

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2022
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

41/22 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)
Cllr R Webster
Cllr B Kay
Cllr A Hawes
Cllr S Gassor

In attendance:

3 Members of the Public
County Cllr Angela Macpherson
C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

None

42/22 Members Interests

None.

43/22 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21 February 2022

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

44/22 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

45/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Adele Peters (AP) and Tracey Sutcliffe (TS), residents present, gave an update on the plans for the Edgcott part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and noted that:

- Marsh Gibbon Silver Band has been booked
- There will be various other entertainment
- Ten individual stalls have been booked who will be asked for voluntary donations to help fund the street party.
- Two raffles will be organized, one having a prize of a shed worth up to £750 (Parish Council agreed to help sell tickets and promote the raffle)
- Food / Bar are being organized
- Tug-of-war (Parish Council was invited to enter a team)
- Arts and Crafts
- Road Closure confirmed
- TS will prepare the Edgcott programme
- The grant application was unsuccessful but it was noted that the event would be self funded
- The organisers will be trying to raise money and will be making a donation to Edgcott Church restoration fund
- It was hoped that households would decorate outside their homes
- More bunting is needed

AP confirmed that the following is in place:

- Insurance
- Risk Assessment
- Health & Safety Policy

The Parish Council agreed to contribute £500 to the joint fund (i.e., Grendon Underwood, Edgcott and Kingswood)

A decision regarding the purchase of mementos (e.g., mugs for the under 18's) would be left until after the joint meeting.

It was noted that invitations to afternoon tea will be sent out by Grendon Underwood, who are the main organisers of the tea, to the 'over 70's' of Edgcott, Grendon Underwood and Kingswood. The tea will be held in Grendon Underwood.

6.25pm AP and TS left the meeting.

46/22 Planning (2021-22 Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

a) Applications

There were no new applications to consider.

b) Approved applications

22/00208/CPE | Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land as garden amenity land | Fox Farm House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR.

c) Refused applications

21/02851/AOP: Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except for access, layout and scale for the construction of a new Category C prison (up to 67,000 sqm GEA) within a secure perimeter fence together with access, parking, landscaping and associated engineering works. HM Prison Grendon, Springhill Road, Grendon Underwood HP18 OTL.

21/04269/COUOS | Determination under Class S of Part 3 of Article 3, Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (Amended) as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport and highways impacts, noise impacts, contamination risks and flood risks, and whether the location or siting of the building makes it otherwise impractical or undesirable for the change of use of an existing agricultural building state funded school falling within Use Class F1 (a) | Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ.

d) Applications awaiting a decision

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.

It was noted that the site had not been occupied since August 2021 and that only 3 empty caravans had been left.

Action: Clerk to enquire with the Planning Officer what the status is with the site

e) Enforcement Notices

APP/J0405/C/22/3291544 and APP/J0405/C/22/329551

Edgcott Parish Council supported the Enforcement Notice served by Buckinghamshire Council on Flannery Ltd on 2nd December 2021 regarding Red Furlong Farm, Poundon.

47/22 Finance

a) Payment and Receipts

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

b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

It was noted that the deadline for submitting the AGAR is Friday 1 July 2022. It also was noted that the internal audit has been booked for 16 May.

c) Clerk Laptop

It was noted that the Clerk is using her own laptop which is getting extremely old.

It was agreed that:

- Clerk should investigate the cost of a new laptop.
- It would not be purchased in conjunction with her other councils but, if necessary, it could be used for them noting that if clerk did resign then the laptop would remain the property of Edgcott Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to look into the cost of a new laptop with the relevant software.

48/22 Potential New Prison

Following the refusal by Buckinghamshire Council's Strategic Sites Planning Committee of the Ministry of Justice's (MoJ) Mega Prison application in Grendon Underwood, Chair circulated an email that he had received from Grendon Underwood Parish Council putting on record their thanks for all the hard work in achieving the refusal of the application.

Chair asked for the Council's thanks to go on record to the following who had worked tirelessly in putting together the objections:

- Greg Smith, MP
- County Councillors Angela Macpherson, Frank Mahon and Michael Rand
- Dr Rod Baker
- The local community.

It was noted that Greg Smith is speaking to the MoJ to emphasise the local feeling and totally inappropriate nature of the site, and is trying to persuade the MoJ not to appeal Bucks Council's decision.

Councillors agreed to remove the 'No Mega Prison Here' posters.

It was noted that an application for the expansion of Springhill is expected soon.

49/22 Village Hall

a) Maintenance

It was noted that:

- The 'slope' will be repaired as soon as the contractor is available.
- The bollard to the car park entrance is difficult to operate, if necessary, it should be lowered for hirers before an event starts.

b) Committee update

Cllr Gassor reported that:

- Dance classes have started.
- The committee will be meeting soon to discuss the way forward with possibly reinstating the café (on a reduced scale) and pop-up pub.

50/22 Highways and footways

a) Cultivation Licences

Council still had not received a response to its request for the legal details of Cultivation Licences.

Action: Clerk to forward letter to CCAM who will ask for a response.

b) TTRO Church Lane

A TTRO for work in Church Lane had been received after the work was scheduled to start.

c) Stone Road

The Stone Road repairs were already starting to fail.

d) Quanton Road / Shipton Lee

Council had written to Bucks Council, with the support of Grendon Underwood Parish Council, complaining about the condition of the Quanton and Shipton Lee Roads but had not received a response.

Action: CC AM agreed to take this up with Head of Highways during the regular meeting with him.

e) Footpaths

Council had received a response to its email regarding blocked footpaths and missing gates from the Area Rights of Way Officer at Bucks Council.

Action: Chair and Cllr RW to follow up further issues with the Area Rights of Way Officer regarding his discussions with HS2.

f) Local Area Technician (LAT) Walkabout

Chair will organise the 'walkabout' with the LAT and at the same time seek his approval for the location of the proposed new dog bin and litter bin at the pond.

g) Pond Area

It was noted that the bench will probably be fitted and the area tidied following a site meeting after Easter.

51/22 Speed Watch

a) Community Speed Watch

Clerk had 'signed-up' to the new Speed watch system and reported that areas where the speed watch can be carried out need to be identified and volunteers need to carry out the on-line training before any sessions can start. Cllr SG volunteered to join the speed watch team.

b) 20's Plenty

Clerk had approached Bucks Council for help to set up a 20mph speed limit through the village but had not received any useful information.

Action: Clerk to continue working to get the information.

c) Liaison with Grendon Underwood Parish Council

Chair reported that he is liaising with GUPC regarding the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID)

52/22 Street Lighting

It was noted that Aylesbury Mains, the council's street light maintenance contractor, has gone out of business. Charles Harris, who volunteered to monitor the street lighting, is looking for a new contractor.

It was noted that Bucks Council has now agreed to add the traffic calming light to their inventory and to repair the faulty light.

53/22 HS2

Roger Behagg (RB) continues to monitor traffic movements through the village. He is pushing HS2, with hopefully the support of Bucks Council, to use the new haul road between the A41 near Hunters Farm and the Steeple Claydon IMD for all traffic and agreed to push for this at one of the HS2 mobile units travelling to Calvert Green, Twyford, and Waddesdon. Cllrs RW and BK expressed an interest in attending one of the mobile units.

54/22 East West Rail

No updates were available.

55/22 Oxford to Cambridge Arc

The campaign group is still active.

It is hoped that any housing need can be met by the local authorities without the major development that an Oxford to Cambridge Arc would bring.

56/22 Community Board

C.Cllr AM reported that Councillors are currently looking at the Community Board organisation.

7.40 C.Cllr AM left the meeting.

57/22 Street Furniture

a) Litter Bin

The new bin will be installed at the bottom of Perry Hill as soon as the contractor is free. Cllr SG confirmed that the spare key had been delivered.

b) Seat Repair

The commemorative bench on Grendon Road is beyond repair. It is hoped to replace it with one of the benches to be supplied by the Community Board.

c) Notice Board

Cllr BK had re-glazed the notice board which now needs a coat of stain.

58/22 Policy Review

It was noted that the following policies were up to date:

- Accessibility

- Code of Conduct
- Complaints Procedure
- Creating Policies
- Data Protection Policy
- Equality Policy
- Expenses Policy
- Financial Regulations
- Freedom of Information
- Grievance and Disciplinary
- Health and Safety
- Planning Response
- Publicity
- Rapid Response Protocol
- Risk Assessment
- Risk Management
- Standing Orders
- Governance and Accountability Regulations
- Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015

Clerk confirmed that the website provider had confirmed that the website accessibility was up to date.

59/22 Litter Pick

It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to 'litter pick' when they are out walking. If necessary, the Parish Council would buy some litter pickers for residents to use. The local scout group will also be approached regarding a litter pick as in previous years.

60/22 Quarterly Newsletter

The quarterly Parish Council newsletter had been printed for distribution.

61/22 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

62/22 Any Other Business

A resident has some spare trees which can be sold for the church.

63/22 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 16 May 2022 in Edgcott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

STATUS OF 2021-22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS (plus those awaiting a decision from 2020)

Reference	Address	Status
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	Approved
20/04204/APP	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 OBJ	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	Refused
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 OBJ	Refused
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
21/02851/AOP	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Refused
21/02977/APP	2 St Michaels Close Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OXL	Approved
21/03055/APP	Avalon Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Refused
21/03284/APP	Red Furlong Farm Twyford Road Poundon Buckinghamshire OX27 9BG	Refused
21/03484/ACL	Land To The South Of The FCC Energy From Waste Plant, Edgcott, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 OQN, United Kingdom.	Certificate Refused
21/04269/COUOS	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 OBJ	Refused
21/04277/APP	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 OBJ	Awaiting decision
21/04631/APP	Avalon Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Approved
22/00208/CPE	Fox Farm House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Certificate Issued

Appendix 2

Date		Description	Payment	Income	Ref
11/01/2022	Bucks Council	Lottery		30.00	
10/01/2022	C Jackman	1/3 of SLCC membership fee	57.00		101114
27/01/2021	Jaydee Living	Order No: 1000005399: Litter bin	437.94		101115
19/02/2022	SSE	Inv 631774536 0052: street lighting 5 Jan - 1 Feb	3.37		DD
19/02/2022	SSE	Inv 741775810 0052: street lighting 5 Jan - 1 Feb	88.46		DD
21/02/2022	Martin Rogers	Wall map admin tubed/communication tubed	19.98		101116
21/02/2022	C Jackman	Clerk / Stationary / Postage 2021-22	113.21		101117
14/03/2022	C Jackman	Signature Flowers: to Steph Kiely thank you for photograph	48.00		101121
14/03/2022	HMRC	Clerk PAYE Jan-Mar 2022	130.40		101122
14/03/2022	C Jackman	Clerk salary Jan- Mar 2022	522.10		101123
19/03/2022	SSE	Inv 631774536 0053: street lighting 1 Feb - 1 Mar	3.37		DD
19/03/2022	SSE	Inv 741775810 0053: street lighting 1 Feb - 1 Mar	88.46		DD
24/03/2022	ICO	GDPR/Data Protection	35.00		DD