

Edgmond Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 14th March 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
M Hughes
Mrs P Doherty

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

16/1080 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

The Clerk was asked if there had been an update from the Enforcement Officer regarding the Finney site in Marsh Road. No update had been received.

16/1081 APOLOGIES

Cllr R Hayhurst Maternity Leave

ABSENT

Cllr R Marriott

16/1082 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

16/1083 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN JANUARY 2016

It was proposed by Councillor Bowers and seconded by Cllr Humphreys that the Minutes of the January meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With the correction of the spelling of Bayley Hills, all were in favour and thus it was

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

16/1084 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Road Drains

The Parish Council is waiting for a reply regarding the maintenance scheme that should have been introduced following the work to repair and clear the drains some time ago. The Clerk will remind the officers and add a request for the jet to visit High Street and Shrewsbury Road as soon as possible.

Community Speed Awareness Scheme

The police have confirmed that the scheme will be introduced to High Street, School Road, Flatt Road and Hillside, as well as Marsh Road. However, it takes time to allocated the funding and undertake the training.

16/1085 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

a) Parish Warden Report

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

On 29th March from 1pm until 2pm postcode marking will be available at Shrewsbury Road car park for bikes and scooters.

There is to be a meeting with the Safer Neighbourhood Team, the original date was cancelled and the Chairman and Vice Chairman are awaiting a new date and time to attend.

b) Harper Adams University

Another meeting is scheduled for 12th April at 4pm. Any matters for the agenda should be forwarded to the Clerk.

The two trees are to be relocated before they grow too big and cause an obstruction.

c) St Peter's Primary School

Cllrs G Jones and M Hughes attended a useful visit to the school. They remarked on the 'tremendous feel' about the facility and enjoyed seeing the children's work.

The Headteacher confirmed that there are no current issues with the parking outside of the school. The Clerk will write to thank the Headteacher and Staff for the commitment and to congratulate them all. The school is one to be proud of and we are proud to have it in our Parish.

d) Newport Regeneration Partnership

Cllr Mrs Barton and Cllr Mrs Doherty continue to represent Edgmond Parish Council on this partnership. At the last meeting details were available regarding the Pride in Your High Street Funding which must be spent before March 2017.

The Minutes of the meeting will be circulated when they are available as they will include the full details of the projects and funding.

16/1086 PLANNING

a) Report

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8th March 2016 had been circulated.

b) New Application for consideration

i) TWC/2015/0454 28 houses on land adjacent to Egremont House

As part of the Planning Meeting on Tuesday of last week, residents were invited to come to the Village Hall to share any new comments that may have regarding this application.

The comments had been included in the Minutes (as above) and would be included in the Parish Council response against the application.

The Parish Council had previously called-in the application as it is believed to be contrary to existing policies and contrary to the emerging Local Plan. Many of the reasons used in the refusal of another application within the village are relevant to this scheme.

It was noted that the Village Green does not appear on the revised Plans.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will continue to strongly object to the application with the revised plans.

c) Emerging Local Plan

The Clerk distributed a proposed submission which is being considered by the 5 rural parishes that have been identified as 'suitable for development' within the Plan. Whilst the Parish Council appreciates the work undertaken and the revisions from the previous version and they do believe that on the whole the Plan is sound, it is believed that the Plan would benefit from the inclusion of three key points. These relate to a definition of infil sites, a commitment to protect the 5 settlements should the brownfield sites not come forward for development and that the proposed 80 houses should be shared across the settlements and over the life of the Plan.

It was proposed by Councillor S Bentley and seconded by Councillor R Higginson that the statement should be submitted before the 5pm deadline on 15th March. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the statement be supported and should be submitted onto the consultation portal at Telford.gov.uk.

It was further agreed that a response regarding Rights of Way should also be submitted. All were in favour. The Clerk and Councillor Doherty would draft a response on behalf of Edgmond Parish Council.

16/1087 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February have been distributed.

b) Rights of Way

A meeting for Edgmond Parish Council, Tibberton & Cherrington and Waters Upton Parish Councils will take place on 23rd March 2016 at 9.30am. The venue is yet to be confirmed. This will be an opportunity to discuss the partnership arrangements with Andrew Careless.
The Calvington / Caynton Rights of Way project is progressing and it is hoped that the revision will be available in around 2 weeks time.

It is likely that Rights of Way will be administered under Planning in the recent TWC restructuring.

Further information would be requested regarding the work required to update the Definitive Map. This is very important and links to the Local Plan and is relevant to all Planning Applications.

c) Tree Project

A further 80 trees were planted on 22nd February and thanks were extended to everyone who attended to assist. More will be planted in the Autumn. The Parish Council is awaiting an invoice for the ties, stakes etc.

Ash trees cannot be moved and the project has aimed to plant an oak tree near to ash trees in preparation for when the tree dies, an oak tree is already growing in the location to replace it.

d) Edgmond Community Team

Councillors Jones, Higginson, Doherty and Barton had undertaken a walk about the village and created a list of jobs. Two offers of help had been received. Members believed that some planting should be undertaken as part of the scheme in order that we have a visible project from the funding, rather than just maintenance tasks. A further meeting with the volunteers will be arranged. Councillor Ryan indicated that he, too, would like to attend as he would like to be a volunteer in the Team.

The Parish is to identify the owner of land in Robin Lane where bulbs could be planted and would be very effective.

16/1088 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT, ROAD SAFETY AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

a) Update
None

b) New issues

Drain covers had been removed on the B5062, this had been reported as it was very dangerous. TWC had attended as a matter of urgency.

An on-going project to replace electricity poles is continuing and includes Marsh Road.

A problem at the substation that serves Pickstock and Chetwynd had caused faults with the electric supply at the weekend. Western Power are working to rectify the problem.

c) Other Matters

Trees at The Priory continue to cover the street lights – this has been reported to Eon.

Members were grateful of the information regarding the wayleave issue.

The enquiry regarding work needed to the footpaths in Robin Lane has not yet been acknowledged – the Clerk will chase this up.

16/1089 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February have been distributed.

b) Website

Upperbridge is nearing completion of the revised website design and will transfer some of the existing information before it goes live and Councillor Doherty and the Clerk will update the new website as required.

c) Noticeboard

Councillors Higginson and Jones will site the Parish Council noticeboard on the rear of the Rights Of Way board in Shrewsbury Road.

16/1090 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) Audit Regime

It was proposed by Councillor P Hughes and seconded by Councillor K Humphreys that Edgmond Parish Council does not opt out of the new Audit Regime which will become effective for 2016/17.

16/1091 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received for information only has been circulated to Members.

- a) The Parish Council will be pleased to promote and advertise the event at The Lamb Inn for the Queen's 90th Birthday
- b) The Parish Council will include the details of the energy advice project from Citizens Advice Bureau on the noticeboards and website. However, we cannot offer to host the event as we do not have a venue. Details of the booking secretary for the Village Hall will be included in the response.

16/1092 CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S REPORT

The Minutes of the Parish Forum, attended by the Vice Chairman, had been circulated for information. The Minutes of the Rural Forum, attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, had also been circulated for information.

16/1093 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Cllr Bentley updated the meeting on the Council's budget which included a 3.2% increase, of which 2% is earmarked for adult social services. There had not been many responses to the Local Plan Consultation, a copy of the Conservative Group of Councillors response is available on request. He continues to represent the community and the Parish Council and has attended Planning Committee meetings when requested to do so. He will be pleased to support the Parish Council against the 0454 application if it is to be included on a Planning Committee agenda.

16/1094 PARISH MATTERS

- a) Neighbourhood Watch will be included on the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting and it is hoped that local residents will attend, especially those that have requested details of the scheme when they moved into the village.
A meeting with the police will be arranged before the Annual Parish Meeting and this will be attended by Councillors P Doherty, R Higginson, G Jones and D Ryan.
- b) Councillor Doherty may be invited to join a Scrutiny Committee at Telford & Wrekin Council.
- c) Details of the weight restriction on Marsh Road and access continue to cause concern.
- d) The bus stop sign opposite the Lamb Inn needs re-fixing.

16/1095 NEXT MEETING

11 th April 2016	7pm	Annual Parish Meeting
9 th May 2016	7pm 7.30pm	Annual General Meeting Full Council

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm 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 May 2016.