

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on **Monday 8th February 2016** in Edgmond Village Hall at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

E2016/027 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting of the Environment & Rights of Way Committee.

E2016/028 Apologies for absence

None.

E2016/029 Declarations of Acceptance of Office

None.

E2016/030 Veolia Grant

Members discussed the projects that have been mentioned to date that may be considered under this project. It must be remembered that there was criteria included in the application which meant that on the whole the tasks would be undertaken by volunteers, but the Parish Council now has limited funds to be able to pay for professional services when required.

RESOLVED that an appropriate article would be included in the newsletter asking local people to put their names forward if they are able to assist.

The areas and tasks so far identified include:- War Memorial, Rights of Way, route of the Walking Bus, Opposite the school entrance, crossroads by the Lion. The types of tasks include cleaning signs, removing moss, making paths safer, visibility issues.

E2016/031 Rights of Way

Councillor Doherty reported that Andrew Careless is currently working on the maps

to accompany the orders for Caynton and Calvington.
It is hoped that a meeting with the three parishes and Andrew Careless will take place in the near future.

E2016/032 Tree Project

Councillor Edwards informed Members that 70 trees were recently planted. It was a difficult task and not too many volunteers attended. It is necessary to plan ahead for future events and maybe include details in the magazine to attract more helpers. More locations need to be identified – consideration will be given to Field Maples being planted around the Shrewsbury Road Car Park.

The Chairman thanked Cath and all the helpers that did attend – this is very much appreciated.

E2016/033 Meeting with HAU

The next meeting will take place on 12th April at 4pm.

E2016/034 Other Matters

War Memorial

It may be possible to remove some moss with a scrubbing brush, but spray will be required.

T & W Local Plan

Members of the Planning Committee will meet with Vincent Maher at Wellington on 22nd February 2016. A representative of PHE has been invited to attend. Whilst it is appreciated that the Plan has been enhanced to give more protection to Edgmond Parish, some questions remain unanswered. Councillor Doherty has questions regarding Rights of Way.

Loose Dog and Dog Fouling

The well-known loose dog has been taken away by the Dog Warden for its own sake and re-homed. There are other dogs seen occasionally, particularly on the route of the walking bus. These have been reported to the Dog Warden, who does a sterling job considering he has to cover the entire area of Telford & Wrekin. Dog poo bags may not be available from TWC following the budget cuts, however the local shop may choose to have them available for sale. Enquiries had been made regarding the 'We're Watching You' pilot project in Newport – if successful, Cllr Shaun Davies has confirmed that it can be then promoted in Edgmond.

Edgmond Rural Community Initiative

Correspondence had been received from Mr & Mrs Keeping that they and Mrs Gibbs are to retire in the near future. They have done sterling work over the years in raising funds for specific projects, which have included the MUGA, children's play area and more recently the defibrillator and children's summer play scheme. It was made known that they too had been in discussion with TWC officers regarding a project around the children's play area and it would appear that the Parish Council had had the same discussions. The Parish Council would be willing to carry on the good work of this group and would value the information offered by Mr & Mrs Keeping as a hand-over exercise.

Thanks would be extended to the three Members.

The Definitive Map

This was last updated in 1965 and the Local Access Forum has drawn attention to the inadequacies of it and in particular the updates that are available, but not in a

format that is easily accessible. Rights of Way have become more important – a free resource for exercise, good for people and valuable in communities. Footpaths, bridleways etc are important to everyone – the Map is required as a minimum statement of where we are. The cut off for rights of way to be added is 2026 and there is much work to be done to achieve this. Consideration should be given by TWC to digitalise the Map. This has been achieved in other areas and is very useful, particularly when dealing with planning applications and farming obstacles.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

SignedDate