

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2020
AT 7.30 pm, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

1/20 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)
 Cllr R Webster
 Cllr B Kay
 Cllr S Gassor
 Cllr D Armstrong

In attendance:

Public 6
 C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

CC Angela Macpherson

2/20 Members Interests

None.

3/20 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th December 2019

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

4/20 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5/20 Planning

17/03317/AOP: Proposed Rural Affordable Housing Scheme, Edgcott Road, Grendon Underwood.

Action: Clerk to write to AVDC supporting the objection submitted by Grendon Underwood Parish Council.

19/04128/APP: New crossover and dropped kerb and convert part of the grassed area to a hard standing area for 2 cars | Parish Hall Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire.

Chair had been liaising with the planners regarding the type of surface and size of the space for the disabled vehicle at the proposed village hall car park.

The status of 2019-20 Planning applications is listed at Appendix 1.

6/20 Finance

a) To note payment of accounts and receipts:

Payments and Income 18 December 2019 - 27 January 2020				
Date	Description\Supplier	Receipt	Payment	Ch No
18/12/2019	AVDC: Planning application 19/04128 (vh car park)	117.00		1036
20/12/2019	SSE Inv 631774536 0011 Street light elec	4.75		DD
20/12/2019	SSE Inv 741775810 0011 Street Light elec	99.14		DD
23/12/2019	Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VH Water & Elec)		129.44	
20/01/2020	E.on VH Elec 2 Oct to 11 Jan 2020	162.95		1037
	Cheque cancelled			1038
20/01/2020	Castle Water: Inv 2436935 1-31 Dec 2020	114.27		1039
27/01/2020	SLCC: part-payment of SLCC membership	53.67		1040
27/01/2020	P Harper: additional No Expressway sign	12.00		1041

b) **Funding for VAS**

There were no updates from Bucks County Council.

c) **Community Speed watch signs**

The Community Speed watch sign already in the possession of the Parish Council will be installed on the Grendon Road. It was agreed to purchase a second sign to be installed on Perry Hill at a cost of £115.

Action: Chair to follow up with Transport for Bucks.

d) **Safety Mirror**

It was agreed to purchase a Safety Mirror to replace the mirror at the junction of Lawn House Lane and Grendon Road at a cost of £93.18.

Action: Clerk to purchase mirror and Chair to organise installation.

7/20 Village Hall

a) **Improvement update**

An overhead projector and screen had been fitted. It was noted that the electricity for this is metered.

Action: Cllr Kay to investigate only having the heating metered and changing the hiring rates to reflect this.

b) **Committee update**

The following were noted:

- Cllr Gassor had circulated the minutes of the recent village hall committee meeting.
- The monthly café continues.
- Next pop-up pub will be held on 16 February.
- A donation from the recent Santa Run will be made, but the amount has not been confirmed.
- It was noted that a resident had been refused a regular booking.

Action: Cllr Armstrong to follow up with the resident.

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

No updates were available.

8/20 Highways and footways

a) **Grendon Road**

It was reported that the responses to the Parish Council letter dated 25 November 2019 have been considered and of the 42 residents to respond 31, are of the view that parking should not be allowed on the land and 11 are in favour of a permanent off road parking area. Eleven of the 31 residents who favoured no parking on the area did say that they would not object if an occasional vehicle needs to park on the land, but only in exceptional circumstances and not just for convenience. Chair read a letter he had drafted to send to residents. It was agreed that Transport for Bucks (TfB) should view the letter before it is issued to residents. It was agreed that it would not be the responsibility of the Parish Council to 'police' the parking.

Action: Chair to send the draft letter to TfB for comment before sending it to residents.

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

Chair had met the Local Area Technician from TfB and had agreed a plan to try to prevent the water flow from Lawn House Lane onto the Grendon Road.

Cllr Armstrong reported that he had hardcore available which could be used to fill the pot holes in the lane. It was agreed that this should wait until after the drainage work had been completed.

TfB confirmed that it would not annex/adopt the lane.

c) **Salt Bin**

It was agreed to purchase a salt bin, to be located near Lawn House Lane, from TfB at a cost of £450 including maintenance. It was noted that an annual charge for the salt would probably be made. It was also noted that volunteers would be required to scatter the salt when needed.

Action: Chair to follow up with TfB.

d) **Perry Hill**

It was noted that water was running off the field on Perry Hill into a pot hole at the bottom of the hill. It was understood that it was the responsibility of the land owner to keep the ditches clear and the responsibility of Tfb to follow up with the land owner.

Action: Chair to follow up with Tfb.

e) **Grendon Road, Grendon Underwood**

It was noted that water was running off the field at the entrance to the Thames Water works. Clerk reported that this was on the agenda for the Grendon Underwood Parish Council meeting the following evening.

9/20 Street Lighting

Clerk had reported the fault with the new light on Perry Hill to the contractor and was awaiting a response.

A resident suggested that the Parish Council liaise with other local Parishes to try to get a better deal with the electricity costs.

10/20 HS2

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

Roger Behagg (RB) and Chair had been looking into traffic numbers but still had not received definite numbers.

It was noted that the vehicle numbers supplied by Cllr Paul Irwin were not recognized by the HS2 Lead Project Officer at BCC.

RB explained his understanding regarding the use of a haul road and that some of the vehicle movements through Edgcott would be during the construction of the haul road. The use of the Woodham Road has not been agreed yet.

Action: Chair is following up with Cllr Irwin.

11/20 East West Rail (EWR)

Chair and RB will be attending a meeting next month for an update.

12/10 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

Chair and RB had attended a meeting in Steeple Claydon but there were no new updates. Objections are still encouraged as it was not known what will happen to the planned one million houses if the Expressway is cancelled.

It was suggested that more local objection groups should be formed.

13/20 Speed watch

It was noted to resume the speed watch sessions again when the weather improves.

Various methods of slowing speeding vehicles were discussed including speed bumps/cushions and getting a 20 mph limit.

Chair was not hopeful of getting the police to carry out a 'proper' speed check and had not received a response from Thames Valley Police.

Action: Chair to chase Alison Mitchell, Customer Relations Officer - Road Safety, TVP for a response to his letter requesting a speed check.

It was agreed to carry out an HGV survey in the hope of getting some lorries re-routed.

14/20 HMP Springhill

It was noted that residents were aware that they may be able to use the prison gym and that small group tours could be arranged.

Action: Clerk to following up with HMP before the next scheduled meeting.

15/20 Aylesbury Vale Lottery

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

16/20 AVDC / BCC Unitary Authority

No updates were available (apart from what is in the media).

17/20 National Tree Week

Clerk had looked into getting a tree licence but had been informed that a licence is not required to plant trees. All that is required is permission from the landowner.

18/20 Parish Council Website

Clerk had started to set up a new website with HugoFox but had been informed that HugoFox might not meet the relevant security requirements. Following further investigation, HugoFox had sent the following message:

“Accessibility is very important to us and we are currently working on a update that will comply with all the new regulations.

Ssl certificates are part of the domain however, we cannot use external ssl certificates we provide our clients with information on a service called cloudflare and help them set up a free ssl certificate through them.

You do not need to worry about our server's they are secure and safe.”

[Note: Further to the meeting Clerk had received the following information from BALC: “..... I can confirm that it is not unusual for the council to organise its own SSL certificate directly, there is a charge of around £40 I think, It is also not necessary for the Parish Council Website to have an SSL as you do not contain personal information or undertake any financial transactions.” Clerk has also confirmed that other Parish Councils are content with HugoFox]

19/20 Social Media

Councillor’s expressed their concern at the following comment made on social media by a resident:

“.....no I was wanting to get on to do something good and represent the parishioners and have personal gains need I say what was given the building work at the VH after a parish councillor amended the quote?”.

Action: Clerk to contact the resident to clarify what is meant and if evidence is available that a Parish Councillor amended a quotation, to let the Parish Council have it so that it can be investigated. If the resident is unable to provide any evidence, the resident will be requested to retract the statement.

20/20 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

Details of emails circulated are at appendix 2.

21/20 VE Day Celebrations

It was noted that members of the village hall committee are working with Grendon Underwood to hold a joint **VE Day celebration**.

22/20 Any Other Business

a) Church Roof

It was noted that some of the lead on the church roof had been stolen. Various security measures to prevent the removal of the remaining lead were discussed. Clerk reported that the Parish Council is unable to make any donations towards the church roof repairs and unlikely to be able to contribute towards the cost of security cameras on neighbouring private properties.

b) Neighbourhood Plan

Clerk to add “Neighbourhood Plan” to the agenda for the next meeting.

23/20 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 9th March 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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

APPENDIX 2

CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED BY EMAIL

AVDC

	Date	From	Subject
i.	14 Jan	Planning	19/03397/ALB Status: Listed Building Consent
ii.	10 Jan		Invitation to Our Vale crowdfunding workshop
iii.	10 Jan		AVDC Licencing - Small Society Lottery
iv.	10 Jan		AVDC - SWEP accommodation
v.	20 Dec	Planning	Planning Application Consultation 19/04128/APP
vi.	30 Dec	Business , Strategy and Support	Ack: 2020/21 Parish Tax Base Information and request for Parish Precept
	21 Jan	Grants and Voluntary Sector Support Officer	Funding available for VE Day celebrations and village halls
	21 Jan	Parish Support	Tree Licence
	21 Jan	Parish Support	AVDC and BCC respond to Milton Keynes Council's 'Milton Keynes Strategy for 2050

Bucks CC

	Date	From	Subject
i.	17 Jan	TfB	Press Release: Strategic Highways Maintenance Team: week commencing 20th January 2020
ii.	16 Jan	Unitary Communications	Draft budget for Buckinghamshire Council
iii.	10 Jan	TfB	Press Release: Strategic Highways Maintenance Team: week commencing 13th January 2020
iv.	10 Jan	Electoral Specialis	Electoral Register Data
v.	3 Jan	Waddesdon LAF	Minutes for Waddesdon Local Area Forum, Tuesday 3/12/19, 7.00 pm
vi.	3 Jan	TfB	Press Release: Strategic Highways Maintenance Team: week commencing 6th January 2020
vii.	23 Dec	Permit Officer	Race for Life - Waddesdon Hill 2020
viii.	30 Dec	Simon Garwood	Community Speedwatch Area Sign
ix.	20 Dec		UPDATED - Latest news: Delivering the new Buckinghamshire Council
x.	18 Dec	Network Improvement Team, TfB	Drainage issues. Marsh Gibbon and Stone Road, Edgcott
xi.	12 Dec		Notification of Local Government Reorganisation
xii.	3 Dec	Martin Tett	Update on community boards for the new Buckinghamshire Council
xiii.	24 Jan	TfB	Strategic Highways Maintenance Team: week commencing 27 Jan 2020

	Date	From	Subject
xiv.	23 Jan		BMERC seminar 2020 - Programme and booking forms
xv.	23 Jan		Draft MK Strategy for 2050 - consultation
xvi.	20 Jan	TfB	Manage Your Speed

BMKALC/AVALC/NALC/BALC

	Date	From	Subject
i.	16 Jan		BMKALC TRAINING SCHEDULE
ii.	9 Jan		Royal Garden Party - 19 May 2020
iii.	19 Dec	NALC	NALC CHAIRMAN'S OPEN LETTER TO ALL COUNCILLORS
iv.	9 Dec		BMKALC - S137 Funding Limit for 2020-202
v.	9 Dec		BMKALC - Repairs to property relating to affairs of the church - December legal update
vi.	24 Jan		VE Day
vii.	24 Jan		JPAG Practitioners Guide survey
viii.	23 Jan		Draft MK Strategy for 2050 - consultation
ix.	20 Jan		NALC Spring Conference 17 march 2020

Others

	Date	From	Subject
i.	15 Jan	CIB	Support available for local communities
ii.	9 Jan	Thames Valley Police	Police Forum 14/0
iii.	5&7 Jan	Clerk to Greatworth and Halse Parish Council	Update on the 'HS2 - the slow train to Old Oak Common' letter
iv.	6 Jan	Cheryl Snudden HS2 Ltd	HS2 Common Design Element Survey
v.	6 Jan	Greg Smith, MP for Buckingham	HS2
vi.	31 Dec	EC Clerk	NEG meeting at Steeple Claydon - January 16 2020
vii.	19 Dec	Buckingham Town Clerk	BTC Community Boards Letter to Martin Tett 20191219.pd
viii.	20 Dec	EWR	EWR2 Project Launch
ix.	17 Dec	Thames Valley Police	Police & Crime Bulletin December 2019
x.	17 Dec	HS2	HS2 - A413 Wendover Bypass
xi.	11 Dec	Robert Secret	Music in Quiet Places
xii.	13 Dec	CIB	Reminder: Community Buildings - Village Halls Week 20-26 Jan2020
xiii.	13 Dec	Eiffage Kier JV – HS2 Team	Eiffage Kier Community Engagement on behalf of HS2
xiv.	21 Jan	Thames Valley Police	Our News Jan 2020 E-Newsletter