

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 10th October 2016** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor P Doherty
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor K Humphreys
Councillor G Jones
Councillor C Edwards
Councillor M Barton
Councillor L Bowers

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2016/047 Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor P Doherty, welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The Chairman also thanked Councillor Jones for steering this Committee through its infancy.

E2016/048 Apologies for absence

Councillor D Ryan

E2016/049 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Paula Doherty is a Member of the TWC Scrutiny Committee, the Local Access Forum and The Ramblers.

E2016/050 Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2016

It was proposed by Councillor G Jones and seconded by Councillor C Edwards that the Minutes of the last meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June be signed as a true record.
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E2016/051 Matters Arising

None

E2016/052 Rights of Way

a) WET3P

The notes of the meeting held on 18th August had been circulated. Work is due to commence in October / November on the initial work identified for Edgmond Parish.

- b) Thank You Letters
Members agreed to write thank you letters to local residents for their assistance in keeping areas of the Parish tidy, including work on hedges and verges.
- c) Caynton / Calvington
Cllr Doherty updated members on the proposals which had been agreed by the landowners. Andrew Careless is to draft the legal orders – this is now close to being finalised.
- d) Footpath sign
A discussion took place regarding the need for a replacement sign in Bayley Hills Field – HAU will be asked if they wish it to be sited in the same place, if this is the case, it will need protection from future damage.

E2016/053 Edgmond Community Team

The information and quotation had been received from Telford & Wrekin Council regarding the installation of an official path from the Shrewsbury Road Car Park to the footpath. If this had been possible, it would have meant that no-one would climb over the small fence at different locations which could result in damage to any planting that is agreed at this location. As it happens, the advice from TWC is that it would need to comply to the DDA regulations. In order to achieve this the path would cost in the region of £4000 and was not worth of such expenditure.

The Veolia Grant is to enhance areas within the Parish. Members discussed further how this could be achieved and it was proposed by Cllr Barton and seconded by Cllr Edwards that a quantity of daffodil bulbs be purchased which can be planted around the Parish, to brighten up verges and grassed areas. TWC had previously provided a map of where bulbs are already in situ. Other locations can be found. Volunteers will be asked to help with planting, included HAU students.

It was agreed that a meeting should take place in the Spring to bring together the 'volunteers' to discuss the work required within the Parish and on Rights of Way, in order that a scheme can be developed and any costs identified.

E2016/054 Parish Environmental Teams

Councillor Doherty had attended the recent Parish Forum (Minutes would be distributed). Dave Hanley from TWC had asked PTCs to think about ways that the environmental maintenance contract may be introduced to rural areas in a different way that offers a better service to the rural areas.

The Clerk would request a copy of the current SLA in order that we know what we have at the moment, this seemed a good place to start when considering possible changes and enhancements.

E2016/055 Edgmond Methodist Chapel

A number of local people had mentioned this building whilst visiting the recent consultation events for the Neighbourhood Plan.

It had been suggested that it should be registered as a 'Building of Special Significance'.

The Clerk will contact the Conservation Officer to discuss this further and will contact the Methodist Circuit to enquire about any plans that they already have for the redundant building.

E2016/056 We're Watching You campaign

This scheme had been introduced following the concerns of many local people about the excessive dog fouling on the highway, verges and paths in the village. All requests in the local magazine, on the website and polite requests had failed

to encourage people to respect the area and to keep residents safe from the diseases that can be contracted.
The project volunteers had monitored the roads, sprayed the paint and recorded the incidents. Unfortunately, TWC (TWS) had not attended to clear up the mess and there was a delay before the signs were erected. For these reasons the area that is particularly bad at the end of Robin Lane has not improved and is still being used regularly by a local dog.
Members agreed to request that a camera be installed. This is so bad now that it is the intention of the Council to 'name and shame' the person responsible.

E2016/057 Other Matters

New Bench

It was agreed that a plaque should be purchased and fitted to the new bench on the Shrewsbury Road Field. The wording will simply be "Donated to the Community by Edgmond Parish Council in 2016".

RESOLVED that Cllr Barton would arrange for the purchase of a suitable plaque that can be fitted to the bench as soon as possible.

Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan

The process continues in line with the Guidance and the recent consultation drop-in sessions had been successful. Many local views were received and have confirmed the areas to be included in the Plan.

The headings: Rights of Way, Green Spaces, Transport & Traffic, Housing & Development, Employment, Pavements, Roads and Street Lighting, Amenities and Community Safety. Although it is recognised that there are duplications and cross-over as some points raised come under more than one heading.

Hedge Cutting required

There are more areas within the Parish that would benefit from hedge cutting in order to aid visibility. These include: HAU to Marsh Road on the B5062, Robin Lane to Newport Road, outside of the bungalow next to The Priory are some.

E2016/058 Date of the next meeting

To be confirmed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

SignedDate