

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

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HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 8th June 2015** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor G Jones
Councillor D Ryan
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor M Hughes
Councillor K Humphreys
Councillor R Marriott
Councillor M Barton

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Mr Tim Stedeford

H2015/006 Welcome

The Clerk welcomed members to the first meeting of the Highways & Street Lighting Committee of this municipal year.

H2015/007 Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr G Jones and seconded by Cllr R Higginson that Councillor Maurice Hughes be Chairman for 2015/16. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Maurice Hughes be elected as Chairman.

H2015/008 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor M Hughes read and signed the declaration, witnessed by the Clerk.

H2015/009 Apologies for absence

Councillor S Bentley is attending at TWC meeting.

H2015/010 Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr G Jones and seconded by Cllr K Humphreys that Councillor R Higginson be Vice Chairman for 2015/16. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Higginson be elected as Vice Chairman.

H2015/011 Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Higginson read and signed the declaration, witnessed by the Clerk.

H2015/012 Terms of Reference

Members confirmed the Terms of Reference which were signed by the Chairman.

H2015/013 Declarations of Interest

None

H2015/014 Street Lighting

The meeting welcomed Mr Tim Stedeford who had been in correspondence with TWC and the Parish Council for some months regarding the street light in Turner's Lane, Edgmond.

The Parish Council had gathered information regarding options available following a site visit by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, and a representative of Eon.

Mr Stedeford had not realized that the shade had been painted on 29th May and he agreed to assess if this has improved the situation and would report back to the Parish Council.

Further options would be discussed if the painted shade had not made a difference.

Following a letter from Eon Members were made aware that as part of a EU directive no 347/2010 all mercury vapour lights must be phased out by the end of 2015. In addition, these lights are expensive to run.

The Parish Council considered replacing these lights with LED. This would reduce the costs of energy by 70% but the initial outlay would be around £300 per lantern so a total cost of £9300 would be required. On advice of EON, these lights are reducing in cost as they become more popular.

On advice, Members considered purchasing 31 refurbished lanterns at a cost of £3875.00. These have a 12 month guarantee and are fitted with a new 50w Son lamp and photocell. It was confirmed that these could be funded from the Street Lighting Earmarked Reserves and not from this year's budget.

It was proposed by Cllr Higginson and seconded by Cllr Humphreys, all were in favour and thus it is

RECOMMENDED that Edgmond Parish Council purchases 31 replacement lights as detailed above at a total cost of £3875.00 plus VAT.
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H2015/015 Highways

HAU junction with B5062

Following concerns raised by a local resident, it was agreed to add this to the Agenda for the meeting with HAU before reporting to TWC. The concern was in relation to the speed of traffic travelling along the B5062 and the fact that the traffic lights at the crossing are not always working.

Bus User Group

Martin Reid remains a member of the TW Bus User Group. New timetables and an amended route planner will be available from 19th July. Any issues can be reported to Mr Reid or to the Clerk, who also attends the meetings.

Traffic Speed, Hillside

This continues to be a serious problem. It was recognized that the last ATC was unsuccessful as it was in place at the wrong time of year. A request will be made to TWC for it to be installed outside 5 Hillside between October and November, for maximum effect and a true record.

Marsh Road

Pothole repairs have not been successful and the erosion at the side of the road is of great concern. This needs to be reported.

Chetwynd Road

Pothole repairs need to be re-done.

H2015/016 Traffic Speed

Marsh Road

This area of the Parish is continually used as a short-cut from the A41 and is often subject to speeding traffic. Members wished for this to be identified as a community action spot and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain if it can be identified for speed camera signs to enable the Road Safety Partnership Vehicles to visit when available.

H2015/017 Any Other Matters

None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

SignedDate