

**EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF 'VIRTUAL' MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD**  
**AT 6PM ON MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021**

(The meeting was held in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations") 4 April 2020)

**21/21 Attendance and apologies**

**Attendance:**

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

**In attendance:**

CC Angela Macpherson  
Cllr K Maloney, Chair GU Parish Council  
Cllr A Benfield, GUPC  
Members of the Public  
C Jackman (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

None

**OPEN FORUM**

Chair welcomed those present and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded.

Cllr Maloney thanked the Parish Council for its continued support in opposing the proposed new prison at Grendon Underwood and the work now being undertaken in preparing objections should the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) submit a planning application.

**22/21 Members Interests**

None.

**23/21 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25 January 2021**

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

**24/21 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**25/21 Planning**

**a) Planning applications**

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

The Council has submitted further questions and has been informed that the complaint has now been escalated to Stage 2 of the Council's complaints process and we should receive a response by 7 April.

**Appeal Ref: APP/J0405/W/20/3255772: Appeal refused.** Land at Edgcott Road, Grendon Underwood HP18 0TQ. •The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant outline planning permission. •The appeal is made by Hamlin Estates Limited against the decision of Aylesbury Vale District Council. •The application Ref 17/03317/AOP, dated 25 August 2017, was refused by notice dated 27 March 2020. •The development proposed is

described as “an outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for a residential development for up to 65 dwellings. 100% affordable housing to be provided”.

The status of 2020 Planning applications is listed at Appendix 1.

## 26/21 Finance

a) To note payment of accounts and receipts (Council approved the one-off ZOOM payment):

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## 27/21 Potential New Prison

Chair reported that the consultation period ended on 5 February with over 3700 submissions, of which 1000 were from Buckinghamshire. He added that it was unclear why a planning application had not been submitted but noted that there had been some personnel changes at the MoJ. Chair thanked Rod Baker (RB) for all his hard work and RB then went on to outline the background work he and others were undertaking to be ready to counter the planning application if/when it is submitted:

- He had prepared a table countering all the MoJ claims.
- The VALP had been reviewed.
- The Edgcott/GU working group were looking at why the prison is to be built at Grendon.
- Freedom of Information Requests have been submitted to the MoJ.
- Photographs had been taken from where the potential prison could be seen.
- Photographs had been taken of wildlife.
- The Edgcott/GU working group were looking at the impact of light and noise on wildlife.
- The Edgcott/GU working group were looking at the impact on listed buildings.
- The Edgcott/GU working group were tracking historical features – reservoirs / water pipes / sewerage pipes etc.

CLlr AM suggested looking at the HS2 Ecology Survey. It also was suggested that the Ecology Survey for the Energy from Waste Plant might be a useful document to review. There was also some useful information in the inspector's report of refusal on appeal of the Edgcott Road, Grendon Underwood, proposal to build upto 65 houses.

RB went on to say that when the planning application is submitted we will be ready to submit our objections. He also noted that a flyer is in the final stages of preparation to get as many people as

possible to object, and to give guidance to the objection process.

## **28/21 Village Hall**

### **a) Improvement update (Car Park)**

The building work for the car park is finished. A disabled parking sign needs to be installed. Following a discussion, it was agreed not to put a chain across the car park but to review the car parking nearer the time when the village hall will be open again.

### **b) Committee update**

The committee continue to meet fortnightly. It was hoped that we would be able to use the hall for our next Parish Council meeting on 12 April.

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

It was noted that VAHT had:

- widened the paved area in front of the village hall giving better access for wheelchair users;
- had paved the area behind the hall;
- will professionally clean the hall on 16 March.

## **29/21 Highways and footways**

### **a) Outstanding work**

Chair reported that the Local Area Technician (LAT) is aware of the outstanding work in Grendon and Buckingham Road and Perry Hill, but huge demands have been placed on him during the recent flooding.

**Action: Chair to arrange a 'walk about' with the LAT.**

### **b) Local Roads**

Cllr Kay reported that following his letter to the LAT regarding the condition of the Quainton Road, the LAT had confirmed that it was in an appalling state. It was noted that Stone Road (including the verges), Church Lane, and Dunmead Road all need repair. CC AM confirmed that there are no funds for full road re-surfacing but that there is funding for some "patching" to be carried out. She also reported that Bucks Council is putting pressure on HS2 to make improvements on the Quainton Road and had approved funding to clear all gullies in the County.

It was noted that a manhole cover had been displaced near the chicken farm.

**Action: Chair to investigate resolution of the manhole cover problem.**

## **30/21 Speed watch /HGV's**

### **a) Sentinel Camera**

It is still Thames Valley Police (TVP) current policy not to allow the use of the Sentinel camera. It was noted that Edgcott Parish Council is on the waiting list to use the camera as soon as the policy changes to allow its use.

### **b) 20's Plenty Campaign:**

The 20's plenty campaign to try to get a speed reduction through the village is on-going. It was noted that this needs to be backed up by enforcement and that the Council is liaising with the local police to get them to carry out a speed camera session.

### **c) HGV's**

Council had been advised not to carry out a 'manual' HGV survey until the COVID restrictions are lifted.

Clerk had asked for the tubing exercise to be carried out on Grendon Road but had not received a date.

### **d) Temporary Signs**

It was noted that temporary 'SLOW' traffic signs had been erected along Grendon Road.

## **31/21 Street Lighting**

Chair reported that the lanterns in Church Lane and at the junction of Lawn House Lane and Grendon Road had been replaced with LED's and again thanked Charles Harris for his continued support with this work.

**32/21 HS2**

Roger Behagg (RBe) reported that he receives a fortnightly HGV monitoring report from EKFB, who he believes are making a difference to the traffic problems. He noted that HS2 EWR are considering asking its operatives to stick to 20mph through the villages in the hope that this also would make a difference.

**33/21 EWR**

RBe reported that EWR is a much bigger problem than HS2, but now do seem to be taking complaints much more seriously. He urged residents to complain if they thought HGV's were contravening traffic regulations. He also noted that all EWR and HS2 vehicles should have identifying signs.

EWR is considering funding 'smiley face' speed signs.

**34/21 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**

No updates were available, however it was noted that a campaign should be started should housing be considered. CC AM noted that Buckinghamshire Council is against any housing but that neighboring authorities 'have an appetite for growth'. She also noted that the Bucks Plan needs to be ready by 2025 and needs to identify brown field sites.

**35/21 Buckinghamshire Vale Lottery**

The lottery continues to generate funds.

**36/21 Community Board**

The next community board meeting is on the 18 March.

**37/21 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations**

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

**38/21 Coronavirus update**

It was noted that lockdown will be lifted on 21 June 2021 at the earliest.

**39/21 Any Other Business**

Chair answered the Chat Box questions – see appendix 3.

**40/21 Date, time and venue of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 12 April 2021.

**The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.**

**Signed (Chairman)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## STATUS OF 2020-2021 PLANNING

Reference	Address	Status
20/00717/APP	Linden House Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Approved
20/02927/APP	Clover Meadow Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TA	Awaiting decision
20/03142/ALB	Lower Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Consent Granted
20/03415/APP	Regency House Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Awaiting decision
20/04357/ALB	Lower Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Consent Granted
20/04382/APP	Land Adj To Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TR	Awaiting decision

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## Appendix 3

## QUESTIONS (COPIED FROM THE CHAT BOX) / ANSWERS

18:01:17 From andyb to Everyone : happy birthday Steff

18:05:44 From Steph to Everyone : apologies my internet dropped

18:06:04 From angela macpherson to Everyone : terrible connection everyone is frozen!!

18:08:08 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : What's the issue with that planning

**A:** Issues are various, in particular the Heritage Officer originally gave a damning report against the application but three months later had approved everything. The double garage is in front of the boundary – previous applications have been refused.

18:37:37 From angela macpherson to Everyone : have you applied to the community board for another sentinel?

**A:** Chair will follow up with Secretary of Community Board.

18:38:20 From Esther to Everyone : I would like to thank Angela and Colin for being so responsive in my request for signs to slow down traffic !!! signs arrived and seem to have made a difference 😊

18:40:01 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : It makes sense to keep moving the signs on a bi daily basis

18:40:08 From angela macpherson to Everyone : very pleased to hear that Esther

18:43:19 From Esther to Everyone : would we be able to have a chicane / road narrowing in Grendon road as per the one in Grendon Main Street? their one has a drive way right next to it ... could the HS2 fund consider this ?

**A:** Chair explained that previously chicanes in front of driveways have not been allowed.

The vision splay either side might not be long enough.

18:44:52 From angela macpherson to Everyone : a bid to the HS2 fund would have to be submitted. it is already oversubscribed. the scheme would have to demonstrate a 'legacy' benefit

18:46:48 From Esther to Everyone : clarks hauliers are EWR and they are through here a lot

18:47:26 From Esther to Everyone : and many HGVs come through with their signs turned so that you can't see HS2 in their window

**A:** All information gathered during the HGV survey will be sent to the Strategic Freight Officer at Bucks Council. All HS2 and EWR vehicles should have identifiers – any found not – “3 strikes and they are out”

18:48:54 From Carole Jackman to angela macpherson(Direct Message) : We have made a EOI - my understanding is we don't have to submit another application.

18:50:24 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : Just as well we have grass verges that residents can park on whilst we have these vehicles dying through the village as its legal to park on them this will be safer for residents

**A:** Parking on the grass verges has been taken into account – others think that parking on the road is good for traffic calming.

18:52:12 From angela macpherson to Everyone : community board is next Thursday 18th at 7

18:52:26 From Esther to Everyone : To Angela- with the changes to ways of working globally- is there a discussion going on about re purposing large buildings in city centres to meet housing targets instead of building new houses either on brown or green belt land ?

18:52:50 From angela macpherson to Everyone : esther . in short. yes!

18:53:14 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : yes

18:53:28 From Roger Behagg to Everyone : I'd like to ask a question about the marquee

RBe reported (verbally) that he had been embarrassed by an approach by the owner of the marquee who said that he had evidence that the Parish Council had complained to Buckinghamshire Council about the marquee. RBe had responded to the owner that he thought that the Parish Council had not complained.

**A:** Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had not complained to Bucks Council but had sought advice.

[Clerk's note – background: Several parishioners, who did not want to approach the marquee owner, had complained to the Parish Council about the erection of the marquee, the length of time it had been in place, and all the 'stuff' surrounding it. Clerk had approached Bucks Council for advice and on 11 Nov 20 received the following: *"If the marquee is located on parish land then certain permitted development rights (PD) would cover this structure. The marquee generally being a temporary structure wouldn't be classed as development so not necessary require permission. In this term the use of temporary is for 28 days. I would suspect if the structure is to remain longer than 28 days then some sort of permission would be required."* On 1 Jan 21 the clerk completed an on-line "Planning Investigation Request Form", on 2 Mar 21 she received an email informing her that the owner is working on a planning application.]

18:54:54 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : Cheers Peter, they do what they like anyway

18:57:18 From Esther to Everyone : but it is in Grendon?

18:57:27 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : With the potential many visitors after lockdown there will be many more vehicles on the roads and parking on them. The grass verges can be used legally and its not illegal. Please see the attached photos of information sent to me from highways to show this is correct and if any one complains then they have the answer in them

18:57:29 From Esther to Everyone : opposite my house ?

18:58:28 From Esther to Everyone : opposite Linden house ?

18:58:34 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : There are no Bylaws on any of the grass verges in Edgcott so that does not come in to it

18:59:34 From angela macpherson to Carole Jackman(Direct Message) : not sure . might be worth checking it's properly in the system. officer leading n this is jusith.wainwright@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

18:59:59 From angela macpherson to Carole Jackman(Direct Message) : sorry Judith....

19:00:22 From angela macpherson to Carole Jackman(Direct Message) : wainwright! it's been a long day!!!

19:10:08 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : So a complaint then!

19:11:21 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : Why not the PC write to them and explain their opinions during COVID19 would make sense

19:11:31 From angela macpherson to Everyone : apologies need to leave now. good to see you all

19:13:27 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : Read the photos attached then BOB they are there in black and white !!!!!!!!

19:13:37 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : Click on the open on the images

19:13:41 From Esther to Everyone : no that's in relation to the chicanes - how about in front of my house or linden house ?

19:13:48 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : Thanks Peter

19:15:51 From christophersutcliffe to Everyone : Peter can you please email me to confirm that you the PC have actually read them