



MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at Edgmond Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2019.

In Attendance: Cllr R Higginson
Cllr G Jones
Cllr S Bentley and TWC Ward Member
Cllr C Edwards
Cllr A Wilson
Cllr K Arbuthnot
Cllr M Hughes
PC Lee Thomas
PCSO Chrissy Mills
Mr J Bowman, Village Hall
Mr M Reid, TW Bus User Group
Cllr S Burrell, TWC Ward Member
5 Members of the public
Katrina Baker, Clerk

19/1530 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.

19/1531 APOLOGIES

Mr J Keeping	Cllr P Hughes	G Williams
Cllr D Ryan	Cllr Hayhurst	E Broom

19/1532 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2018 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 A Wilson.

19/1533 MATTERS ARISING

None

19/1534 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. A report has also been included in the magazine which is delivered to all properties in the Parish.

Councillor Higginson confirmed that he had created a door for the Victorian Post Box near Bayley Hills House.

Although this can no longer be used for Royal Mail, it now looks significantly better than a hole in the wall.

Special thanks were extended to Cllr Hayhurst, Cllr P Hughes, Cllr M Hughes and Cllr D Ryan, all of who had not stood for re-election in May. Special thanks were extended to Cllr P Hughes who had served this parish in excess of 40 years and had, in the past, acted as Clerk for a period of time.

19/1535 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk had produced a financial report based on the income and expenditure throughout the year which is subject to Audit.

The balance at 31st March 2019 was £16,240.81 and the VAT is still to be reclaimed. This showed a surplus of £2700 on last year.

The Parish Council set its precept for 2019/20 at £20,820 which included finance for the upgrade of the street lights to programmed LED which is the first year of a three year programme.

19/1536 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.

Both Members have continued to press for the call-in of the Provosts Mews Planning Application. This is currently with the Policy Compliance Unit in Birmingham. The TW Planning Committee decision remains a recommendation due to the call in process and if successful, the decision will be made by Government and will take into consideration the TW Local Plan, the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan and the Conservation Area status.

Councillor Stephen Burrell updated members on the current position regarding Enterprise Inns and their intention to re-open the Lion Inn PH as soon as possible.

19/1537 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. A copy of his report will be attached to the Minutes.

b) West Mercia Police

PC Lee Thomas and PCSO Chrissy Mills informed the meeting that there had been 12 recorded crimes in the last 13 months, some of which are wildlife crimes relating to hares and badgers and these take place between Edgmond and Waters Upton. It is important to look out for and report suspicious vehicles, especially if they have working dogs. An additional 12 wildlife crime officers have been employed to enhance the knowledge base. Scam phone calls are on the increase and everyone is warned to be aware and not to give out personal details. Please remember banks do not ring and ask for bank details.

The Speedwatch scheme has been working well and the Safety Camera Partnership has issued letters to repeat offenders, which can be followed by a verbal warning prior to prosecution.

The Police & Crime Commissioner continues to support and promote Neighbourhood Watch schemes. The West Mercia National Neighbourhood Watch Association has a website which enables anyone to join the scheme. The process caters for the requirements of the GDPR and an annual review of information ensures that the information is accurate and up to date.

An official scheme, however small, has the benefits of public liability insurance, signs and leaflets and a 10% discount on home insurance. Edgmond should consider registering.

The police continue to promote the use of Smartwater. It is a deterrent, when accompanied by the signs in and around the village. All police and PCSOs carry the UV torches to identify stolen goods.

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 Arbuthnot has been working with P Doherty, as a member of the Ramblers, to enhance the right of way network and to ensure that routes are accurately signposted. Minutes of the meetings on the partnership are available on request.

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. The Group works with TWC and Arriva to promote the use of public transport and to ensure that wherever possible the provision meets the needs of the residents and commuters. Unfortunately, the changes to the 519 weekday service timetable were not welcomed. The Saturday 519 was withdrawn in order to fund the reinstatement of the weekday provision. This resulted in a campaign, led by the TW Ward Members, to reinstate the Saturday services which was successful but only because of the financial contributions from the local Parish Councils, Newport

Regeneration Partnership and a local company. It was disappointing that TWC nor Newport Town Council would contribute to this essential service. This is only a one year pilot project so it is very important that people use it to ensure it can continue into next year.
The Bus User Group also represents bus users with regards to punctuality, timetables, publicity etc.

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 at St Peter's Primary School in the village. KS 1 and KS 2 progression is ahead of target in most areas. The budget remains tight, however a 5% surplus will be invested in ICT infrastructure by providing tablet PCs for years 4 and 5. There is a good relationship with Edgmond Owls. 250 are on the school roll with 50% coming from outside of the catchment area. The safe route to school is invaluable and much appreciated. It was suggested that the school should consider the introduction of a car share scheme.

i) Harper Adams University

Cllr Hayhurst had sent her apologies. The Parish Council continues to attend liaison meetings with senior representatives of HAU and Members are grateful for the support of the staff and students, particularly with regards to fund raising and local projects.

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.

19/1538 PARISH MATTERS

Residents from B5062 Shrewsbury Road raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic in the 40mph zone. Other matters raised included overgrown hedges and narrow footpaths due to overgrown verges.
The Chairman confirmed that these issues have appeared on Parish Council agendas for many months, some even years, and the relevant agencies and residents are aware of the concerns.
The community speedwatch scheme is not available for use on a B road, however there is a SID pole in place on the B5062 and it is hoped that when the SID is available to hire from Tibberton, this is one of the locations that will be used.

19/1539 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday, 13 th May 2019	7.00p.m.	Annual General Meeting
	7.30p.m.	Full Council

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm. Light refreshments were available and people stayed to have a chat.

SignedDate