



MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at Edgmond Village Hall on Monday 9th April 2018.

PRESENT: Cllr R Higginson
Cllr G Jones
Cllr P Doherty
Cllr P Hughes
Cllr S Bentley and TWC Ward Member
Cllr C Edwards
Cllr A Wilson
Cllr D Ryan
Cllr K Arbuthnot

In Attendance: PC Lee Thomas
Mrs M Keeping
Mr J Bowman, Village Hall
Edric Broom, PCC
Mr M Reid, TW Bus User Group
Cllr S Burrell, TWC Ward Member
3 Members of the public
Katrina Baker, Clerk

18/1374 WELCOME

The Chairman, Councillor R Higginson, extended a warm welcome to everyone who attended the Annual Parish Meeting.

Additional invitations had been sent to local groups and organisations and some reports had been received.

18/1375 PRESENTATIONS

Throughout the year, the Parish Council gets to hear of many 'good deeds' that are undertaken by local residents, who go about these tasks quietly and often without thanks.

The Parish Council has introduced a Certificate Of Appreciation – a small recognition to our unsung heroes, all of who help to make life living in Edgmond extra special.

If you know of someone, who you believe it worthy of such a certificate, please do let the Parish Council know. This will be an annual presentation so we hope to have many more recommendations in the coming months.

Certificates were available for:

Richard Chesters	Penny Hughes	Tim Edwards
Neil Furniss	Mr & Mrs S Edwards	Phyllis Coates
Edric Broom	Alan Costley	Peter Heath

18/1376 APOLOGIES

Mr J Keeping	Cllr M Barton	Cllr M Hughes
Cllr K Humphreys	Cllr Hayhurst	Mrs D Wright

Cllr P Hughes would leave before the end of the meeting.

18/1377 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that they are a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr G Jones and seconded by Cllr P Hughes.

18/1378 MATTERS ARISING

The Parish Council has regular meetings with representatives of HAU and their lighting project has been included on the Agenda over a period of time. A study was undertaken and new lighting has been erected which takes the concerns regarding light pollution into consideration whilst ensuring the students and staff feel safe.

18/1379 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read his Annual Report which gave a comprehensive account of the year of the Parish Council and its achievements.

A copy of the Chairman's Report is available and attached to the Minutes. This will be added to the website.

18/1380 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk had produced a financial report based on the income and expenditure throughout the year which is subject to Audit. A copy is available and is attached to the Minutes and will be added to the website.

The balance at 31st March 2018 was £13,647.18 and the VAT is still to be reclaimed. In addition to the budgeted expenditure of the Parish Council during 2017/18, £3133.50 was the total for the production of the Neighbourhood Plan and £2000 was to produce the Character Assessment.

The Parish Council set its precept for 2018/19 at £18,115.

18/1381 TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL WARD MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Stephen Bentley presented a report on behalf of our two Ward Members which is available and will be attached to the Minutes. This will also be on the website.

He wished it to be recorded, that his thanks are extended to the Members of the Parish Council who do a sterling job in the Parish.

Our two Ward Members confirmed their commitment to representing the communities within the Parish and their Group on Telford & Wrekin Council continues to work hard on current issues which include the request for an enquiry into child sex exploitation in Telford and the Future Fit consultation for the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Princess Royal Hospital. It was good to know that the Government have committed £300m for the transformation of hospital services in the County. There is a need for a higher level of awareness and to ensure that the local communities understand the options and the preferred end result.

18/1382 OTHER REPORTS

a) Parish Warden

Mr John Keeping, Parish Warden, had sent his apologies but had confirmed that he regularly includes reports in the Parish Magazine.

b) West Mercia Police

PC Lee Thomas attended the meeting and gave a short overview of crime statistics for Edgmond Parish over the last 12 months. The Newport Safer Neighbourhood Team is working with neighbouring teams in order that information can be shared. Details of wildlife crimes are available – badger sets and hare coursing are a concern. Everyone is encouraged to report anything suspicious by calling 101 at the time. This is still cheaper than a standard landline call and it is a fixed price. Anyone with telephone or mobile call packages can use the 0300 333 3000 which would then be included in their inclusive call package.

Community Speedwatch has been delayed due to traffic regulation orders, but this has now been resolved. The equipment is available and training will take place in the near future. Residents are reminded to beware of door-knocker salesmen. There is no such thing as a rehabilitation scheme for ex-offenders, this does not exist. If you are concerned about door to door salesmen, ring 101 and report it at the time.

It is hoped to expand the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Members are encouraged to share information, watch out for neighbours and get messages out to the community as quickly as possible.

The Parish Council is liaising with Mick Simpson with a view to introducing a Smartwater – We Don't Buy Crime initiative for the Parish. A public meeting will be arranged in the near future.

c) Helicopter Liaison Meetings

Cllr G Jones represents Edgmond at these meetings where information is available regarding flying times etc. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes and will be available on the website.

d) WET 3P

Cllr P Doherty had prepared a report on the partnership with Waters Upton and Tibberton & Cherrington Parish Councils to work with TWC on local rights of way issues. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes and will be available on the website.

PC Lee Thomas reminded the meeting of the Community Payback scheme which may be able to assist with clearance of rights of way.

e) Newport Regeneration Partnership

Cllr C Edwards represents the Parish Council at these meetings which take place at Harper Adams University. The current and most important topic is currently the Newport Innovation Park and ensuring that it is an Agri-tech Park as designed.

f) TW Bus User Group

Martin Reid has represented the Parish Council on this Bus User Group for some time and the issues experienced with the 519, Shrewsbury to Newport service, were discussed at length.

A written report is attached to the Minutes and will be available on the website.

Due to the number of complaints and concerns regarding the new timetable for the 519, it had been agreed that a special topic meeting will take place for residents and bus users of the affected villages along the route.

g) Edgmond Village Hall

Mr Bowman, Chairman, gave a report on Edgmond Village Hall. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes and will be available on the website.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr J Bowman for his work in leading the project to success.

h) Primary School

Stephen Burrell, Governor, gave a short report on his work as a Governor over the past 4 years. Recently they have successfully negotiated new contracts for Broadband and Wireless. School meals come from Adams which provide good quality fixed price meals. Further work has taken place regarding the lease agreement with Edgmond Owls which has now been resolved. The 18/19 budget is in place and Governors are anticipating a surplus over the year. The school awaits their OFSTED inspection, which is overdue. There are currently 228 pupils on roll and spaces available for local children to attend.

i) Harper Adams University

Cllr Hayhurst had sent her apologies but confirmed that the next liaison meeting is scheduled for 20th April. HAU has been supporting the referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan and promoting the importance of anyone on the electoral roll turning out to vote on 19th April 2018 in the referendum.

j) St Peter's Church Clock

Edric Broom had provided a written report which was read to the meeting. This will appear in the Minutes and on the website.

The Chairman thanked those organisations and groups that had provided reports.

17/1383 PARISH MATTERS

None

17/1384 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14th May 2018	7.00p.m.	Annual General Meeting
	7.30p.m.	Full Council

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm. Light refreshments were available and people stayed to have a chat.

SignedDate