

# Edgmond Parish Council

**MINUTES** of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016** at **7.00p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R Higginson (Chairman)  
G Jones  
K Humphreys  
Mrs C Edwards  
M Hughes  
Mrs P Hughes  
L Bowers  
R Marriott  
Mrs P Doherty  
Mrs R Hayhurst  
S Bentley  
Mrs M Barton

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

## **16/1153 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman, Councillor Higginson, welcomed everyone to the additional Council meeting and thanked them for attending. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the planning application for 85 dwellings on land off Shrewsbury Road, submitted to the Planning Authority by Gladmans.

## **16/1154 APOLOGIES**

Cllr D Ryan Previous Engagement

## **16/1155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All members, resident in Edgmond, declared that any application of this size would have an affect on all residents in the Parish.

Councillor Mrs R Hayhurst declared an interest as an employee of HAU, which currently rents the field.

## **16/1156 PLANNING APPLICATION TWC/2016/0603**

Members had had an opportunity to view all the information which had been submitted to Telford & Wrekin Council in support of the application for 85 homes on land off Shrewsbury Road, Edgmond.

Over 100 residents had attended the Public Meeting, hosted by the Parish Council, to gather local opinion. The notes of this meeting had been circulated and are available on the Parish Council website.

There were also a large number of comments on the e-planning website from local residents.

Councillor Ryan had circulated a detailed response regarding his concerns relating to drainage and potential flooding issues.

After a lengthy discussion and the sharing of information, comments and opinions, it was proposed by Councillor G Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs P Hughes, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council strongly objects to the application on behalf of the community of Edgmond. There is no identified need for such a number of new properties and it will have a detrimental affect on the village and the current infrastructure.**

A draft letter was considered and it was agreed that some amendments and additions were required. The letter will be clear in that the Parish Council strongly objects to the application and will include

- The percentage increase of house numbers
- No identified need
- Inaccurate information included within the application
- Drainage concerns
- Additional volume on storm drains and possible effects

- Land Quality
- Outside of the current Local Plan and Local Development Framework
- Contrary to the Emerging Local Plan
- Not supported by Edgmond Parish Plan
- Access / egress onto B5062 at dangerous location
- Incomplete and inappropriate traffic and other surveys
- The importance of HAU, as a specialise institution, important the local, national and international economy.

The letter, when agreed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, will be uploaded to the e-planning website and copied to the Planning Officer.

Members of the community are encouraged to continue to forward thier views to the Local Planning Authority.

Members also took time to consider a suggestion made at the public meeting which involved setting up a fighting fund and employing a Planning Expert to fight the application.

Whilst the Councillors were grateful to the community for sharing thier concerns and offering such support, it was agreed to wait for the outcome of the Planning Officer’s representations. Our letter would be asking for independent, appropriate and accurate surveys and reports, which should be provided at no cost to the Parish Council.

If the Parish Council wishes to undertake additional independent surveys, a further meeting will be necessary to agree such expenditure and at that point, the Members may wish to invite contributions. Should the Parish Council resolve to employ the services of a third party organisation, any traffic or speed survey should be carried out in October when the students are in residence and the holiday period over.

**16/1157 PARISH MATTERS**

The new and updated Parish Council website will go live in the near future. All Members are asked to take a look and comments to be forwarded to the Clerk.

Thanks were extended to Councillor Doherty for her work on this project.

**16/1158 NEXT MEETING**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Full Council Edgmond Village Hall 7pm

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to this important meeting.

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

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in September 2016.