



**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018** at **7.00pm**.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R Higginson (Chairman)  
M Hughes  
P Hughes  
G Jones  
A Wilson  
K Arbuthnot  
S Bentley  
C Edwards

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

**18/1480 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman, Councillor Higginson, welcomed everyone meeting and thanked them for attending.

**18/1481 APOLOGIES**

Cllr D Ryan Leave of Absence  
Cllr R Hayhurst Unwell

It was proposed by Councillor P Hughes and seconded by Councillor C Edwards, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.**

**18/1482 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**18/1483 VACANCIES**

No applications had been received. The process dictates that this must remain an agenda item until the elections in May 2019. However, if there are no applications or nominations, the vacancy can remain.

**18/1484 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER 2018**

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

**RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.**

**18/1485 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information**

**a) Parking in St Peters Way**

TWC has confirmed that the end of the cul de sac does not fit the criteria for highway regulation signs regarding 'No Overnight Parking'. It was agreed to write to HAU and to ask Student Services to send out a message asking that anyone parking outside of other people's properties, are respectful of neighbours particularly when arriving home late at night.

18/1486

## WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF EDMOND – Outside Body Representations

a) **Parish Warden and Police**

A copy of the most recent report to the magazine has been circulated for information.

b) **Newport Regeneration Partnership**

The next meeting will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> November, the Minutes will be circulated for information.

c) **Helicopter Liaison Group**

Councillor Jones had represented the Parish Council at the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There are two new helicopters, Juno and Jupiter, both are much quieter resulting in fewer complaints. Shawbury Aircraft use Sleaf, Tern Hill, Nescliffe and a field at Chetwynd. There are 79 fields in total which aircraft can use, with landowners permission. In the coming months, there will be more movements due to the Army Air Corps coming to train at Shawbury and they will be using Chetwynd Field.

Pilots try not to fly over houses, especially where there are animals. They would like all horse-riders to wear high viz jackets so that they can be seen easier by the pilots.

Anyone considering the use of a crane for developments are asked to let RAF Shawbury know so that alternative routes can be found. Locations of Riding Schools, farms and livestock would also be useful.

A new crematorium is planned for Nescliffe, if permission is granted, the other three sites will have increased activity.

d) **Harper Adams University**

Notes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October had been circulated to Members, for information.

18/1487

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) **Report**

i) **TWC/2018/0744**

**Erection of 3 detached homes, new access and associated works on Land to the rear of Provosts House**

The Planning Case Officer has not, as yet, given an indication to the Parish Council as to what his recommendation will be and when it is likely to be included on a Planning Committee Agenda.

Members were concerned to hear that there are local opinions regarding the evidence used for the Parish Council to put together its views on such applications. Members were clear that they use National, Borough and Local Policies and in particular, their views relate to the recently adopted Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan.

b) **New Applications for consideration**

**TWC/2018/0923**

**5 Turners Lane – felling of one Scots Pine Tree**

Members recalled recent concerns regarding the previous application and were reminded that the Planning Authority cannot refuse such an application, but could issue a TPO on trees of significance.

**RESOLVED to have no objections, if this is the wish of the owner of the tree.**

c) **Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan**

**Supplementary Guidance Document**

The document, agreed by the Parish Council and Harper Adams University, has now been submitted to TWC. This document will assist in planning for the future for the University and is in line with the instructions of the Independent Examiner for Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan.

**Structures in gardens**

The Parish Council is aware of the 'permitted development' rights regarding sheds and only requests a visit from the Enforcement Officer at times when the guidance and development differ.

18/1488

## ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Councillor Edwards presented the Minutes of the meeting, which had been circulated, for information.

**b) Rights of Way**

Thanks were extended to Mrs P Doherty and Cllr Arbuthnot for the installation of new posts and way-markers. There are additional posts available for other sites, if needed.

**c) Overgrown Hedges**

Despite a magazine article, there are still some overgrown hedges in the Parish which cause a hazard due to road narrowing and visibility issues. TWC will continue to write to landowners to ask for assistance.

**d) Shrub Bed Maintenance**

Thanks were extended to everyone who helped with the clearance at the Shrewsbury Road Car Park area and to Councillor Arbuthnot for disposing of the arisings.

**e) Football Field**

An enquiry has been received by TWC from Street\_kings with regards to the future management and maintenance of the playing field. Due to the number of organisations using the site, and the public access, the Parish Council has been attending meetings where this is being discussed. This is only in the early stages of consideration and Members will be kept informed.

**f) Play Area Equipment**

Despite a number of communications from TWC, the Parish Council is not in a position to consider taking on the lease of the Play Area or the Equipment at this time. Consideration will be given to applying for a grant to add an additional item of equipment to the area.

**g) Dog Fouling**

Despite a number of initiatives, there is still a problem within the Parish. It is difficult to understand why dog owners do not pick up after their dogs. It is an offence not to, which carries a hefty fine, when found guilty. Anyone with knowledge of irresponsible dog walkers, please confidentially report them to TWC or the Parish Council so that we can clean up the village and make it safer for the children and older people.

**h) Robin Lane**

A licence is to be drafted and a copy will be available for perusal in the coming days.

**18/1489**

**HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**a) Minutes**

Councillor Wilson presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, for information.

**b) Community Speedwatch**

The second training session has increased the number of volunteers and a new site has been identified at St Peters Church entrance. The monitoring sheets are available. In October, there were 95% of vehicles compliant, although the highest speed recorded was 49mph. The information gathered is sent to West Mercia Police, who will work with TWC if the area meets the criteria for further investigations. At this time, the sites monitored do not meet the criteria for further investment. It is positive that the scheme appears to have brought about a reduction in the speed of traffic overall, but you will always get a few who believe that speed limits do not apply to them.

**c) Sign Audit Update**

TWC will continue to work through the comprehensive list of 'requirements' and will give consideration to the additional areas of concern where physical barriers are required for resident protection.

**d) Street Lighting**

The Parish Council continues to report faulty lights which are repaired as part of our maintenance agreement. However, it is necessary to consider the upgrade of lights throughout the Parish following the EU directive that all lights must be LED by the end of 2019. The Committee is liaising with alternative companies to understand what is available and at what cost.

**e) Other Matters**

Councillor A Wilson will be at HAU on 22<sup>nd</sup> November to give a presentation to students regarding speed and traffic related issues.

Councillor Bentley informed the meeting of the TWC application to the DoT to introduce Civil Parking Enforcement in the Borough. If successful, £200,000 will be available from the PCC to assist with implementation where parking enforcement will then be operating from TWC between 9am and 3pm.

**18/1490**

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

**a) Report**

No meeting had taken place

**b) Smartwater Consultation Update**

The Parish Council has agreed to consider the provision of Smartwater to residents in order to create a ‘We Don’t Buy Crime’ zone, supported by West Mercia Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner. Initially, there needs to be a commitment that at least 70% of the households will take part and sign up to the scheme. The normal cost of kits is £19.99, but with a grant available from the PCC and an offer from the Parish Council to cover the VAT element, these will be available to local residents for a drastically reduced cost of only £8.90. An article has been included in the magazine, Councillor Wilson has promoted this at Village Hall events and there will be a flyer delivered to every house. Whilst the larger Councils, with significant funds available, may be able to provide Free kits to residents, if the Parish Council was to consider this option, there would be a significant increase in the precept. Anyone interested in purchasing a kit, at the subsidised price of £8.90. should register their interest by emailing [edgmondpc@btinternet.com](mailto:edgmondpc@btinternet.com) or letting a local councillor know.

**18/1491**

**FINANCE**

**a) Orders for the payment of invoices, as per the financial regulations of Edgmond Parish Council**

The vouchers were checked by two Members and the corresponding cheques signed for the following payments:

Cheque Number	Expenditure	Authority	Total Cost
000910	WW1 Plaque	LGA 1972 Sec 137	£85.00
000911	Street Light Energy	LGA 1972 Sch 14 p 34	£3159.92
000912	Street Light Repairs	As above	£293.20
000913	Printer Cartridge	LGA 1972	£18.90
000914	Smartwater leaflets Safe route to school maintenance	LGA 1972 s 137 LGA 1972 s 101	£95.00

**b) Financial Report**

A copy of the report has been circulated to members and will appear on the website. The balance is currently £20,973.71

**c) Budget Consideration**

Members are asked to consider any projects that they wish to be included in the budget for consideration.

**18/1492**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Information, received for members, has been circulated. There have been no requests for it to be included on the Agenda.**

- b) **Financial Contribution to the supply of materials to the project at Princess Royal Hospital to undertaken work on residential properties for use by Junior Doctors at no charge.**

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council has no funds available in its budget for this project.**

**18/1493**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman has attended, along with Councillor Wilson, a number of the Planning Workshop Seminars, which have been very useful. He also represented the Parish Council at the SALC AGM, where Katrina was elected President. The guest speakers were John Campion, PCC and Chief Superintendent K Purcell who gave a presentation about current policing and answered questions.

**COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Wilson has attended all the Planning Workshop Seminars. The slides used have been circulated to members, for information. Councillor Wilson gave a short report on each of the sessions, which had been useful.

Councillor Wilson had also attended the Rural Crime Initiative at HAU.

Councillor Ryan had attended the Remembrance Day service at St Peter's and presented the Parish Council wreath. A silent soldier had been placed at the War Memorial as a quiet tribute from the Parish Council.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had represented the Parish Council at the following meetings:

- SALC AGM
- Rural Forum
- Rural Crime Initiative at HAU
- Wrekin Area Committee
- PCMG
- TW Bus User Group

Minutes of the meetings are circulated for information.

**18/1494**

**MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

Councillor Bentley updated Members on discussions regarding current planning applications and confirmed the position with regards to funding requests for the reintroduction of the Arriva 519 Saturday services.

**18/1495**

**PARISH MATTERS**

None

**18/1496**

**NEXT MEETINGS**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2019      Full Council      7pm      Edgmond Village Hall

It may be necessary to hold a Committee meeting, this will be agreed by the Chairman and agendas sent out as required.

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

**Signed .....****Date .....**

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in January 2019.