

## EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

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### ENVIRONMENT & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015** in Edgmond Village Hall at 8.05pm.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

#### **E2015/014 Welcome**

The Clerk welcomed members to the first meeting of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee of this municipal year.

#### **E2015/015 Election of Chairman**

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

**RESOLVED that Councillor Gwyn Jones be elected as Chairman.**

#### **E2015/016 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Councillor G Jones read and signed the declaration, witnessed by the Clerk.

#### **E2015/017 Apologies for absence**

Councillor P Doherty is on holiday.

#### **E2015/018 Election of Vice Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr D Ryan and seconded by Cllr K Humphreys that Councillor P Doherty be Vice Chairman for 2015/16. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Councillor Doherty be elected as Vice Chairman.**

#### **E2015/019 Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

This item was deferred.

#### **E2015/020 Terms of Reference**

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

#### **E2015/021 Declarations of Interest**

None

**E2015/022 Rights of Way**

Councillor Doherty is also a Member of the Access Forum. Members confirmed that Councillor Doherty is the named contact for Rights of Way Issues in Edgmond Parish and thanks are extended for keeping the Parish Council informed of progress with regards to existing projects and also new issues when they arrive. Andrew Careless, TWC Rights of Way Officer attempts to support the work required however funding at TWC for such issues is not forthcoming. Thanks were extended to HAU for their assistance with keeping Rights of Way accessible. A further update regarding the diversion orders will be available at the next Full Council meeting.

**E2015/023 Tree Project**

Members are grateful to those able to assist with the Tree Project. It is good to know that some trees have been lifted and will shortly be planted to their new locations.

**E2015/024 Meeting with HAU**

Environment and Rights of Way will be included on the Agenda for the next meeting with HAU.

**E2015/025 Other Matters**

**Veolia Grant**

It was agreed that Cllr Jones, Cllr Barton and the Clerk would submit an application to Veolia for a £1000 grant to assist with environmental projects, and to include an element of bulb planting in the Parish.

**Poppy Sites**

Some poppies had been evident this year, following the not-so-successful scheme last year. It had previously been agreed that wild flowers would be included in the reinstatement, however some areas are looking untidy. It is hoped that if the above grant is successful these areas will be maintained by the Parish.

**Litter**

This is becoming a bigger problem in the Parish. Hopefully the EVA on 18<sup>th</sup> June will identify particular areas of concern. Members may consider a community litter-pick event.

**Overgrown Hedges**

This issue will be mentioned in a future Parish Council article for the magazine and also included on the website. Not only do they make the village look untidy, they also cause highway hazards as they restrict visibility. The overgrown hedges on the B5062 will be reported via Barbers as the selling agents for the plots. The PC will enlist the help of Aaron England, the Environmental Officer of TWC.

**E2015/026 Any Other Matters**

None

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed .....Date .....