

Edgmond Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 14th September 2015** at **7.30p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Jones (Chairman)
R Higginson
K Humphreys
M Hughes
R Marriott
Mrs C Edwards
Mrs R Hayhurst
S Bentley

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

15/1032 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

15/1033 APOLOGIES

Cllr P Hughes	Recovering from an operation
Cllr P Doherty	Holiday
Cllr D Ryan	Previous appointment
Cllr M Barton	Unwell
Cllr L Bowers	Holiday
Cllr S Bentley	Attending a TWC meeting (arrived late)

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, by accepted.

15/1034 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

15/1035 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN JULY 2015

Under 15/1024 (b) should read now and not not.

It was proposed by Councillor Higginson and seconded by Cllr Humphreys that the Minutes of the July meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With the exception of one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

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

15/1036 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Rebecca Hayhurst read and signed her declaration of acceptance of office, which was witnessed by the Proper Officer of the Parish Council.

15/1037 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

a) Parish Warden Report

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

b) Neighbourhood Watch

The Chairman and Vice Chairman and Cllr Doherty had attended the meeting at HAU. It was confirmed that local residents would appreciate knowing more about how the Edgmond NW Scheme works and how they can get involved. This would be the first agenda item for the Parish Council meeting in November. Mr John Keeping had kindly agreed to invite the co-ordinators and Michael Jones, West Mercia Police NW Co-Ordinator, will also be in attendance.

c) PACT and Environmental Visual Audits

It had been confirmed that there is no requirement to wait for such an audit to take place before reporting requests for action.

TWC has introduced many ways in which overgrown hedges, road sign issues, blocked drains, weed problems etc. can be reported. The Telford & Wrekin APP is proving very useful for such reports and when using the reporting mechanism, a reference number is quoted which can then be chased and followed up.

It was therefore agreed that the EVAs (in the previous format) are no longer required.

Further discussions are required regarding the usefulness of PACT (Partners & Community Together).

These are currently organised by the Parish Council and following the NW meeting, the item will be added to a Communication Committee agenda for further discussion.

Members wished to record the thanks of the Parish Council, on behalf of the community, to Mr M Reid who has retired from the position of Chairman.

d) Harper Adams University

There are currently no items for the agenda and it would therefore be suggested to HAU that the meeting, scheduled for 21st September, be postponed.

A revised date will be available, when more information is available for the agenda.

An open invitation is extended to the community of Edgmond to attend the HUA Bonfire Night on 31st October 2015 at 7.30pm.

e) 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.

f) Newport Regeneration Partnership

Cllr Mrs Barton and Cllr Mrs Doherty continue to represent Edgmond Parish Council on this partnership, which meets regularly at HAU.

g) ERCI – Edgmond Rural Community Initiative

Cllr G Jones reported that no meeting had taken place.

15/1038 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. A Payments against Budget report is now available at Full Council meetings.

b) Grants Application Policy

A revised policy and application form were agreed and would be available on the Parish Council website.

c) Grant Application

An application had been received from Friends Of Telford Town Park.

Members gave consideration to the request. However, it was agreed that due to the limited Grants Budget, and the Parish Council policy regarding funds being made available for projects within Edgmond Parish, there are no funds available at this time.

d) Purchase of a replacement bench for Shrewsbury Road Playing field

A replacement bench has been identified, to be purchased through TWC. The total cost of the bench will be £329 and TWC has agreed to install it in the new location identified. It was proposed by Cllr Higginson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Edwards that the bench be purchased. All were in favour and thus it was

<p>RESOLVED that the bench be purchased through TWC, who would install it. The preferred site has been identified on the route to the bowling green – this will be confirmed between the Chairman and TWC officers. The bench will be sited onto slabs, for ease of maintenance.</p>

We await the outcome of the application to the Councillor's Pride Fund for financial assistance towards the bench and noticeboard projects.

15/1039 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a) Report

The Minutes of the Planning meetings had been distributed.

b) Updates on outstanding planning applications

Officers have confirmed the current position regarding applications pending decisions.

- Update plans are being discussed for the Provost's Mews Site.
- It had been confirmed that a new boundary wall will be erected half way down the site and then continue with a hedgerow to divide the gardens at 14 High Street. As the boundary is within the

site, and not visible from the highway, the planning officer has confirmed that she is happy with the proposal.

- Heritage England is providing more information on the details of the application on land adjacent to Egremont House.
- The planning officer is recommending approval of the revised plans for land adjacent to 81 Newport Road.

c) TWC/2015/0807 1 ST Peter's Way, Edgmond

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

d) Emerging Local Plan for Telford & Wrekin

Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting with TWC Planning Officers at Edgmond Village Hall on 15th September.

On the whole, it was agreed that the emerging Local Plan is a well written and positive document, supportive of the rural areas of the Borough. However, Edgmond is named as one of five villages suitable for development and whilst this gives some confidence over numbers, there are outstanding concerns.

Following the meeting, when all local views are welcome, the Parish Council will complete its response. All consultation statements must be received by TWC by 5pm on 25th September.

Councillor Mrs Edwards requested that the Parish Council responds regarding the Green Guarantee and it was agreed that we should put forward the Shrewsbury Road Playing Field, and the field opposite the church in High Street.

15/1040 ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

None

b) Rights of Way

Cllr Doherty had forwarded a report to Members on work to date:

- Sidlington Rights of Way – a kissing gate has been installed at the far end of the lake. The route around the back of the houses has been strimmed – thanks to Andrew Careless at TWC.
- Caynton / Calvington Rights of Way – a reminder is necessary as this project has once again been delayed.
- Clearance of vegetation – Some routes have been strimmed. Work has been undertaken by HAU and TWC – our thanks are extended to both as this is much appreciated.
- Signpost issues – it has been necessary to report FP21A, FP13 and FP8A

c) Tree Project

Cllr Edwards informed the meeting that there was nothing further to report at this time.

d) Children's Play Area and MUGA

Members agreed that it is necessary to ask for a meeting to discuss the maintenance of these two areas. This would also be an opportunity to determine ownership and responsibility of both.

e) Veolia Grant

Our application for £1000 for an environmental project grant had been successful. Councillor G Jones, R Higginson and M Barton will attend a presentation event on 22nd October 2015 at 5.30pm at Park Lane Centre, Woodside.

Following receipt of the funding, a working group will establish to discuss the project in more detail.

It was agreed that the following Members would join the Environmental Working Group – Councillor G Jones, Cllr R Higginson, Cllr M Barton, Cllr C Edwards and Cllr P Doherty.

f) Other Matters

It was confirmed that the Parish Council would request that slaps be sited under the new bench. Mr Barton has kindly offered to remove the old bench, this will be checked with TWC. A new plaque will be required for the new bench – Members suggested 'To commemorate 70 years of Peace'. The Clerk had arranged for a new waste bin to be sited at the start of the walking bus route.

15/1041 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT, ROAD SAFETY AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

a) Update

The Clerk was able to report that further negotiations with Eon had resulted in the new lights, now on order, would be fitted with LED which in turn would further reduce our electricity bills, but also the cost of our annual contract.

b) Shrewsbury Road Car Park

Members were confused and concerned following receipt of the reply from TWC regarding the condition of the Car Park. We were under the impression that this was owned by TWC, if not, then we should ask who owns it. In the meantime, a quotation would be obtained for it to be road-swept. With regards to its use by visiting youths, with unacceptable driving habits, it was agreed that the police should take action, under Section 59 – driving in a manner which causes distress.

c) New issues

- Shrewsbury Road – a number of lights have been out for a few days.
- Cllrs Jones & Higginson will remove the discarded sandbags to the skips.
- Drains are blocked in Mentone Crescent, which causes flooding on the B5062

15/1042 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

The community are requesting that the Parish Council noticeboard be re-sited somewhere in the village as soon as possible

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.

c) Noticeboard

It has been suggested that the noticeboard be located on public land and the area at the end of Robin Lane appears to be a favourite location. If this site is available and an option, we could re-use the oak noticeboard by installing on two oak posts and it could be sited near the planter or bench. The Clerk will ascertain if permission is required for this, and any costs involved. Following any decision, the Parish Council will inform the local residents.

15/1043 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received for information only has been circulated to Members.

- a) Change of Use Planning Applications, the enforcement officer will contact Cllr Ryan for further information.
- b) Cllr Doherty has expressed an interest in applying for one of the Scrutiny Co-optee positions available at TWC. The Parish Council would support the application.
- c) There is a consultation underway regarding subsidised routes on local buses, which will include the 519. It is important to encourage people to complete the questionnaire.
- d) Councillors Burrell and Bentley have continued to press for assistance for local residents due to the closure of the recycling centre at Newport. TWC has introduced an Exclusive Offer for residents in Newport, Church Aston, Edgmond and Lilleshall for Free Bulk Collections. A newsletter has been produced and these will be delivered to all residences in Edgmond.
- e) The TWC Tree Officer will contact Cllr Ryan for further information regarding the three oak trees in Marsh Road.
- f) Planning Officers have investigated the security lights in Birchmore Lane and this has been passed to highways as it is not a planning issue.
- g) There are still a number of overgrown hedges causing visibility problems. A notice will be included in the noticeboards and on the website, asking for residents to ensure that their hedges are not causing problems for motorists or pedestrians.

15/1044 CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S REPORT

- a) None

15/1045 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. He expressed thanks to HAU for the full response already received at TWC.

Other comments to be included in the Ward submission include the importance of green spaces, the restrictions regarding the 5 named villages, concerns regarding the use of good agricultural land for renewable energy projects, windfall housing numbers and how they will affect the 80 proposed across the 5 villages. He confirmed, however, that he would of course support the Parish Council response.

He confirmed that he and Cllr Burrell were pleased with the outcome of their work regarding bulk collections and noted that the newsletter is to be distributed around the village. He expressed thanks to those who will deliver them around the houses.

He confirmed that the Parish Council request for funding for the noticeboard and replacement bench has been submitted.

15/1046 PARISH MATTERS

All matters have been raised within the Agenda.

15/1047 NEXT MEETING

12 th October 2015	7pm	Communication Committee
9 th November 2015	7pm	Neighbourhood Watch will be included at the start of Full Council

Cllr Marriott offered his apologies for all meetings until the New Year due to an operation. He will, however, keep in touch via email.

Cllr Hayhurst offered apologies from 26th October as she will be on maternity leave, she will, however, attend meetings whenever possible and be in touch via email.

Signed **Date**

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