

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

1/24 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr B Kay

Cllr S Gassor

Cllr Angela Hawes

In attendance:

C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

Unitary Councillor Angela Macpherson

2/24 Members Interests

None.

3/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 December 2023

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 December 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4/24 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5/24 Planning (2022-23 Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

a) Applications

23/03875/APP: Development of a battery energy storage system (BESS), connected directly to the national Grid with associated infrastructure including access, drainage and landscaping | Rookery Farm Granborough Buckinghamshire MK18 3NJ.

Decision: Object.

Action: Chair to draft an objection to this application for submission to Bucks Council by the deadline of 9 February.

b) Appeals

MOJ APPEAL AGAINST BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL REF: T 22/00125/REF: *To receive update*

Following further submissions and extensions to the submission deadline, it still is expected that the Secretary of State will make his decision on or before 30 January.

22/03098/APP Appeal Ref: 23/00079/REF Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J0405/W/23/3332664

Site Address: Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire

Proposal: 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) Appeal by: Prideaux Planners Ltd.

It was noted that:

- The Appeal Hearing will be held on 24 January and a site visit will be held on 25 January.
- Bucks Council had submitted a Statement onto the Planning Portal.

22/00069/REF | Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed temporary site compound comprising welfare and office units, car parking, storage areas, internal access roads, security area, a communications mast and an associated drainage feature. | Land To The South Of The FCC Energy From Waste Plant, Edgcott, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0QN, United Kingdom.

Appeal allowed.

- c) **Approved application**
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.
- d) **Refused application:**
23/03549/COUAF | Determination under Class R of Part 3 of 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 for the change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible commercial use in Use Class B8 (Storage or Distribution) | Perry Hill Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TS.
- e) **Rosefield Solar Farm**
It was noted that the Parish Council had submitted its comments to the Rosefield Scoping Report.
The Solar Action Group had asked for as much publicity as possible and for information to be put onto Facebook and WhatsApp.

6/24 Finance

- a) **Payment and Receipts**
Payments of accounts and receipts at **Appendix 2** were noted.
- b) **To approve 2024-25 Precept and budget**
Councillors approved the 2024-2025 budget and set a precept of £10,750.
Action: Clerk to send the precept request to Bucks Council.

7/24 Village Hall

- a) **Damp in Kitchen**
A revised quotation to resolve the damp in the kitchen is in hand.
Action: Chair to apply to the Community Board for funding towards the repairs.
- b) **Committee Report**
Cllr Gassor reported the following:
- A Bacon Butty with mince pies morning was held on 12 December, although enjoyable was poorly attended.
 - Further Bacon Butty mornings are planned for the first Tuesday of each month.
 - A bingo event is planned for the afternoon of 24 February.
 - Father Christmas stopped for mince pies.
 - A push, advertising the availability of the hall will be made.
- c) **Path**
It was noted that the footpath from the car park to the village hall needs cleaning.
Action: Clerk to enquire what chemical application can be used and Cllr SG to consider jet washing the path.
- d) **Smart Meter**
It was noted that an electricity smart meter will be fitted by the new supplier in March. A meter reading was sent to both the old and new suppliers on 19 December 2023.

8/24 Highways and footways

Chair reported that the Local Area Technician had placed a works order to clean out the gulleys along Grendon Road and the pond, but the work had not been completed and it was unclear when it would be carried out and what area would be included.
It was noted that some of the public footpaths adjacent to the Quinton Road were not fully passable.

9/24 Speedwatch

- a) **Speedwatch**
It was noted that the police are pushing for more uptake of the speedwatch sessions.

b) **MVAS Perry Hill**

It was noted that the MVAS on Perry Hill was not working properly.

Action: Clerk to report to Bucks Council.

c) **Speed Limits**

It was noted that more villages are trying to get a 20mph speed limit.

10/24 Street Lighting

A faulty street light in Leonards Close had been reported to our contractor.

11/24 HS2

It was noted that:

- HS2 had removed the asbestos from the bus shelter roof.
- A local contractor will complete the remaining work when weather permits.

12/24 Community Board and sub-groups

a) **Board Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 30 January. Unfortunately, no one is available to attend.

b) **Flood Risk Working Group**

The chair of the Flood Risk Working Group had sent an email:

- Apologising for not being in touch recently.
- Had had discussions with Bucks Council who had informed him that there was very little funding available.
- Was preparing a draft of the way forward which he would issue when complete.

13/24 Street Furniture/Pond area

a) **Bench**

No updates were available.

14/24 Quarterly Newsletter

Chair thanked Cllr SG for preparing the recent newsletter and noted that the next one would be issued in March just before Easter.

15/24 Waddesdon Freight Zone

It was noted that Bucks Council is proposing a Waddesdon Freight Zone to the south of the A41 and a consultation period is running until 17th February.

Action: Chair will attend a presentation on 17 January and will draft a response pushing for the north of the A41 to be included and asking to keep the HS2 access road from Fleet Marston to Steeple Claydon open once HS2 has left the area.

16/24 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

17/24 Any Other Business

None.

18/24 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 26 February 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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 HP18 OTA | Awaiting decision |
| 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 | Refused |
| 22/03384/AOP | Littleton Manor Farm Bicester Road North-West Of Waddesdon HP18 OJR | Awaiting decision |
| 23/00079/REF | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott | Appeal In Progress |
| 23/00274/APP | Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL | Approved |
| 23/00412/COUAF | Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 OBJ | Refused |
| 23/00529/APP | Land From The South West Of Quainton To The North Of Grendon Underwood Doddershall Quainton Buckinghamshire | Awaiting decision |
| 23/01151/APP | Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL | Approved |
| 23/02098/APP | St Michaels Church Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire | Approved |
| 23/02099/COUAR | Barn To The North Of The Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN | Refused |
| 23/03233/PIP | Lea House Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTT | Awaiting decision |
| 23/03549/COUAF | Perry Hill Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTS | Refused |
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Appendix 2

| Income and Receipts | | | | | |
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| Date | Description | | Payment | Income | Ref |
| 11/12/2023 | Eon | Inv KI-218921ED-0015: VH elec 1 Sept to 30 Nov | 269.49 | | 101190 |
| 11/12/2023 | C Jackman | Clerk Salary - Oct-Dec including back pay to 1 Apr 23 | 717.17 | | 101191 |
| 11/12/2023 | HMRC | Clerk PAYE - Oct-Dec including back pay to 1 Apr 23 | 179.20 | | 101192 |
| 12/12/2024 | Bucks Council | Lottery | | 33.50 | |
| 04/01/1900 | Bucks Council | Lottery | | 34.00 | |
| 14/01/2024 | SSE | Inv IV00177999: street lighting electricity 1 Nov 23 - 30 Nov 23 | 84.67 | | DD |
| 15/01/2024 | Hugo Fox | Inv 3958: Website monthly payment | 11.99 | | 101193 |
| 15/01/2024 | C Jackman | Clerk expenses: SLCC 1/3 payment / Gift | 88.00 | | 101194 |