

Edgmond Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 13th July 2015** at **7.30p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Jones (Chairman)
R Higginson
Mrs P Hughes
K Humphreys
D Ryan
Mrs M Barton
M Hughes
Mrs P Doherty
R Marriott
S Bentley

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk
Mr L Bowers
Mrs C Edwards
Mr P Schofield

15/1015 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Full Council meeting and thanked them for attending. Cllr Jones welcomed our guests to the meeting.

There were no matters raised by the public.

15/1016 APOLOGIES

Mrs R Hayhurst
Cllr S Burrell

15/1017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members declared an interest in the planning application for Edgmond Village Hall, as all believe this to be an essential community facility.

15/1018 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

There had been four expressions of interests in the three vacancies on the Parish Council following the elections in May. Each of the candidates had submitted a written supporting statement which had been made available to the existing Members.

A secret ballot took place. The votes were counted and the following Councillors were co-opted to the Council. Rebecca Hayhurst, Lee Bowers and Cath Edwards.

Cllr Jones thanked Mr Schofield for his interest in the work of the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Higginson that Mrs Hayhurst, Mr Bowers and Mrs Edwards be co-opted to Edgmond Parish Council, all were in favour and thus it was

<p>RESOLVED that Mrs Hayhurst, Mr Bowers and Mrs Edwards be co-opted to the Council. All Members read and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which were confirmed by the Clerk to the Council.</p>
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There is a requirement that a Declaration of Disclosable Interests be complete and signed by all Members.

Members gave consideration to the vacancies on the Committees and co-options were agreed. A new schedule of Committee members is available. This is also available on the website.

15/1019 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MAY 2015

It was proposed by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Barton that the Minutes of the May meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With the exception of two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.

15/1020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

- 15/1012 Replacement Bench, Shrewsbury Road Playing Field
Members had previously agreed to fund a replacement bench. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain from TWC the cost of installation, and also if the bench can be purchased via their procurement process. A working group was formed, Cllr G Jones, Cllr R Higginson, Cllr P Doherty and Cllr M Barton to discuss this further and to identify the most appropriate site for installation. The plaque will need to be relocated to the new bench.
- 15/1013 Birchmore Lane
TWC Highways officers are to visit the site and assess the problem. They will report back to the Parish Council.
- 15/1004 Dog Fouling
The Dog Warden is aware of the unofficial signs and has suggested that they be replaced with TWC official signs. The Parish Council agreed that this may be a good way forward and this would be passed to the Dog Warden to action.

15/1021 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

a) Parish Warden Report

Members expressed their appreciation to the Parish Warden for the detailed report presented which included details from the Local Policing Team.
Mr Keeping has kindly agreed to attend a meeting of the Parish Council in November, along with the Neighbourhood Watch Officer, from West Mercia, Mr Michael Jones.

b) Local Policing and PACT

Cllr Jones agreed to speak with Mr Reid regarding the Partners and Communities Together scheme and meetings. The EVA report had been received and the points raised would be actioned by the Parish Council. A thank you letter will be sent to Mr Reid for his work on this project.

c) Harper Adams University

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2015 are available. Members were grateful to the Student's Union for their work to keep the noise down from the Summer Ball, as this had been appreciated by local residents.

d) St Peter's Primary School

A further meeting will take place in the Autumn Term. Members of the Parish Council are welcome to meet with the Headteacher and staff.

e) Newport Regeneration Partnership

Cllr Mrs Barton and Cllr Mrs Doherty had attended the last meeting. Notes are available on request. Items discussed included The Canal Trust, Shaping Places, Neighbourhood Development Plans, Economic Strategy and Pride in the High Street initiative. The provision of a Traffic Warden in Newport had had a positive impact. The High Street is now short-stay parking only.

f) ERCI – Edgmond Rural Community Initiative

Cllr G Jones is the Parish Council representative on this committee – he would contact Mr & Mrs Keeping for an update.

15/1022 FINANCE

a) Payments

Orders for the Payment of Money were presented and signed by two Councillors as per the financial regulations of the Council. A Payments against Budget report is now available at Full Council meetings.

b) Grants Application Policy

It was agreed that the Grants Policy of the Parish Council should be updated.

15/1023 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a) Report

The Minutes of the Planning meetings had been distributed.

b) Application TWC/2015/0454

The Parish Council was pleased to receive the comments of many local residents regarding the application for the land adjacent to Egremont House.
The Parish Council response will be added to the website and will endorse the English Heritage comments.

c) Land adjacent to 81 Newport Road

Members had been made aware of revised plans for the development of this site, which already has Planning Permission for the house and garage.

Despite requests to object to the application, this is not now possible and the principle of development has already been agreed in the original application. Members considered the revised plans and the advice from the Planning Officer and agreed that the garage was in a better position and very close to the boundary. Questions would be asked regarding its affect on the nearby hedgerow. The Parish Council would also request a condition on future use and would enquire about the visibility splay due to the concerns of the location of the access.

d) TWC/2015/0546 Edgmond Village Hall

All Members had declared an interest.

RESOLVED that there would be no objections to the proposals for the extension to the rear of the building.

e) TWC/2015/0615 Adeney House Farm

Members discussed the proposal for the change of use from an agricultural building to a house of multi-occupancy and in particular discussed concerns regarding the traffic and the junction with the B5062.

f) Emerging Local Plan for Telford & Wrekin

The revised Shaping Places document is available for consultation throughout August and up to 25th September 2015. Members are invited to a launch on 4th August at Addenbrooke House in Telford. Cllr Jones and Cllr Higginson will attend.

The new Plan has identified a reduced number of houses for the rural areas of the Borough from 2016 – 2031. The total will not exceed 900 and already includes permissions granted, leaving a small number (80) for the 5 named villages, one of which is Edgmond. It was agreed to invite senior officers to attend a meeting of the Parish Council where the public can attend to ask questions. This will take place on 15th September in the Village Hall.

15/1024 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June have been distributed for information.

Cllr Doherty read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

b) Rights of Way

Cllr Doherty updated Members on work to date:

- i) All waymarkers for the amended Rights Of Way on land at HAU are not in place.
- ii) Some maintenance work is required to ensure access is available to a number of local rights of way.
- iii) Work regarding the Caynton / Calvington paths is nearly complete. Draft orders are to go to the landowners for checking. It had been agreed that there was no advantage to further consultation, to a presentation and information event will be arranged.

c) Tree Project

Cllr Edwards updated members on the project and in particular the schedule for planting. 2 Maple Trees will be sited at the Village Hall and 50 Black Poplars and 3 Oak Trees are to go to HAU.

It is proposed that more trees will be made available in November – anyone with location suggestions can contact Cllr Edwards or Cllr Doherty. The 300 Ash Trees cannot yet be moved.

15/1025 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT, ROAD SAFETY AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

a) Update

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June were received for information.

It was proposed by Cllr M Hughes and seconded by Cllr Higginson that the recommendation from the Committee that £3875 be allocated, from Street Lighting Reserves to update the lights in accordance with the EON recommendation.

There will also be a significant reduction in the energy costs. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should fund the replacement lights, as recommended by EON, at a cost not to exceed £3875.00 plus VAT.

b) **New issues**

There will be a requirement at some time in the future to consider the lights on concrete posts.

15/1026 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) **Report**

The Minutes of the Communication Committee had been distributed for information.

b) **Transparency Code**

It is a legal requirement that the Parish Council acts under the regulations of the Transparency Code. The website plays a significant role in this. The Parish Council will look to ensure that all information, required by the Code to be available to the public is on the website.

15/1027 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received for information only has been circulated to Members.

- a) There is a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting on 14th July 2015 at 7pm at HAU.
- b) The Clerk will represent the Parish Council at the next Bus User Group meeting
- c) It had been confirmed, by the resident, that no further work is required on the street light in Turner's Lane.

15/1028 CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S REPORT

- a) None

15/1029 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Cllr Bentley reported that TWC are genuine in the invitation for PTCs to comment on the Emerging Local Plan. It is a document that has evolved based on comments received and it is essential that Edgmond has its say regarding the proposals that affect the rural areas of the Borough in particular. HAU will also be encouraged to respond.

The improved recycling facilities appear to be well received.

15/1030 PARISH MATTERS

a) **Drains**

There are areas in the parish where broken drains are causing flooding concerns. These include the B5062.

Edgmond Marsh is in need of drain clearance.

b) **Overgrown hedges**

It is hoped that local residents will understand the need to keep hedges trimmed back to the boundary for safety. TWC will write to anyone who is causing a visibility problem. The hedge from Marsh Road towards HAU is a concern.

c) **Weeds**

Can some work be undertaken to remove weeds from pavements – eg opposite 3 Robin Lane?

d) **Tree Warden**

Members wished it to be recorded that Mrs Bradley has kindly agreed to continue as the local Tree Warden.

15/1031 NEXT MEETING

14th September 2015 7pm Edgmond Village Hall
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50p.m.

Signed **Date**

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in September 2015.