

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 11th December 2017** in Edgmond Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillor Mrs P Doherty
Councillor Mrs C Edwards
Councillor G Jones
Councillor D Ryan
Councillor K Humphreys
Councillor R Higginson
Councillor Mrs M Barton
Councillor K Arbuthnot

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2017/116 Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor P Doherty, welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending, especially on such a cold night with poor road conditions.

E2017/117 Apologies for absence

None

E2017/118 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Paula Doherty is a Member of the Local Access Forum and The Ramblers.

E2017/119 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2017

Councillor Higginson commented that he did not agree with the 'complete' change to the sentence within the October minutes, but confirmed that he realized it had been agreed by Members at the November meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor K Humphreys and seconded by Councillor G Jones 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 21st November 2017 be signed as a true record.

E2017/120 Matters Arising

a) E2017/113 Brook Drains

Councillor Ryan informed the meeting that he was drafting an email of significant facts relating to the drain issues in Marsh Road and will circulate this to all Members for their information.

b) Overgrown Hedges and Ivy

TWC have written to the owners and requested the necessary work be undertaken. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the timescale allowed for the work to be done before further action is taken.

E2017/121 Play Area, Shrewsbury Road

It was disappointing that the further information, requested and agreed by TWC at the last meeting, had not yet been received.

However, Members thought it appropriate to have an opportunity for further informal consideration and to share thoughts, views and opinions on the facts and information gathered to date.

The Chairman gave a resume of where we are now and it was agreed that the Parish Council should not be rushed into any decisions regarding the area, equipment or future maintenance.

Members were interested in the second hand equipment that may be available from other redundant sites and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain information on the type, size and number of play elements that they contain. At the same time, the installation cost will be needed before further decisions can be taken. This linked to one of the previous questions as to whether the Parish Council could work in partnership with TWC whereby the PC takes on the equipment whilst TWC continues the site maintenance.

Quotations for possible new equipment will also be obtained, along with the installation cost.

Consideration should be given to the provision of a picnic bench and this could be sited near to the play area, particularly if the fence is moved to reduce the size of the play area but to leave the grass strip as maintained alongside the playing field.

It was confirmed, both by regular attendance, but also by the evidence gathered for the Neighbourhood Plan, that the play area is well used and appreciated by the community and consequently it is important that any decisions made by the Parish Council are in the best interests of the wider community. The Clerk would remind TWC of the need to confirm their plans for the area, if a lease transfer does not take place in the near future.

It had been confirmed that the Shropshire Playing Fields Assn may not be able to provide funding, however, they do share information regarding funding sources. Further investigations are needed as to where external funding can be obtained, before any future lease agreement is confirmed.

E2017/122 Rights of Way

The Clerk confirmed that the PC has asked the Assistant Director at TWC to ensure that adequate resources are available for the Rights of Way officer to be able to complete the legal diversions and maintenance within Edgmond, and further afield.

The Clerk will chase up the quotation for the work required on the walking bus path from Shrewsbury Road play area, this is required in order that applications for the additional funding can be submitted to Pride in Your Community before the closing date.

E2017/123 Tree Project

Councillor Mrs C Edwards confirmed that the project was coming to an end and that further planting had taken place over the last three weekends. Permission had been granted for 10 oak trees to be planted around the Church Field, some distance away from the boundary. Nearby residents will be informed of the proposed work before it commences.

TWC has granted permission for small maple trees to be planted at the far boundary of the Shrewsbury Road field.

Councillor Mrs Edwards would include a message of thanks within the next newsletter and on the website to thank all the many volunteers and helpers. A letter of thanks will be drafted for Tim Edwards, Neil Furness and Mr & Mrs S Edwards, for their work and enthusiasm as well as their time, which have all been given freely.

The monitoring form for the grant would be completed with a request for the surplus funds to be transferred to a future planting project.

E2107/124 Parish Environmental Maintenance

The Parish Council is aware of the new TW contract which will commence in April 2019 and due to significant savings made throughout the tender process, there will be changes to the proposal for the provision of all the elements of landscape and environmental

maintenance. The current SLA, and in particular the regularity of work within Edgmond, is likely to change and therefore the PC would await further details of the proposals before suggesting other changes, which they may be in a position to offer funding to assist.

In the meantime a request will be sent for leaf clearance on the high-level pavement, Stackyard Lane, Manor Road and Pipers Lane.

E2017/125 Any Other Urgent Business

- a) Overgrown hedges remain a concern and it was agreed that Councillor Arbuthnot would discuss the issue near to the kissing gate at the Rock Lane end of the footpath that goes down to Birchmoor Lane with the local residents before cutting back the overgrown shrub.
- b) Details relating to the role of the Snow Warden and to ascertain if Edgmond has any farmers that are equipped to assist with snow clearance, will be requested from TWC.
- c) The clerk will enquire about the timescale for a response to the Enforcement Enquiry relating to the gates erected in Stackyard Lane.

E2017/126 Date of the next meeting

To be agreed

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

SignedDate