

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 28 JUNE 2021
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

OPEN FORUM

Questions answered during meeting.

Chair welcomed Angela Hawes to her first Parish Council meeting as a Councillor.

93/21 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr B Kay

Cllr R Webster

Cllr S Gassor

Cllr A Hawes

In attendance:

5 Members of the Public

C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

None

94/21 Members Interests

None.

95/21 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021

The Council agreed that the minutes of the above meeting were correct, and the Chairman signed them.

96/21 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

97/21 Planning (2020/21 Planning applications are at Appendix 1)

a) **20/00717/APP:** Linden House, Grendon Road, Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN

Chair explained the background to the complaint to Buckinghamshire Council, in that the Parish Council did not object to the original application, but objected to the process followed by Bucks Council.

It was noted that the Planning Department will respond to the Stage 2 complaint by 30 July having previously said that they will respond by 20 May, then 17 June.

b) **Marquee**

Andrew Benn, Harmony Grange, reported that he was in the process of seeking planning permission for his marquee.

c) **Planning delays**

Clerk had written to CC Angela Macpherson asking why planning decisions were taking so long and had received the following response:

“In a nutshell the team in the north of the county is receiving large numbers of applications.

There was also a significant backlog which is being worked through but add to that a shortage of experienced planners (which is a national issue not just Bucks) all of these things contribute to the situation.

However please let your councillors know that reducing delays remains a key priority for the new authority and will continue to invest in this area to ensure our customer service improves”

98/21 Finance

a) Payment and Receipts

Payment of accounts and receipts at **Appendix 2** were noted.

b) Insurance

It was noted that the Parish Council insurance had been renewed with Zurich.

99/21 Potential New Prison

Rod Baker (RB) gave an update on the New Prison Proposal:

1. Outline Planning Application submitted by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to Buckinghamshire Council on 21st June. It is not yet validated so not currently available on the Planning Portal.
2. Plans to inform residents and assist them in drawing up objections are in place;
 - a) Grendon Underwood Parish Council to request a longer review period (10 weeks);
 - b) Review of key Planning Summary document;
 - c) Update information drafted in case any changes required;
 - i) Boards and slides for Exhibitions and Zoom sessions;
 - ii) Update information sheets covering all 15 main Planning Balance topics;
 - d) Set dates for Village Hall Exhibitions plus Zoom sessions;
 - e) Review of other documents submitted to the MoJ;
 - f) Generate Claim vs Reality documentation and undermine the MoJ at every opportunity;
 - g) Draft Parish Council objections and submit within 2 to 4 weeks;
 - h) Regular meetings ongoing.

Following RB's update, a resident asked what the timelines were, various dates were mentioned but nothing definite was known.

Chair thanked RB for his input.

100/21 Village Hall

a) Improvement update (Car Park)

A bollard had been installed to prevent unauthorized car parking but it was agreed to monitor and take any further action if necessary.

Action: Cllrs to monitor.

b) Side Fencing

Councillors agreed to have a site meeting to decide on the best option for the side fencing. It was noted that agreement with the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and the residents of the new adjoining houses would be required.

b) Projector

It was noted that the projector needs to be available for the New Prison presentations.

Action: A Benn agreed to help with the projector set-up.

c) WiFi

It was suggested that WiFi should be installed.

Action: Clerk to follow up

d) Committee update

Cllr Gassor reported that the risk assessments were in place and a request for a potential booking in August had been received. The committee is waiting for final notification of the end of the COVID lockdown.

e) Notice Board

Clerk had written to HMP Springhill to enquire if any help would be available to repair the notice board but had not received a response.

f) Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust

It was noted that the accounts (utility bills and cleaning) were now closed. This item can be removed from the agenda.

101/21 Highways and footways

a) Drainage/gulley cleaning

The drainage/gulley cleaning and footpath repairs on Buckingham Road appears to have been successful.

b) **Hedges**

It was reported that the hedges on Buckingham Road opposite Pond Cottages and adjacent to Leonards Close need cutting back.

Actions: Andrew Benn offered to contact the owner of the hedge opposite Pond Cottages to ask for it to be cut back.

Cllr Gassor to report on Fix My Street to ask for the hedge adjacent to Leonards Close to be cut back.

The vision splay at the junction of Stone Road and Marsh Gibbon Road needs to be cut back.

Action: Clerk to report on Fix My Street

c) **Spring on Grendon Road**

The Local Area Technician has the work in hand to divert the spring on Grendon Road in front of Hill Farm but it was noted that, currently, funding may not be available for all of the road repair work in the village.

d) **Parking on Verges**

Chair explained the background to the problems with the parking on the verge on Grendon Road and the actions taken by the Council to try to resolve it resulting in the majority of the village favouring 'occasional' parking. Chair noted also that the Parish Council had recently received three letters expressing concern at cars parking on Grendon Road should the verge not be available. C Sutcliffe stated that he believed that the Parish Council had been harassing him and that if it continued he would take legal action against the Council. He went on to say that:

- The Transport for Bucks Local Area Technician (TfB LAT) had informed him that Cllr Harper was using the vehicular access to his property without permission.
- He had purchased the rights to access an area of the Grendon Road land and would produce the documents for Cllr Harper.

[Note: following the meeting Cllr Harper received the following email from the TfB LAT:

"I believe someone has their wire's crossed.

I received a phone call from Chris regarding cultivation licences and that the parish council were wanting to plant trees on the verge to stop the parking, which I already knew about. In regards to what I said to Chris, which I'm annoyed at having to defend myself was, "to get to some of the private drives residents have to drive over the verge and the footpath", which they do. (picture below). It was in regards to the cultivation licence. Possibly the footpath and the verge need to be built properly, but not a big issue at all, and certainly not illegal and was not mentioned in our phone conversation."

102/21 Speed watch /HGV's

a) **Sentinel Camera**

Volunteers carried out the speed watch between 7-11 June resulting in 77 letters being sent to drivers. However, this number appeared low.

Action: Clerk to check with Thames Valley Police that they have taken the information from both 'cards' used during the speed watch.

b) **Road Tube Exercise**

The road tube survey highlighted the excessive speeds of vehicles through the village and it is believed that Thames Valley Police will now carry out speed enforcement exercises.

c) **Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

EWR have two SIDs which they will install in the village at locations to be agreed, possibly Perry Hill and Grendon Road.

Action: Roger Behagg to liaise with EWR on the location of the SIDs.

d) **HGV Survey**

Volunteers carried out the HGV survey on a day when it was unusually quiet. If the HGV numbers increase another survey will be carried out.

Following a question, Roger Behagg stated that the air quality is within guidelines and vibration monitors are not available yet.

e) **20's Plenty**

Following the Road Tube exercise, speed watch and HGV survey, the Parish Council now has all the information required to submit an application to Bucks Council for a speed reduction from 30mph

to 20mph. The Community Board had sent the Council details of the options available for a speed reduction which can be extremely expensive.

103/21 Street Lighting

The installation of LED units continues.

104/21 HS2

Roger Behagg continues to monitor the vehicle movements and reported that currently they are within their allotted numbers.

105/21 East West Rail

As with HS2 Roger Behagg continues to monitor the vehicle movements.

It was noted that an invitation from EWR, which Chair and Roger Behagg have accepted, has not yet been confirmed.

106/21 Community Board

Cllr Hawes agreed to attend the next meeting of the Community Board as it clashed with a New Prison meeting which Chair needs to attend.

Action: Clerk to forward the Community Board meeting invitation to Cllr Hawes.

Chair had attended the Freight Steering sub-group meeting on 8 June which was not well attended.

107/21 Street Furniture

a) **Commemorative Bench/Litter Bin**

The Parish Council will liaise with the residents who are providing the commemorative bench regarding its installation at the bottom of Perry Hill.

Cllr Gassor is investigating litter bin costs at the same site.

b) **Seat Repair**

Clerk had not had a response from EWR about the repair of the bench on Grendon Road and the installation of the bench by Pond Cottages.

108/21 Quarterly Newsletter

Following the issue of the newsletter, feedback was very positive. Any suggestions for future newsletters are welcome.

109/21 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

All correspondence, circulars and consultations had been forwarded to councillors by email.

110/21 Any Other Business

It was noted that regular services currently are not being held in Edgcott church.

111/21 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 9 August 2021 in Edgcott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

STATUS OF 2020-2021 PLANNING

Reference	Address	Status
20/00717/APP	Linden House Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Approved
20/02927/APP	Clover Meadow Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Awaiting decision
20/03142/ALB	Lower Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Consent Granted
20/03415/APP	Regency House Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Awaiting decision
20/04357/ALB	Lower Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Consent Granted
20/04382/APP	Land Adj To Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Awaiting decision
21/00672/APP	8 Lawnhouse Lane Lawn House Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTX	Approved
21/01314/AOP	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ	Awaiting decision
21/01482/AGN	Ash Tree Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTT	Refused
21/01876/APP	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Awaiting decision

Appendix 2

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
11/06/2021	S Gassor	Doxdirect: Inv 91039158011 - Printing Village newsletter	24.63		1085
11/06/2021	C Jackman	Clerk salary Apr-June	522.10		1086
11/06/2021	HMRC	Clerk PAYE Apr-June	130.40		1087
11/06/2021	P Harper	Key cutting for village hall	18.00		1088
19/06/2021	SSE	Inv 631774536 0028: street light elec 5 May to 1 June	4.78		DD
19/06/2021	SSE	Inv 741775810 0028: street light elec 5 May to 1 June	97.99		DD
22/05/2021	R Kay	Marshalls Inv: 000947830 key cutting VH bollard	52.80		1089
22/06/2021	Bucks Council	Inv: 2205031475: Road tube exercise	494.40		1090
28/06/2021	EdgcottPCC	50% Bucks Council lottery income 2020-21 FY	234.00		1091
28/06/2021	Zurich Insurand	Inv: 507698707 Insurance 29 July 2021-28 July 2022	528.99		1092