

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT 7PM ON MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2020
EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

82/20 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

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

In attendance:

Public 2
C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr D Armstrong

83/20 Members Interests

None.

84/20 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2020

The Council agreed that the minutes of the above meeting were correct, and the Chairman will sign them at the next meeting.

85/20 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

86/20 Planning

a) Planning applications

20/00717/APP: Linden House, Grendon Road, Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN

Following approval of the application, the Parish Council had requested all the paper work through the Freedom of Information (FOI) process.

It was noted that:

- There had been much discussion and communication between the Case Officer and the Agent acting on behalf of the developer as well as between the Case Officer and the Heritage Officer. The advice of the Heritage Officer towards the development changed significantly during these discussions and communications.
- Some objections on the Buckinghamshire County Planning website had been removed following the approval, however, it was thought that this was not unusual.

It was agreed that once all the information had been received and assimilated and if appropriate, a letter expressing the Council's concern regarding the planning process for this particular application would be sent to the Head of the Planning Department and possibly CEO of Buckinghamshire Council, County Councillors and the local Member of Parliament.

It was agreed that Councillors needed to study future planning applications in more detail regarding the size and use of materials.

It was noted that a car port had been erected in a neighbouring property.

Action: Clerk to check the planning conditions.

b) Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

It is not clear how Neighbourhood Plans will fit into the Government's new planning regime. Chair highlighted a report which currently advises that town/parish councils preparing neighbourhood plans should not undertake any public consultation (unless it is exclusively online/web-based with an email or online survey response) for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan until the

Government's restrictions on the public freedom of movement have been lifted. In addition, town/parish councils should not carry out statutory Pre-Submission Consultation and Publicity as it is not considered that the regulatory requirements of consultation and publicity can safely be met. On 7 April 2020 the Government set out that no Neighbourhood Planning Referenda can take place until 6 May 2021.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from Buckinghamshire Council on the way forward for Edgcott possibly preparing its own NP.

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

87/20 Finance

a) To note payment of accounts and receipts:

Income and Payments June / July 2020				
Date	Description\Supplier	Receipt	Payment	Chq
08-Jun	VAHT Invoice 4/2020 - Contribution to VH Utilities	227.13		
07-Jul	Buckinghamshire Council: Lottery deposit	45.00		
23/07/2020	Churches Fire Security Ltd		£74.41	1058
27/06/2020	E.on: Inv H18B457D6D 16 Apr to 16 Jul		£82.74	1059
07/07/2020	Buckinghamshire Council: Lottery deposit			
19/07/2020	SSE Inv: 631774536 0017: Street Lighting 2 Jun - 1 Jul		£4.93	DD
19/07/2020	SSE Inv: 741775810 0017: Street Lighting 2 June - 1 Jul		£103.68	DD
21/08/2020	SSE Inv: 631774536 0018: Street Lighting 3 Jul - 3 Aug		£5.10	DD
21/08/2020	SSE Inv: 741775810 0018: Street Lighting 3 Jul - 3 Aug		£113.67	DD

b) **Funding for VAS**

No updates were available.

Action: Clerk to retain VAS funding on meeting agenda.

c) **S106**

i) **Planning Application 07/01493/APP: Land adjacent to Manor Farm Main Street, Poundon**

It was noted that this S106 allocation had been awarded to Twyford towards its pavilion.

ii) **Planning Application 20/01507/AOP: Home Farm, Stratton Audley Road, Poundon**

There were no updates on planning application 20/01507/AOP.

88/20 Village Hall

a) **Improvement update**

i) **Car Park**

J & S Construction had confirmed that their quotation will be valid for 6 months. An application for funding had been made to HS2 with a decision expected in September.

b) **Committee update**

Cllr Gassor confirmed that the lady who runs the café would not be returning once the lockdown has ended. Cllr Gassor suggested that a way forward might be for committee members to run a monthly café.

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

No updates were available but it had been noted that there was some recent activity. VAHT continue to pay the utility bills.

d) **Fire Safety Inspection**

The Fire Safety Inspection had taken place and a certificate displayed in the village hall.

e) **Bookings**

At a recent meeting Cllr Armstrong reported that a resident had been unable to make a regular booking in the hall but had not confirmed the details.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Armstrong.

89/20 Highways and footways

a) 'Walk-about'

Chair had had a 'walk-about' with the Local Area Technician (LAT) from Transport from Bucks (TfB) and had emailed Councillors the following report:

- *"The LAT is unwilling to carry out the tarmac work in Lawn House Lane as Bucks Council may then be deemed to be the owners of the Lane.*
- *Remove the loose stones from the holes just beyond the drainage channel in Lawn House Lane and fill with the bags of tarmac to be left by the LAT.*
- *The stones removed from the holes could be used to fill up some of the holes further up the lane. Chair is happy to oversee this work as the LAT says that the tarmac is ready made, quick drying and easy to lay.*
- *Identify a volunteer or volunteers to keep a check on the drainage channel in Lawn House Lane, and the outlet from the lane into the ditch, and sweep out any loose stone and other debris that are washed into these areas.*
- *Confirm the ownership of the field adjacent to the one owned by the prison and discuss clearance of the ditch with them to try and avoid flooding of the footpath during the winter months.*
- *Identify volunteers to keep a check on the drains and ditches in the whole village and where appropriate and safe to do so, the volunteers to keep these areas in good order; e.g. clearing away small branches, debris which might cause a blockage. Such events can happen on a regular basis and it is clear that the Council cannot be expected to carry out the regular checks that are required to keep the drains in full working order all the time.*
- *Rod Baker already keeps a check on the drains near to his house and will continue to do so. He has also volunteered to carry out such checks and clearance on the drains from outside Lower Farm down to the Prison gates."*

b) Drainage work

Rod Baker had discussed the ditch area, where it runs under the footpath going towards the Prison gates, with the owners of the paddock opposite Lower Farm. They have volunteered to help him clear it in early autumn although it is not their ditch. This work should help the flow of water in the ditch ready for the winter rains.

It was noted that other outstanding work will be completed by TfB during this Financial Year, subject to available funds, but work on Stone Road and Church Lane will be dealt with during the next Financial Year.

c) Speed watch

Clerk had been advised that Thames Valley Police have cancelled all Sentinel Camera work until further notice.

It was noted that speeding in the village is getting worse.

Action: Chair to write to Thames Valley Police regarding the speeding.

d) HGV Survey

It was agreed to book the 'tubing' survey for the 2nd week in September.

The HGV survey did not take place in July as it was noted that the number of lorries had substantially reduced. It was agreed to wait until they had increased again.

Action: Clerk to book the tubing survey for the 2nd week in September

e) Accidents

It was noted that:

- i) high-sided lorries are knocking branches off trees, leaving them in the road causing an obstruction.
- ii) An accident had taken place on the junction of Lawn House Lane and Grendon Road.

Action: Chair to remind LAT of the trees

f) Parent and Child signs

Chair had asked the LAT who had erected the freestanding parent and child warning signs and is awaiting a response.

g) Hedges

It was noted that some of the hedges on both sides of **Stone Road** from the bus shelter to the chicken farm are overhanging the road and need cutting back.

The hedge on the path from the village hall to the junction of Buckingham Road and Stone Road has brambles which need to be removed.

Action: Clerk to follow up

h) **Grendon Road Parking**

The continued parking along the Grendon Road is still causing residents concern.

Action: Chair to inform LAT of the continued parking and refer to his original letter for action

i) **Fly tipping**

It was noted that rubbish had been dumped along Shipton Lee and Marsh Gibbon Road.

Action: Cllr Gassor to put a note on Facebook informing residents that they can report fly tipping on the Buckinghamshire Council website.

90/20 Street Lighting

No street lighting problems had been reported.

91/20 HS2

Final HS2 vehicle numbers still have not been published, although the peak number currently predicted will be 72 HGV's per day (i.e. 36 each way).

It was noted that the Section 17 planning application deadline has been extended by 2 weeks.

92/20 East West Rail (EWR)

No updates were available.

93/20 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

No updates on the Expressway were available, but it was noted that some road improvements in Oxfordshire had been approved.

It was reported that one of the No Expressway signs had fallen over.

Action: Chair to write to the No Expressway Action Group for an update on their work and he will also reposition the sign which had fallen over.

94/20 Aylesbury Vale Lottery

The lottery continues to generate funds.

95/20 Buckinghamshire Council

No updates were available.

96/20 Community Board

Chair attended the on-line meeting of the first Community Board, which set its priorities for the short-medium term. Following the meeting Roger Behagg agreed to sit on the Freight Steering sub-group and Chair agreed to sit on the Speeding (incorporating Community Speed watch/speeding issues/Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders and their impact on local communities) sub-group.

97/20 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

All correspondence, circulars and consultations had been forwarded to councillors by email. Details of emails circulated are at appendix 2.

98/20 Coronavirus update

It was noted that the food bank collections are taking place weekly.

99/20 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village hall (or on the lawn if the lockdown is still in place) at 6pm on Monday 21 September.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

STATUS OF 2019/20 PLANNING

Reference	Address	Status
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	Consent Granted
19/03436/APP	Perry Manor Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TS	Approved
19/03834/APP	Perry Manor Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TS	Approved
19/04128/APP	Parish Hall Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Approved
20/00717/APP	Linden House Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Approved

APPENDIX 2**CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED BY EMAIL****Buckinghamshire Council**

Date / From	Subject
10 Aug	Communications
7 Aug	Information Management Team
Various	Permit Officer
6 Aug	Communications
4 Aug	Community Board
3 Aug	Communications
27 July	Communications
23 July	Communications
22 July	News
22 July	Communications
20 Jul	Aylesbury Hub Support for Covid 19 Communities Officer
20 Jul	Parks & Green Infrastructure Officer Communities Directorate
17 July	Planning
15 July	Lead Project Officer HS2 Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Planning, Growth & Sustainability
13 July	Communications

BMKALC/AVALC/NALC/BALC

Date / From	Subject
-------------	---------

5 Aug	BMKALC	Buckinghamshire Business Grants
22 Jul	BMKALC	BMKALC UPDATED EVENT SCHEDULE
16 Jul	BMKALC	CORONAVIRUS — INFORMATION FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

Others

Date / From		Subject
10 Aug	oneill homer	(Neighbourhood) Planning for the Future
7 Aug	CIB	Community Buildings - ACRE Information Face Coverings
7 Aug	South Central Ambulance Service	Public Governor Elections - South Central Ambulance Service
7 Aug	CIB	Invitation to Community Buildings Zoom session - 14th August
7 Aug	Bob Evans	Re: High Speed 2 Ref: HS2-20-41557-E Enquiry Received Date: 18/06/2020 SRM:051800819
6 Aug	CIB	COVID-19 Briefing #61: COVID-19 State of the Sector Survey, learning opportunities & #FundAlerts
4 Aug	20's Plenty for Us Campaign Manager	So You Want Children to Go Out? Make built up streets 20mph limited
4 Aug	ERTA Chairman	ertarail ERTA Great Central Corridor Re-Railing Call Pamphlet
28 July	20's Plenty for Us Campaign Manager	20's Plenty for Us 20mph Campaigner update July 2020
27 July	EWR Alliance	East West Rail Phase 2 Project Newsletter - July 2020
27 July	CIB	ACRE guidance on cleaning halls between bookings
28 July	Clerk, Waddesdon PC	Notification that Thames Valley Police have cancelled Speedwatch programme for the time being
22 July	Churches Fire	Churchesfire Certificate SO20-006083 for PLAN-EXT at Edgcott Village Hall
21 July	CIB	Latest ACRE guidance for Community Buildings
14 July	CIB	Community Buildings Zoom Session 1 - 2nd July - follow up information