

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019
AT 7.30 pm, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

175/19 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)
 Cllr R Webster
 Cllr B Kay
 Cllr D Armstrong (until 8.05 pm)

In attendance:

Public 2
 C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr S Gassor

176/19 Members Interests

None.

177/19 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2019

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

178/19 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

179/19 Planning

17/03317/AOP: Proposed Rural Affordable Housing Scheme, Edgcott Road, Grendon Underwood
 Although this site is not in the Parish of Edgcott, Councillors are concerned about the disposal of sewage and the effects on local infrastructure. It was agreed to liaise with Grendon Underwood Parish Council when making any comments regarding the application.

The status of 2018-19 Planning applications is listed at Appendix 1.

180/19 Finance

a) To note payment of accounts and receipts:

Payments and Income 4 November 2019 - 16 December 2019				
Date	Description\Supplier	Receipt	Payment	Ch No
21/10/2019	SSE: Inv 631774536 0009: Street lighting		4.75	DD
21/10/2019	SSE Inv: 741775810: Street lighting		99.14	DD
05/11/2019	AVDC Lottery Fund	40.00		
07/11/2019	HMRC: VAT Refund	1668.03		
18/11/2019	Castle Water: Inv 2325678 (1-31 Oct 2019)		31.53	1029
22/10/2019	Bucks CC (contribution from CC towards National Tree Week)	200.00		
04/12/2019	Landscape Matters: Inv 001383 & 001382		356.64	1030
02/12/2019	Marsh Gibbon School: National Tree Week		50.00	1031
16/12/2019	Castle Water: Inv 2364915 (1 Nov-30 Nov 2019)		30.51	1032
16/12/2019	AVDC: Inv: 445539Dog waste service April 2019 - March 2020		75.92	1033
16/12/2019	C A Jackman: Clerk Salary Oct-Dec 2019		508.04	1034
16/12/2019	HMRC: Clerk PAYE Oct - Dec 2019		127.00	1035

b) **Funding for VAS**

There were no updates from Bucks County Council.

c) **2020-2021 Budget**

The draft budget, which had been circulated to Councillors, was approved. It was noted that an increase in the budget for street lighting had been made.

d) **2020-2021 Precept**

A precept of £10,250 was agreed.

Action: Clerk to inform Aylesbury Vale District Council.

181/19 Village Hall

a) **Improvement update:**

(i) Chair had submitted a planning application for the **car park** but was awaiting a response.

Action: Chair to chase

(ii) It was noted that 3 quotes will be required for the work.

Action: Cllr Kay to draw up costings.

Plans are in hand to fit the **overhead projector** on the 8 January 2020.

b) **Committee update:** The following were noted:

- The café will resume in February 2020.
- Christmas events have been booked.

c) **Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust Development at Village Hall:**

Progress looks very slow. It was noted again that the probable completion date was now end of May 2020.

182/19 Highways and footways

a) **Grendon Road**

A letter had been delivered to all households in Edgcott asking for their views on a possible resolution of the dispute about parking on the Grendon Road verge. The letter included a closing date of 31 December 2019 for comments.

Action: Clerk to collate comments to help Council make a final decision.

b) **Lawn House Lane/Grendon Road Junction**

It was noted that there had been two accidents within a few minutes of each other on the bend. No injuries were reported but the police were called to the second accident where the car had gone through the railings of one of the properties narrowly missing the owner who had come outside when he heard the first accident. It was noted that the road had not been gritted but it was confirmed that the road is definitely on the gritting route. Following the accidents 'ice' warning signs had been erected by the Police.

It was noted that the footpath was also dangerous.

A resident present had taken photographs of the water draining onto the road from Lawn House Lane highlighting the icing problem.

It was suggested that a salt box was installed but this was not favoured by BCC as residents in other areas had taken the salt for their own use.

During further discussions various other suggestions were put forward to rectify the problem and Cllr Webster had written an email on 4 December to Councillors suggesting that *"Bucks CC could be encouraged to adopt the part of Lawn House Lane in front of the houses, perhaps as far as the gate to the Paynters land; it seems that no one actually owns the Lane so it should not be a problem for Bucks CC to 'annex' the land to join with the land they already own..."* and suggested that this should be sent onto BCC.

Action: Chair to follow up with BCC.

c) **Ditch Clearance**

The resident present also reported that teams from Transport for Bucks (TfB) had visited three times to 'rod' the gulleys and on each occasion had not carried out the work properly. He had

also asked them to rod the gulleys outside his property which were not on their list. He also reported that he and the landowner had cleared some ditches of silt.

Action: Chair to speak to the Local Area Technician to:

- **Ask for another site meeting with the resident**
- **To check that the maps given to the crews carrying out the work are up to date**
- **To obtain names of landowners who are responsible for the ditch clearance.**

d) Drainage clearance

It was noted that work to improve drainage on Marsh Gibbon Road (adjacent to the Chicken Farm) and the pond on the bend at Pond Cottages had been planned to start on 20 January 2020 and would take about two weeks to complete. It was hoped that this eventually would solve the problem of the flooding on Marsh Gibbon Road.

[Note: since the Parish Council meeting Council has been informed that the work will now start on 8 January 2020.]

Cllr Armstrong left the meeting

- e) It was noted that work on behalf of **East West Rail** will be taking in the village on 15 and 16 January 2020 doing trial / core holes.
- f) It was noted that all the new **Village Gates** had been erected except the one on Grendon Road. When this gate has been put in place the **Community Speedwatch sign** will be attached.
Action: Chair to speak to Simon Garwood, BCC, to ask for a second community speedwatch sign so that we can have one at both ends of the village.
- g) Further to correspondence with the BCC Transport Strategy Officer (Freight) it was agreed to carry out an **HGV survey** using the Freight Community Tool Kit. It was also agreed to contact the Clerk at Wootton Underwood to ask for their opinion on the effectiveness of the use of the 'Tubes'.
Action: Chair / Clerk to follow up.
- h) **Safety Mirror**
It was noted that the safety mirror on the junction of Lawn House Lane and Grendon Road is broken.
Action: Clerk to look into costs for a replacement mirror.

183/19 Street Lighting

It was noted that Charles Harris is still monitoring the streetlights and had updated the streetlight inventory. £3,000 had been allocated in the 2020-21 budget to cover the cost of updating failed lights.

184/19 Local Area Forum (LAF)

Chair had attended the LAF meeting on 3 December and had circulated feedback to Councillors. LAFs are to be replaced by Community Boards which will be launched in May 2020.

185/19 HS2

There are still no updates on the HS2 Road Safety Fund.

Roger Behagg (RB) reported that HS2 had changed the vehicle numbers / definitions, and that he had written to CC Angela Macpherson for comment and had been invited to a meeting with the Highways Department.

It was noted that the Chair of the HS2 Review Panel has recommended that HS2 continues but that the Vice-Chair had disagreed with the decision and resigned.

186/19 East West Rail (EWR): No update was available.

187/19 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

Councillors were hopeful that this will be cancelled. However, it was not clear whether the associated housing also would be cancelled.

188/19 Speed watch

It was noted again that Waddesdon had recently installed a Speed Indicating Device (SID). A response from Thames Valley Police regarding police speed checks also had not been received.

Action: Chair to follow up with Alison Mitchell, Customer Relations Officer - Road Safety, TVP regarding police speed checks and to ask what was needed to get a Safety Speed Camera installed.

It was agreed to resume the speed watch when the weather improved.

It was also agreed to join up with the 20 Speed limit campaign in Bucks.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

189/19 HMP Springhill

A Prison Liaison meeting had been held on Wednesday 6 November. Those attending were HMP: Becky Heywood, Governor, Peter Green, Residential Custodial Manager

Grendon Underwood Parish Council: Cllr Andrew Benfield

Edgcott Parish Council: Cllrs Peter Harper, Bob Kay, Steph Gassor and Carole Jackman (Clerk)

The Governor gave a report on the working of the prison including absconds, type of prisoner and funding. She was prepared to send the Council a weekly bulletin but was not prepared to issue details of absconds due to the unhelpful comments made by some residents on social media. However, she did report that she was pleased with the positive attitude of the Parish Councillors and suggested that Councillors/locals attend the Buddha evening and other festivals as a good way for the prison to engage with the local community.

Cllr Webster asked if the parish residents could use the prison gym as had previously been agreed but this had not been discussed at the meeting.

It was agreed to hold six monthly meetings and the next meeting had been arranged to take place on 29 April 2020 following a tour of the prison. This tour would be limited to six people.

190/19 Aylesbury Vale Lottery

It was noted that the Aylesbury Vale Lottery continues to generate funds.

191/19 AVDC / BCC Unitary Authority

Regular updates are being issued by AVDC and BCC on the formation of the Unitary Authority. It was noted that the new Bucks Council will formally form on 1 April 2020 and will be located in the AVDC offices at The Gateway.

192/19 Litter Pick

The Grendon Underwood and Edgcott Scout Group had done a good job with the litter pick. It was suggested that these should be carried out regularly, however it was probably not possible for the Scout Group to be involved all the time. Clerk had sent a thank you email to the Scout organizer.

193/19 National Tree Week

CC Angela Macpherson (AM) had planted the tree in Leonard's Close. It was suggested that a plaque should be placed on the tree.

Action: Clerk to investigate costs

The trees issued to the village had been funded by CC Angela Macpherson. The tree planted by CC AM and those from Marsh Gibbon School had been funded by the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust. All the trees requested by residents had been delivered/collected.

If it is decided to hold an annual event and to plant the trees on Bucks Council land, a Cultivation License will be required.

Action: Clerk to look into getting a license.

194/19 Parish Council Website

Bucks Voice, the current provider, will close down at the end of March 2020. It was agreed to set up the new site with HugoFox, a free provider for Parish Councils.

Action: Clerk to follow up with HugoFox.

195/19 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

Details of emails circulated are at appendix 2.

196/19 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

197/19 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 27th January 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

STATUS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference	Address	Status
18/00780/APP	Prune Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0QN	Approved
18/00834/APP	Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TR	Approved
18/01668/APP	Linden House Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Approved
18/01893/COUAR	Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TA	Approved
18/01922/APP	Bramblewood Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Approved
18/02582/APP	Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TU	Approved
18/03396/AOP	Land Adj Yew Tree Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Refused
18/04145/APP	Lea House Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TT	Approved
19/02313/APP	Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TR	Approved
19/02314/ALB	Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TR	Consent Granted
19/02797/APP	Hill Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Approved
19/03153/APP	May House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TR	Approved
19/03397/ALB	Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TR	Awaiting decision
19/03436/APP	Perry Manor Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TS	Awaiting decision
19/03834/APP	Perry Manor Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TS	Awaiting decision

**CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED BY EMAIL – to be added
AVDC**