

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2023
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

19/23 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr B Kay

Cllr A Hawes

In attendance:

C Jackman (Clerk)

2 Residents

Bucks Councillor Angela Macpherson

Apologies:

Cllr S Gassor

20/23 Members Interests

None.

21/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 January 2023

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

22/23 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

23/23 Planning (2021-22 Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

a) Applications

Travellers site, Lawn Hill

The following are enforcement / planning applications relating to the Travellers site:

21/00231/CONB | (1) Without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from agricultural to B8 open storage; (2) The laying of hardstanding, construction of two earth bunds and the excavation of a trench and pit. | Edgcott Place Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OPT.

21/01876/APP | Change of Use of land for the Creation of 4 Gypsy/Traveller Pitches comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan, and the erection of 1 dayroom per pitch | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire: **REFUSED 20 JULY 2022**

22/00117/REF | Change of Use of land for the Creation of 4 Gypsy/Traveller Pitches comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan, and the erection of 1 dayroom per pitch | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire: **APPEAL WITHDRAWN 17OCTOBER 2022**

22/03098/APP | Change of use of land for the creation of 4no Gypsy/Traveller Pitches for residential use, including the siting of 4no mobile home, 4no touring caravan and the erection of a dayroom (Retrospective) | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott: **APPEAL-NON DETERMINATION 9 DECEMBER 2022**

As there was some confusion with the above applications, Clerk wrote to the Bucks Planners to ask for clarification and received the following response:

"As you are probably aware this is the second planning application at this site in recent months. The earlier application was appealed against refusal but was subsequently withdrawn as the applicants had made this second application.

The applicants have now decided to appeal the second application on the grounds of non-determination within the statutory timescale. So far we have only received notification of the appeal being lodged with the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Until we receive PINS Start letter we cannot take any further action on either the

application or the appeal. We change the status of the application to appeal lodged so that third parties are aware and that it doesn't remain as 'pending consideration'. Once we receive the PINS Start letter we'll create an appeal, with all the relevant documents attached and write to the Parish Council and local Ward Members with guidance on how to send any representations to PINS. I can't give you a timescale for when we might receive the Start letter, it could be days or weeks – PINS like to surprise us! For example we haven't really had any correspondence from them in the last week and since yesterday morning we've had 4 Start letters and a deluge of other stuff. They must be trying to clear their desks before Christmas."

A resident present, concerned for his property, had written to Bucks Council and copied in the Parish Council prior to the meeting as he has had some issues with the Travellers. He reported that he had written to Bucks Council and the Police at Waddesdon, Aylesbury and Swindon but had not had any help in resolving his problems.

The Parish Council pointed out that they did not have the authority to intervene and that it was the responsibility of Bucks Council and the Police.

Action: BC Angela Macpherson agreed to write to Bucks Enforcement and the Chief of Police to try to get some help and will liaise with the resident.

It was noted that some environmental issues also need to be addressed.

Planning Appeal Ref: 22/00125/REF - HM Prison Grendon, Springhill Road, Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 0TL

It was noted that the Appeal had been held from 24 January to 3 February and that the Parish Council is waiting for the result. However, it was noted that the Parish Council will not see the report until after it has been sent to the Secretary of State for a final decision.

The joint working group is considering what strategy to put in place before the report goes to the Secretary of State, with possibly some press coverage.

Chair wished to thank all those who had helped with the Appeal especially Greg Smith MP, Bucks Councillor Angela Macpherson, Roger Behagg, Daniel Hayes and Grendon Underwood Parish Council, together with all local residents who spoke at the enquiry and all others who attended.

The following were noted:

Planning applications awaiting a decision:

23/00274/APP | The permanent retention of housing units, accommodating 120 inmates, originally erected on a temporary basis at HMP Springhill | Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 0TL

23/00412/COUAF | Application for Determination under Class R of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) as to whether Prior Approval is required in respect of transport and highways impacts, noise impacts, contamination risks and flood risks for the change of use of the existing agricultural building to flexible commercial use (Use Class c1) | Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ

23/00556/COUAR | Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of an agricultural building into one dwellinghouse (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)) | Gubbins Hole Farm Edgcott Road Marsh Gibbon Buckinghamshire OX27 0AN

CM/0016/21 | Application for the construction of solar array / solar park comprising of ground mounted solar PV panels and associated works including: Distributor Network Operator (DNO) switching station, client switching station, battery containers, general storage container, access track, fencing, security cameras and cabling for a temporary period of 35 years at Calvert Landfill Site. | Solar Park Development On A Capped Part Of The Calvert Landfill Site, Brackley Lane, South Of Calvert Village, Buckinghamshire. Easting (x) 468935 Northing (y) 223160

Appeal lost - temporary planning permission granted :

22/00010/ENFNOT | Appeal against Without planning permission, the material change of use of the land to parking commercial vehicles with associated development comprising the laying of hard standing including (but not limited to) gravel, tarmac and stone. | Red Furlong Farm Twyford Road Poundon Buckinghamshire OX27 9BG

b) **Settlement Review**

The questionnaire had been submitted.

c) **Local Plan Questionnaire**

Chair found the scoring system and the terminology confusing and had sought advice from Bucks Council.

Action: BC AM agreed to feed back to Bucks Council

24/23 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

b) **2023-24 Budget/Precept**

The precept application had been submitted.

c) **Internal Audit**

Clerk confirmed that she had booked the internal audit for 19 May.

25/23 Village Hall

It was noted that an electrician had checked the electrics as there was some concern about the high meter readings. Council had been approached by two brokers regarding the electricity supply, Utility-Aid recommended by the National Association of Local Councils and Clear Utility Solutions recommended by Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils. Clear Utility Solutions agreed to contact clerk in June when the market may have dipped to look into a new contract. Utility Aid was pushing to decide now. Council agreed to wait until June before deciding. The information had been sent to the VH committee.

No other information was available.

26/23 Highways and footways

Chair reported that he was meeting the new Local Area Technician on Tuesday 28 Feb to discuss the highways and footway problems which need resolving.

Following a request from the Parish Council for him to visit Stone Road, it was noted that the Bucks Council Member for Highways had reported that there were 7 defect orders in place.

BC AM reported that Bucks Council had been negotiating with HS2 and EWR to make temporary repairs to the local roads and to permanent repairs on completion of the work. A newsletter from the Leader of Bucks Council confirmed that HS2 would be carrying out road repairs in the area. EWR is to fund the permanent repair of 12 roads this year, mostly in the Claydon/Winslow area.

27/23 Speed Watch

a) **Speed watch**

Speed watch still is unable to take place as there are no volunteers.

b) **MVAS**

Clerk is chasing the Community Board for an update on the dates for the installation of the MVAS.

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

It is understood that the SID, supplied by EWR, on the Grendon Road will probably be removed as EWR work is tailing off.

28/23 Street Lighting

a) **Maintenance**

We still are trying to get confirmation from Bucks Council that it is responsible for the street lighting at the Grendon Road and Buckingham Road traffic calmings.

Charles Harris, who oversees the street light maintenance has supplied a specification for approval for the updating of streetlights 7 and 8. He also has suggested that the metal poles should be checked. Councillors agreed to issue the specification for a quote but thought that the poles look to be in a reasonable condition.

Action: Clerk to issue specification

b) Street lighting electricity

The fixed price electricity supply expires in Jan 2024. See 25/23 above relating to electricity supply.

29/23 HS2

Cllr AH reported that HS2 lorries were using Lawn Hill.

Action: Roger Behagg (RB) will report to the HS2 Community Liaison Officer to get the use stopped.

BC AM reported that there is a drop-in session on 28 February between 5 and 8pm in Steeple Claydon Village Hall.

30/23 East West Rail

Nothing to report.

31/23 Community Board and sub-groups

There were no updates. The next meeting is on 8 June.

32/23 Street Furniture

a) Benches

The PCC is happy for the bench to be located outside the village hall.

Council still is waiting for confirmation of when the benches will be installed.

A new Joy McGarry memorial bench has been purchased. Chair had not yet approached Danny McGarry, but it is thought that he will be happy with the replacement. It was noted that the plaque on the old bench would be put onto the new one.

Action: RB will chase EWR through their Social Value team to get the benches installed.

b) Bus Shelter

It was noted that HS2 is looking into replacing the bus shelter roof and into removing the brambles at the pond.

33/23 Quarterly Newsletter

The next quarterly newsletter will be issued at end March/early April.

34/23 King's Coronation

It was agreed:

- that it would be nice to hold something in the village hall but we did not want to clash with any other local events.
- to look into giving commemorative mugs to local children

35/23 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

36/23 Any Other Business

a) New Police Officer

It was noted that a new area police officer, Eleanor Fenemore, has been appointed and it was agreed that the PC would invite her to the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

b) No Expressway: Stop The Arc Group

Concern was expressed that the Arc project still is 'bubbling' away with the newly reconstituted Pan Regional Partnership.

37/23 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meetings will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on:

- Monday 3 April 2023, Parish Council Meeting
- Monday 15 May - Annual Parish Meeting - followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Monday 26 June – Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____

STATUS OF 2022-23 (AND 2020 AWAITING A DECISION) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference	Address	Status
20/02927/APP	Clover Meadow Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Awaiting decision
22/00010/ENFNOT	Red Furlong Farm Twyford Road Poundon Buckinghamshire OX27 9BG	Temporary planning permission granted
22/00059/REF	Land Adj To Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Appeal Dismissed
22/00069/REF	Land To The South Of The FCC Energy From Waste Plant, Edgcott, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0QN, United Kingdom.	Appeal In Progress
22/00117/REF	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Appeal withdrawn
22/00125/REF	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Appeal In Progress
22/00208/CPE	Fox Farm House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Certificate Issued
22/01899/APP	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Awaiting decision
22/01900/ALB	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Awaiting decision
22/03098/APP	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Decided
22/03384/AOP	Littleton Manor Farm Bicester Road North-West Of Waddesdon HP18 OJR	Awaiting decision
23/00412/COUAF	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Bucks OX27 0BJ	Awaiting decision

Appendix 2

Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
09/02/2023	GUPC	Inv 2301: 25% contribution to Prison appeal printing	172.75		101160
		Cancelled			101161
09/02/2023	C Jackman	Leisurebench Ltd: Inv -GB-125815151-2023-100	356.00		101162
09/02/2023	E.on Next	Inv KI-218921ED-000910/02/2023 VH elec 16 Nov 22-31 Jan	119.50		101163
19/02/2023	SSE	Inv 631774536 0064: street lighting 4 Jan - 1 Feb	3.54		DD
23/02/2023	village hall	Contribution to electricity charges		119.50	
24/03/2023	ICO	Information Commission subscription renewal	35.00		DD