

# Edgmond Parish Council

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016** at **7.00p.m.**

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk  
2 Members of the Public

## **16/1064 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Michelle Wilson attended the meeting to bring to the attention of the Parish Council her continued concerns regarding the speed of traffic on School Road, Flatt Road and High Street. Members recalled that this issue has been raised over a number of years, particularly by Cllr Humphreys and the Parish Council has been in communication with the police and TWC regarding the issues.

Michelle gave more information with examples of the problems and confirmed the dangers, particularly for cyclists and pedestrians.

Other information was made available relating to the use of the route by HGVs, agricultural vehicles and through traffic.

The ATCs (agreed by TWC) were in place during a holiday period from HAU and therefore did not give accurate records.

Cllr Marriott informed the meeting that Marsh Road was to be identified for a Community Speed Camera and that local residents were to be trained to use it.

Other examples of possible solutions are available in other Counties – Stafford, for example, have introduced average speed cameras but it is unlikely that these will be suitable for such rural roads.

## **16/1065 APOLOGIES**

None

## **16/1066 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr S Bentley	Budget (ref Clerk's salary)	personal and prejudicial
Cllr M Barton	Planning Application	personal
All Cllr residents	Budget	dispensation granted to vote

## **16/1067 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2015**

It was proposed by Councillor Bowers and seconded by Cllr Higginson that the Minutes of the November meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

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

## 16/1068 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

### Neighbourhood Watch

An audit of Neighbourhood Watch signs had taken place in the village and some new signs had been delivered. Councillors P Doherty and G Jones had met with Michael Jones, West Mercia Police Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, who had informed them of a re-vamp of Neighbourhood Watch. As this is not a police-led initiative, it could be better led by the Parish Council. However, the co-ordinator would lead the scheme. The role of the Parish Warden was a police-led initiative and the Parish Council is grateful that he Chairs the meetings, however, Mr Keeping had confirmed that he was not the co-ordinator. Liaison with the other co-ordinators was taking place, but it was difficult to find which areas of the Parish were covered by a scheme. A regular article is to be included in the magazine and it was agreed that when the information is available on the changes to be introduced, the Parish Council would include this on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting in April for a re-launch.

## 16/1069 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

### a) Parish Warden Report

A report from the Parish Warden and Local Policing Team had been circulated and would appear in the next magazine.

The Parish Council resolved to consider a one-off grant application that had been received from the local policing team. It was to fund a tag rugby inter-school competition. It was proposed by Cllr Marriott and seconded by Cllr C Edwards that £50 should be allocated to the scheme which will also include Tibberton Primary and Newport schools.

<b>RESOLVED that £50 be granted to this police initiative for a local tag ruby tournament.</b>
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### b) Harper Adams University

Another meeting is scheduled for the Spring.

### c) St Peter's Primary School

A visit has been arranged for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.

### d) Newport Regeneration Partnership

Cllr Mrs Barton and Cllr Mrs Doherty continue to represent Edmond Parish Council on this partnership. At the last meeting, matters included on the agenda were HAU, the Business Park and Newport Car Parks.

### e) Helicopter Noise Group

The Chairman represents the Parish Council at these meetings, if you have any matters you wish to raise, please let Cllr Jones know as soon as possible.

## 16/1070 PLANNING

### a) No Planning meeting has been necessary since the last Full Council meeting

### b) Provost Mews Application

TWC has confirmed that this application has been refused.

### c) New Applications for consideration

i) **TWC/2015/1063 Extensions to The Lodge, Chetwynd Deer Park**  
No objections

ii) **TWC/2015/1120 First floor extension to 18 Shrewsbury Road,**  
*Councillor Barton declared an interest in this application and did not comment or vote.*  
No objections

iii) **TWC/2015/1143/4 Listed building consent for Caynton Manor**  
No objections

iv) **TWC/2016/0010 Cattle Shed at HAU**  
No objections but would request that the style be appropriate for the site.

v) **TWC/2016/0014 Car port & balcony at Westwinds, Birchmoor Lane**  
Members agreed that they could not respond to this consultation as there were inaccuracies with the plans and information on the website. The application is partly retrospective and would appear to be visually intrusive. It was agreed that more accurate information and plans are required before a decision can be made.

## 16/1071 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

### a) Report

The next meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### b) Rights of Way

A meeting had taken place with Andrew Careless to discuss the Rights of Way issues in our Parish. TWC is likely to be cutting the budget for RoW further in the new financial year, even though this is one of their statutory functions.

Members agreed that this is an emotional subject in our Parish and one thought to be of importance.

Members gave consideration to funding a partnership with Tibberton & Cherrington PC and Waters Upton PC. The proposed scheme would include contributions from the 3 parishes, with TWC putting £5000 into the fund. This partnership would be eligible for external funding.

It was proposed by Councillor Doherty and seconded by Councillor Higginson that £1000 be included in the Edgmond Parish Council budget to include in this partnership fund. All were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that Edgmond PC includes £1000 in its budget for the Rights Of Way Partnership.</b>
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### c) Tree Project

Cllr Edwards updated members on the scheme which now has 150 trees in a holding trench awaiting planting. More locations need to be identified around the village.

### d) Veolia Grant

The £1000 Grant has been received. Environmental projects need to be identified. The Chairman will arrange a meeting with Councillor Barton, Councillor Doherty and Councillor Higginson to put together a list of projects.

The group will give consideration to the Memorial, as it appears to be in need of cleaning and minor maintenance. Details of ownership and responsibility will be required.

### e) Other Matters

A maintenance programme is required for the drainage issues in Marsh Road. The Clerk will enquire of Jim Barber following the works programme that was successful some time ago.

Other problem areas include outside 17 Chetwynd Road, Robin Lane, Playdale, B5062 and leaves and silt in the drains outside 31 Shrewsbury Road.

## 16/1072 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT, ROAD SAFETY AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

### a) Update

None

### b) New issues

- Light adjacent to 135 Bailey Hills – out of time
- Waters mains leak at the end of Waterloo Road

### c) Matters raised in the public session

Members took the opportunity to discuss the community speed camera initiative, planned for Marsh Road and it was agreed to contact West Mercia to establish if this can be extended to Hillside, Flatt Road and School Road.

## 16/1073 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

### a) Report

An update on Facebook would be included on the next Agenda.

### 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. An additional amount has been included in the proposed budget for the website as it will be necessary to upgrade the site in order for the PC to meet the needs of the Code.

At the next Committee meeting, Members will discuss the current Community Site, as opposed to having a Parish Council website.

**c) Noticeboard**

Whilst this will be discussed further at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February, it was agreed that a list of Councillors and link to the website should be published wherever possible. This could include the school, pubs, existing noticeboard, chapel and church and a request will be made for it to be in the Village Shop.

**16/1074 FINANCE**

**a) Payments & Financial Report**

Orders for the Payment of Money were presented and signed by two Councillors as per the financial regulations of the Council.

**b)** A Payments against Budget report is now available at all Full Council meetings.

**c) Budget Consideration & Precept Setting**

A draft budget had been circulated to all Members for consideration. Special notes were included regarding new projects. A meeting of the Internal Audit Committee had scrutinised the proposals and they proposed that the precept for 2016/17 be set at £17,000. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council sets a precept of £17,000 for 2016/17.**

**d) Internal Audit Committee**

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked the Clerk for the work undertaken on behalf of the Council. It was recognised that additional hours are required to undertake additional work that has been necessary. It was proposed by Councillor Barton and seconded by Councillor P Hughes that a one-off payment of £200 be agreed as an honorarium at the end of the financial year. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk receives an additional one-off payment of £200 in March 2016 in recognition of the additional (unpaid) work undertaken throughout the year.**

**16/1075 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence received for information only has been circulated to Members.**

- a) All Councillors are invited to attend the Parish Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7pm at Randlay Community Centre to hear about the TWC budget proposals and the current Publication Version of the Local Plan.
- b) The loose dog around the village has been reported to the dog warden on many occasions by local residents and by the Parish Council. The Clerk had spoken to the dog warden who has given a final warning to the owner that the dog must be kept secure within his boundary. If the dog is seen loose within the village again, the dog warden will seek to remove the dog from the owner and rehome it more appropriately.

**16/1076 CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S REPORT**

**a) Bench**

The new bench is not sited and the old bench will be made safe and can remain in its old location. It was agreed to add a plaque to the new bench that would read "presented by Edgmond Parish Council December 2015".

**b) TWC budget**

Members declined the offer of Cllr L Carter, Cabinet Member for Finance, attending a future PC meeting regarding the budget proposals. Members were reminded that this is on the agenda for the Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**c) Footpaths in Robin Lane**

The Chairman informed Members of details from Mr Lewis (29) regarding previously promised work to the footpaths in Robin Lane. This information will be passed to TWC for investigation.

**16/1077 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

Cllr Bentley updated the meeting on work relating to the Local Plan and confirmed that whilst it did strengthen the rural villages, it may be necessary to firm up the boundary of the village to ensure that no future developments can be allowed out into the countryside. The Parish Council may wish to meet with Vincent Maher on this matter.

There is an alternative budget for consideration – this is also available from TWC on request. The Conservative budget protects libraries and whilst supporting partnership working does not include such emphasis on the delegation of power and responsibility to PTCs.

The Conservative Prospective Police Commissioner has offered to attend a meeting of rural parishes if required.

Cllr Bentley confirmed that speeding in rural areas is not only a rural problem in TW, it is a Borough problem and a National problem. He suggested that pressure should be put on the police to ‘police’ the speed limits in the village and to request that they put pressure on Government. Maybe a campaign is a way forward?

**16/1078 PARISH MATTERS**

None

**16/1079 NEXT MEETING**

8 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	7pm	Environment Committee
	8pm	Communication Committee
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	7pm	Full Council

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

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

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in March 2016.