



## ENVIRONMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020** via zoom at 8.05pm.

**Present:** Councillor C Edwards  
Councillor R Higginson  
Councillor K Arbuthnot  
Councillor I Pryce  
Councillor G Jones  
Councillor A Wilson  
Councillor Y Brunger

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

### **E2020/022 Welcome**

The Chairman, Councillor Edwards, welcomed Members to the meeting of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee.

### **E2020/023 Apologies for absence**

None

### **E2020/024 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr I Pryce                      Employee                      Harper Adams University

### **E2020/025 Recreational Facilities in Edgmond**

#### **MUGA – Edgmond’s Multi Use Games Area**

Some maintenance work had been undertaken by TWC, although members thought that more should be done. This will be checked out and if necessary, a further request submitted.

#### **Children’s Play Area**

TWC is to undertake a community consultation regarding their Play Strategy in 2020. The outcome of this will aid the Parish Council in making any decisions regarding the future management and maintenance.

#### **The Pavilion**

Details are required regarding access for the use of the toilets by groups such as Scouts and the Walking Bus.

It is also essential that TWC manage the bookings of the field and associated access to the Pavilion so that it is opened and locked as required by an authorized key holder. This is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

### **E2020/026 Rights of Way**

#### **Obstructions**

It is important to remember that any obstructed rights of way should be reported at the earliest opportunity to the Rights Of Officer. However, local issues can be reported to the Parish Council who can approach the landowner to seek a solution.

**Volunteers**

Volunteers are employees who are not paid and therefore, anyone volunteering to assist the Parish Council with local tasks should be registered as an official PC Volunteer and have a Volunteer Contract in place, this will ensure that they are covered by the PC insurance.

**WET3P**

Extensive work is taking place on the Modification Orders across the Borough and therefore the project will not restart just yet. When it does, the funds will be provided by TWC (£1000) and therefore the budget can be used for other rights of way initiatives if required.

**Parish Online**

It is hoped that this electronic system will help to map our Rights of Way and to have a system for reporting issues and requests for action. Details of local walking and cycling routes can be available on the website or advertised in the local magazine.

**T50 50 Experience**

This 50 mile route is available to everyone covering a wide area within Telford, it can be undertaken as a series of shorter walks.

**Ramblers**

Lovely walking routes around Edgmond are available from The Ramblers.

**Calvington / Caynton**

The paperwork has been completed and this is now with the Legal Department.

**E2020/027 Parish Environmental Maintenance**

Telford & Wrekin’s Client Officer will visit the parish and identify areas where additional work would be beneficial. They will also be asked to identify where areas can be left, uncut, to enable more wild flowers to establish and flourish.

**E2020/028 Flower Bed Maintenance**

As always, the Parish Council wished to records its thanks to HAU for their help with the maintenance and filling of the Parish planters. Thanks were also extended to Councillor & Mr Brunger.

The Chairman will discuss the Shrewsbury Road Flower bed in more detail so that a maintenance group of volunteers can meet to action the work required. A working party will also meet on 6<sup>th</sup> September 20 at 9.30am to undertake more maintenance work. HAU will collect the arisings and dispose of them appropriately. Some of the perennials will be transferred to better locations.

**E2020/029 Any Other Business**

Edgmond Wildlife Group is working within the village and thanks were extended for the work to provide a garden and wildlife experience on the field over the road from the church.

The area will be designed in such a way to enable the churchyard to be extended when required. Part time parking is also available for visitors to the church on special occasions.

**E2020/030 Date of the next meeting**

As required.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed .....Date .....