



**MINUTES** of an Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at Edgmond Village Hall on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023** at 7pm.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk  
2 Members of the public  
Mary – representing the Georgia Williams Trust

## **23/0080 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION.**

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

Members had received details of planning application TWC/2023/0838 and agreed that it should be considered at this meeting.

### **Public Session**

#### **Georgia Williams Trust**

Mary is a Trustee of the Trust and was welcomed by the Chairman to share information regarding the Trust and its work. Edgmond Parish Council was delighted to receive a cheque for £5000 from the Trust to assist with the Enhanced Play Area. Mary presented the cheque to Councillor Barton – this will be used to purchase a new piece of equipment.

#### **TW Local Plan Consultation**

Mr D Bayliss and Mr Roman were in attendance, expressing concerns regarding the Local Plan Consultation, launched on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

It was very clear that the document, produced by TWC, is contrary to the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan and contradicts the TW Local Plan. The provision of 308 homes can in no way be classed as limited infill.

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, a Landscape Character Assessment was undertaken and was adopted with the Plan. It is important that the Conservation Area is protected. The landscape character is enhanced by the inclusion of green spaces and the positions of listed buildings.

Harper Adams University, is a leading Agricultural University and it is essential that these are located in a rural setting. It needs the countryside around it (and not a suburban housing estate). This proposed housing, on the B5062, should be described as adjacent to Edgmond as it is not in the village of Edgmond and if permitted, it would double the size of the village.

There is no current evidence for significantly more housing, there is no up to date housing needs assessment. Telford is a more sustainable location, using the numerous unallocated

spaces identified for development would have little impact, however the proposed housing in Edgmond would have a major impact.

23/0081

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor S Bentley                      Attending an alternative meeting  
Councillor R Higginson                  Holiday

### **VACANCY**

The vacancy has been advertised and can be filled by co-option. Anyone interested in the position can submit a personal statement for consideration at the next meeting.

23/0082

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Bentley                      Member of TW Planning Committee

23/0083

### **MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2023**

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor G Jones that the Minutes of the meeting held in September 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

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| <b>RESOLVED that the Minutes of the September meeting be accepted as a true record.</b> |
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23/0084

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

None

23/0085

### **FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

#### **a) Financial Report**

##### **i) Payments**

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

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| Street Lighting Energy | Parish Councils Act 1957 s 3 | £1025.41 |
| Street Lighting Repair | Parish Councils Act 1957 s 3 | £154.02  |
| SID Project            | General Power of Competence  | £200     |

The Let's Play Edgmond invoices had been received for payment. The dates and amounts will be checked for accuracy.

##### **ii) Finance & Governance Meeting**

A meeting had taken place for the members to discuss the Earmarked Reserves and the Let's Play Edgmond Project. A copy of the notes of the meeting had been circulated for information.

#### **b) Members Code of Conduct**

SALC had recommended a local Clerk who was qualified to undertake Code of Conduct training. It was agreed that this should take place at the start of a Full Council meeting in the New Year when all Members are available to attend.

#### **c) Community Governance Review**

TW Officers had attended the Wrekin Area Committee meeting recently and emphasised the importance of all PTCs responding to the Review consultation, even if the opinion is that no changes are necessary.

Members considered the existing boundary of the Parish, which is also the boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan. Members agreed that they are content with the Parish Boundary as it is. However, if TWC is considering any minor changes, they may consider that Summerhill would be better included in the Edgmond Parish as it is currently separated from its current Parish by the B5062.

Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote Parish Council had invited our Parish, with Chetwynd and Church Aston PCs to hold a joint meeting to consider options, but Members agreed that this may be useful when the draft recommendations are available rather than at this time.

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council would respond to the consultation to confirm that Members are content with the current Parish Boundary and number of Councillors. However, if TWC is to consider any minor change, the Parish Council would have no objection to Summerhill joining the Parish.**

Local residents are encouraged to respond to the consultation.

**23/0086**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman had attended two Remembrance Services to lay the Parish Wreaths. Thanks were extended to Parish Councillors who had also attended.

The SALC AGM had taken place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and was well attended (on zoom). Three Councils had been awarded the Jan Snell Award and two good motions had been agreed.

Invitations had been received to attend the TW Festival Of Remembrance and the Civic Carol Service at Oakengates Theatre.

**23/0087**

### **WORKING WITH PARTNERS**

**a) Harper Adams University**

A Liaison Meeting had taken place at HAU today. This had been an opportunity to engage with officers of HAU and to hear about their Strategy, Communications, Community Engagement and Events. The notes of the meeting will be circulated when available and will appear on the website.

**b) West Mercia Police**

No report had been received.

**c) Helicopter Liaison Group**

Meetings will take place twice per year.

**d) Edgmond Village Hall**

Councillor J Brunger had not been able to attend the last Committee meeting. The Minutes have not yet been received. Any matters included in them will be circulated to Members when available.

**23/0088**

### **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 [telford.gov.uk/planning](http://telford.gov.uk/planning) website

**TWC/2023/0697 The Workshop, Corner of High Street and Shrewsbury Road**

**Amended plans received**

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support this application.**

**TWC/2023/0764 Provosts House**

**Removal works to investigate ingress of water from rear circular and semi circular single storey extension**

**RESOLVED to have no objection to this essential work.**

**TWC/2023/0838 Calvington House**

**Application under Section 191 for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use for a residential care home for children (Use Class C2)**

**RESOLVED to support this application.**

**23/0089 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

Councillor Edwards presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, for information.

**b) Play Area**

A new swing has been installed and the remainder of the maintenance agreed by TWC should be completed in the near future. This has been well received in the village. A request will be forwarded to TWC for the lines within the MUGA to be checked with a view to needing to be repainted.

**c) Siting of community garden shed**

Councillor Brunger is waiting for the relevant keys for the car park bollard and pavilion, so that the new shed can be ordered.

**d) Planters, flower beds and wild flower areas**

Thanks were extended to the volunteers helping with the raised planters – herbs are now available.

**e) New Matters**

As requested in the recent newsletter, a number of local residents have put forward suggested locations for recycled benches. This will be added to the next agenda for consideration / decision.

**23/0090 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

Councillor A Wilson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October, for information.

There was one recommendation. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Y Brunger, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council purchases a NAL Socket and Post for use on the B5062 in the current location, as identified by TWC.**

**b) Road and Footpath Safety**

Thanks were extended to all parents and carers who are taking extra care outside of the school to make the area less dangerous at the start and end of the school day. Thanks were also recorded to the police and TW enforcement teams for their help with this matter.

There are still areas of concern due to parking on pavements throughout the village – this makes it difficult for wheelchair users, less-able and pushchairs to be able to use the footpaths.

The weight restriction in Marsh Road has been well received.

**c) Overgrown Hedges**

Thanks were extended to all householders for taking time to cut back overgrown hedges to ensure that footpaths are accessible and visibility is not hindered.

**d) Street Lighting**

A detailed plan showing the outstanding lights, awaiting upgrade, had been provided by the Chairman and sent to EON – this has been acknowledged but no response has been received, as yet.

**e) Bus Shelters**

The Clerk will enquire if a new shelter is possible for the site on the B56062 near to the end of Marsh Road. If this is not possible by TWC, this will be added to a future agenda for consideration. It is also

hoped that a shelter may be provided in the village, if a suitable location can be identified.

**23/0091**

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

There had been no meeting.

**b) Suggestion Box**

The box is checked weekly for Parish communications.

**c) 'Meet Your Councillors'**

Councillor Barton will be attending the Afternoon Tea event on 21<sup>st</sup> November. This will be the last one until March 2024. Thanks were extended to the Village Hall Committee and the organisers of the Afternoon Teas, for this opportunity.

**d) Shrewsbury Road Noticeboard**

Councillor M Wilson would enquire from the contractor when the work can be undertaken to repair the noticeboard.

**23/0092**

**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) Wrekin Area Committee – the Minutes will be circulated, when available. Councillor Wilson was pleased to inform members that the Motion had been agreed.
- d) The Emergency Planning events were going well, the next are on 17<sup>th</sup> (Cllr Edwards to attend) and 24<sup>th</sup> (Cllr Y Brunger to attend)
- e) An event is scheduled to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon reference Martyn's Law – this will affect community events. Councillors Edwards and A Wilson will attend and report back.
- f) TW Local Plan Consultation  
The Parish Council will host an event, in the Village Hall, and ask TWC officers to attend to answer questions from local residents. It was agreed that this should take place early in December to give people an opportunity to respond to the consultation (closing date 12<sup>th</sup> January).  
A date and time will be announced as soon as possible. We will need to encourage the community to attend and share their thoughts.

**23/0093**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Most matters had been included on the Agenda.

Work in support of residents in Marsh Road continues, with TWC Drainage and Highway Officers.

**23/0094**

**MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

No report had been received. Members hoped that Councillor Burrell would engage with the Parish Council at the earliest opportunity especially with regards to the Local Plan Consultation. It would also be useful to have updates on the proposed A41 scheme.

**23/0095**

**PARISH MATTERS**

None

**23/0096**

**NEXT MEETING**

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|--------------------------------|-----|------------------------|----------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 | 7pm | Environment & R of Way | Edgmond Village Hall |
|                                | 8pm | Communication          |                      |

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their important contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.100pm.

**Signed** .....**Date** .....

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in January 2024.