

**EDGCOTT PARISH**  
**MINUTES OF THE 'VIRTUAL' MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**HELD AT 6pm ON WEDNESDAY 21 April 2021**

(The meeting was held in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations") 4 April 2020)

**41/21 Attendance:**

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)  
Cllr R Webster  
Cllr R Kay  
Cllr S Gassor

**Apologies:**

CC Angela Macpherson

**In attendance:**

Cllrs Moloney and Benfield, Grendon Underwood Parish Council  
Public 4  
C Jackman (Clerk)

Chair welcomed those present and stated that the meeting would be recorded for minute purposes only and that the Chat Box would not be open. If there were any questions still to be answered at the end of the meeting, they could be emailed to him and he would respond after the meeting.

**15 Minute Open Forum**

A resident raised concern regarding a recent drug raid in Grendon Underwood. There were no further questions.

**42/21 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019:**

It was noted that the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved at the General meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting was not held in 2020 due to the COVID restrictions.

**43/21 Chairman's Report:**

**1 Village Hall Lease**

It is noted that the Village Hall 20 year lease, signed on 2 September 2013, will **expire on 1 September 2033.**

**Action: Expiry date to be added to the agenda for the next Annual Parish Meeting.**

**2 Councillor Resignation**

Chair thanked David Armstrong for his time on the Council and noted that Council had agreed not to op-opt another member due to the forthcoming Parish Council elections.

**3 Proposed new prison in Grendon Underwood**

The council was notified by the Ministry of Justice of the proposed new prison on 3 December 2020 and immediately agreed to join a working group with Grendon Underwood Parish Council to oppose it. Chair thanked Rod Baker and Roger Behagg for their continued support in preparing the opposition and noted that the work is still on-going as an outline planning application is expected. A flyer has recently been sent to local villages updating them on the current status.

#### **4 Village Hall**

##### **Off-road parking**

The disabled car parking space is now complete. A barrier to prevent unauthorised parking will be installed.

#### **5 Planning**

Chair reported new build properties during last two years were as follows:

- i) Two houses next to the village hall, are now complete having taken two years to build.
- ii) A detached house next to Linden House is now occupied.
- iii) Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury Vale Area) have not yet made a decision on an application for a detached house in Church Lane.
- iv) An appeal for 65 dwellings on land adjacent to Springhill has been refused.
- v) It was agreed to liaise with Calvert Green Parish Council regarding the application for 18 affordable homes at Dunsty Hill.

#### **6 New Buckinghamshire Council**

The new Buckinghamshire Council came into force in April 2020 with the creation of 16 Community Boards, which have replaced Local Area Forums. Edgcott is in the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board area and has joined the Speeding, Flooding Risk and Freight/Transport sub-groups.

#### **7 Street Lighting**

Chair thanked Charles Harris for his continued support with the street lighting and noted that the transfer to LED lighting is now 50% complete. The remainder will be completed as funding becomes available.

#### **8 Tree Planting Scheme 2019**

The village joined the Tree Planting Scheme with each household being offered one tree. CC Angela Macpherson planted a commemorative tree in Leonards Close, it was noted that the installation of a plaque still is outstanding.

#### **9 Speed Watch**

Chair thanked the volunteers and reported that Speed Watch had been on hold during the COVID lockdown, but now we have been given the 'green light' from the local PCSO it can resume for one-hour sessions.

#### **10 20's Plenty Campaign**

The Parish Council has joined the 20's Plenty Campaign and has written to Parish Councils along the route from Grendon Underwood to Gawcott and Buckingham for their support. The Council will be applying for the reduced speed limit once the second road tube survey is complete.

#### **11 Highway Drainage**

The Parish Council has been liaising with Buckinghamshire Council (Transport for Bucks) to improve drainage and prevent flooding, which has been particularly successful by the Chicken Farm, Pond Cottages and in Grendon Road. Chair thanked Rod Baker for his work along Grendon Road.

#### **12 Village Gates**

New white gates, at no cost to the Parish, were installed at the four entrances to the village. Community Speed Watch/Camera signs also have been installed.

#### **13 HS2 / East West Rail (EWR)**

Chair thanked Roger Behagg (RB) for his continued support in challenging HS2 and EWR and trying to rectify problems encountered with HGV's. RB represents the Parish Council on the 'Calvert Box', which includes Calvert Green, Charndon, Twyford, Steeple Claydon and Edgcott, who liaise with HS2 and EWR to try and resolve the many problems encountered.

**14 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**

Chair noted that the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway has now been cancelled and thanked everyone for their support in opposing it. However, he also noted that there is still the threat of housing development in the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.

**44/21 County Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Reports were not available at the meeting can be found on the Bucks County website :

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s19701/Appendix%201%20for%20Buckinghamshire%20Council%20Annual%20Report.pdf>.

**45/19 PCSO Report**

Appendix 1

Meeting closed at 6.26

**Thames Valley PCSO****Report for Edgcott APM 21 April 2021**

## Report of Edgcott APM

The neighbourhood priority for the neighbourhood team is to reduce rural crime and burglary, particularly non dwelling burglaries like sheds/garages etc.

In relation to Edgcott, there have been 19 incidents recorded in Edgcott in the last 365 days, of which 10 were recorded as crimes. 2 were thefts, no burglaries. Using figures for a rolling 12 months vs the previous 12 months, crime is down 2% across Waddesdon neighbourhood, 198 crimes in total compared to 202 the previous year. Waddesdon neighbourhood area remains the lowest crime area of all those across Aylesbury Vale. Residential burglary is down 75%.

As a result of the size of our area increasing in line with the new community board boundaries, we now have two new team members; PCSO Chyna Mcgraa has joined us following her training, and PC Dean Kingham has returned to the team having been working in Aylesbury town for 3 years. Prior to that he worked on the team for 8 years so has a detailed knowledge of the area and its' goings on.

We are aware that speeding is a big issue for residents in Edgcott, and are happy to report that with the relaxation in Covid-19 restrictions that community speedwatch activity is allowed to resume and our volunteers are all set to process any data they receive. We are also aware of the issues around the big increase in HGVs associated with EWR and HS2 if we resolve any issues around these will endeavour to pass the information on to people who can.

We have set a date for our Emergency Services Day at Bucks Railway Centre, 26th of September 2021. Hopefully with no social distancing restrictions in place by then (fingers crossed!) it will be a great day.

Regards

Tom

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