



ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Tuesday, 10th October 2023** at Edgmond Village Hall at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E23/015 Welcome

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

E23/016 Apologies

None

E23/017 Declarations of Interests

Councillor M Wilson	Footpath Users Group
Councillor K Arbuthnot	Edgmond Wildlife Group
Councillor M Wilson	Edgmond Wildlife Group
Councillor A Wilson	Edgmond Wildlife Group

E23/018 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2023

It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor Brunger, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2023 be signed as a true record.

E23/019 Matters Arising

HAU Memorial Bench

We have informed HAU of the offer towards a replacement bench, but not yet had details – this will be on the agenda for the next HAU Liaison Meeting.

Posters – school children

Deferred

E23/020 Children's Play Area

The new swing has been installed and some initial work completed. The contractor will return in the next 2 weeks and it is anticipated that the work will be completed early in November. It had been confirmed that around £15,000 will still be available as capital funding, this figure can be used in any grant applications that require matched-funding.

A £500 cheque was received at the meeting, as a donation from Wrekin Spirit.

Councillor M Wilson had submitted a Lottery Grant application, which is two tier process and we await the initial outcome.

E23/021 Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

TWC is responsible for the maintenance of this area – it is their asset. It has been agreed that a jet-wash clean will take place in Spring, however the Parish Council will assess this following leaf-fall as it may be necessary to use some of the funds available for a clean before the Spring.

E23/022 Outdoor Gym Experience

The first quotation was out of budget and this encouraged Members to consider if an outdoor gym would be used by the local community. Alternative quotations can be obtained but in the meantime, the community will be consulted.

E23/023 Rights of Way

Thanks were recorded for the work involved in the Pond Lane extension which has now been confirmed.

E23/024 Community Planters, Gardens and Wild Flower Beds

Councillors will use various means to create a map which can be used to identify the various planted areas so that TWC are aware of them, can confirm who is responsible for the maintenance of them and can ensure that the contractors are aware so that they are not cut at the wrong times of year.

The Parish Council will look to purchase an OS map for Edgmond Parish.

Councillor Brunger confirmed that herbs are to be planted in one raised bed and leeks and strawberries have been donated and will be planted. An advertisement for volunteers had not been successful, but the community will continue to be consulted.

Councillor Brunger will order the tool box and have it delivered to Edgmond.

A key is required for the Pavilion and for the nearby drop-down bollard. Then a hosepipe can be used from the Pavilion. It will also enable the water butts to be installed.

A replacement apple tree has been planted. Some work is required to cut back the overhanging tree.

E23/025 Climate Change

Councillor Wilson declared an interest as the Chairman of the TW Climate Change Partnership. There is an event at the Park Lane Centre which will have a guest speaker and extensive information from TW officers and will be sharing information regarding businesses and food, integrated care service and social prescribing, bringing together the community with parish & town councils. There will be information from Transition Telford, Sustainability and Quality of Life.

On 17th November, there will be a further event to engage Parish & Town Councils and to encourage help for groups within the parishes.

**E23/026 Other Matters
Overgrown Hedges and Verges**

- Pipers Lane

- Manor Road
- Stackyard Lane

The War Memorial

TWC will be asked to clear the paths around the Memorial for Remembrance Day, the Scouts will clean the Memorial and a request for the Beech Tree to be cut back will be sent to the owner.

Litter Bins

It may be necessary to ask TWC to increase the frequency of bin-emptying, especially by the MUGA as this is often overflowing.

Wild Flower Areas

Thanks were recorded for the help received to mow and strim the wild flower areas in Robin Lane and Chetwynd Road. These will continue to be mown to keep them tidier. Any wild flowers can be relocated to preferred areas or the flower bed at the Shrewsbury Road Car Park entrance.

E23/027

Date of the next meeting

To be arranged.

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

SignedDate