and future dates will be available soon. Anyone with items to be included on the Agenda should forward them to the Clerk.

b) West Mercia Police

The meeting welcomed PC Edward. There are no current crime updates. However, it is important that local residents (and the Parish Council) report matters. The police do follow up on all reports even if they do not attend and the statistics are recorded so that there is an accurate picture of activity in the Parish. There will be a police surgery on the Shrewsbury Road Car Park on Saturday, 22nd July from 3pm.

Members considered the Priorities to be included in the Charter and agreed:

1. Anti-social driving
2. Speeding within the village and Marsh Road
3. Rural Crime

Some issues relating to parking, including on pavements, can be forwarded to TWC and they will be investigated by the Enforcement Team.

c) Helicopter Liaison Group

Councillor M Wilson will attend the meeting on 20th July and will report back to the next PC meeting.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**a) Updates****i) Birchmoor Lane**

The Chairman confirmed the process for the appeal which will be dealt with as an exchange of written information and it was confirmed that the Parish Council continued to support TWC in its decision to refuse the application, but that there is no further information to be sent to the Inspector.

The ownership of the Lane remains in question and Councillor M Wilson had found references in archived Minutes which included a mention of the Charities Commission and the sale of the Lane in 1958.

Edgmond United Charities was mentioned, reference 221063 and the Clerk will enquire of Rev Morby if the current Trustees have any information available. The current Trustees are Rev Morby, K Wallace, R Belcher and D Pitchford.

ii) Training and Development Sessions

All Councillors are encouraged to attend, if possible, the free online sessions presented by TWC. The Teams links will be sent out prior to the events.

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 website

TWC/2023/0391**Egremont House, 4 High Street**

Variation of Condition 2 (materials) on TWC/2015/0481

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the proposals

TWC/2023/0423**The Rectory, High Street**

Tree Works

This application has been approved and Members confirmed that it is important that the works are undertaken by a qualified Tree Surgeon.

ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**a) Report**

Councillor Arbuthnot presented the Minutes of the meeting which took place on 13th June 2023, for information.

b) Memorial Bench

It was proposed by Councillor Y Brunger, seconded by Councillor Bentley, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council contributes £100 from the Council's Reserves to Harper Adams University towards the provision of a replacement bench on the junction with Marsh Road.

c) Play Area

Let's Play Edgmond has continued to donate funds to the project which will see the installation of a new bucket swing in July. TWC will continue the regular maintenance until the lease is agreed and signed. At this point there will be a sum of money transferred to the Parish Council for the continuation of the maintenance and the remainder can be used for the Let's Play Edgmond project.

d) Siting of community garden shed

Telford & Wrekin Council has agreed that a small tool shed can be sited to the rear of the Pavilion for use within the community garden area. It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Councillor Y Brunger that the shed be purchased for £130, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that a small tool shed be purchased with funds from the community garden grant.

The Clerk will ask TWC for an update on the completion of the external decorating of the Pavilion, the installation of an outside water tap and the water butts.

e) Harper Adams – Permissive Path

It is hoped that the materials will be available in the near future and that the permissive path will be created and made available for local residents. The Parish Council extended its thanks to Harper Adams University and in particular R Hooper, the Farm Manager. The signage will be erected as required.

f) Outdoor Gym

The PC is still waiting for TWC to confirm the site for the equipment, near to the MUGA. Members wanted to have an alternative quote to supply and install 6 pieces of equipment.

g) New Matters

- i. The Parish Council wishes to extend its thanks to all the volunteers who help to keep areas around the Parish tidy, with grass cut and hedges trimmed.
- ii. Ownership and responsibility of the walking bus route from the playing fields is required
- iii. Details of the grass cutting regime around Shrewsbury Road playing field is needed
- iv. Hedges around the parish need cutting back to ensure good visibility at junctions and to ensure that footpaths are passable.
- v. Some of the fruit trees near to the Pavilion need attention
- vi. Request for a bench in Robin Lane, near the junction with High Street

23/0056 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor A Wilson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June, for information.

b) Speed Indicator Device

A contract has been drawn up and agreed with a local contractor on behalf of Waters Upton, Ercall Magna and Edgmond Parish Councils for the SIDs to be moved to a new location once per calendar month. At the same time, the batteries will be changed. Details of the date for the move will be given to the Clerk so that arrangements can be made to download the data and ensure that when the SID is moved the speed is correct.

Edgmond Parish Council will receive and pay the invoice and will immediately invoice the other two Parishes for a proportion of the total.

c) Road and Footpath Safety

The overhanging hedges and overgrown verges were mentioned within the Environment Agenda item, however other matters are also important, such as parking near junctions or on footpaths. Local issues can be reported to TWC on My Telford.

d) Marsh Road – proposed Traffic Regulation Order

The Parish Council has been representing local residents for some years regarding the concerns of speed and size of vehicles on Marsh Road and its use as a short cut from the A41.

This proposed Traffic Regulation Order is welcomed and supported by the Parish Council and some positive comments have already been received from residents in Waterloo Road.

e) Other Matters

- i. Overgrown tree blocking the street light outside of 81 Newport Road

23/0057 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

Councillor Barton presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June, for information

b) Suggestion Box

Councillor Barton would obtain a suitable sign for the box situated outside of the Village Hall and then we will publicise it and encouraged people to let us have their views in written format.

c) ‘Meet Your Councillors’

Edgmond Village Hall Afternoon Tea Committee has given permission for Councillors to attend the events on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm so that the community can go along to discuss local issues.

d) Shrewsbury Road Noticeboard

Councillor Barton had obtained a quote for fibreboard and a local contractor would be approached for a quotation to supply and fit a new roof. A new Rights of Way map has been requested.

e) Social Media & Noticeboard publicity

Councillor Y Brunger agreed to keep the social media sites under review and updated and to put the current notices in the Shrewsbury Road noticeboard and inside the village hall. D Ryan had agreed to continue to keep the Marsh Road noticeboard updated.

f) TW Parish Agreement

The Clerk was instructed to write to TWC and express concern that the agreements within the document are not being upheld by TWC officers.

23/0058

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) The Minutes of the SALC Executive will be circulated and the AGM will take place on 3rd November at The Wroxeter Hotel.
- d) Wrekin Area Committee minutes have been circulated
- e) Rural Forum minutes have been circulated
- f) OPCC – Parish & Town Council survey – a word document will be forwarded to members and a joint response will be submitted.

23/0059

CLERK’S REPORT

- a) AED battery – it had been necessary to purchase and replace the battery in the defibrillator

23/0060

MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor S Burrell had sent his apologies, but no report.

A communication asking for details from each property for electoral registration was legitimate and residents are encouraged to respond.

23/0061

PARISH MATTERS

None

23/0062

NEXT MEETING

12 th September 2023	7pm	Full Council	Edgmond Village Hall
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Signed**Date**

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in September 2023.