

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2023
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

129/23 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)

2 Members of the Public

Apologies:

Unitary Councillors Angela Macpherson, Frank Mahon and Michael Rand

130/23 Members Interests

None.

131/23 Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 7 August 2023

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 August were approved and signed by the Chairman.

132/23 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

133/23 Planning (2021-23 Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

a) **Appeal**

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

It was noted that the decision from the Secretary of State should be received on or before 8 November 2023. It was not known why there had been a delay.

b) **Applications refused by Bucks Council**

22/03098/APP | Change of use of land for the creation of 4no Gypsy/Traveller Pitches for residential use, including the siting of 4no mobile homes, 4no touring caravans and the erection of a dayroom (Retrospective) | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott, Buckinghamshire.

23/02099/COUAR | Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of an agricultural building into one dwellinghouse (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b). | Barn To The North Of Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN.

c) **Application approved by Bucks Council**

23/01151/APP | Erection of 41 accommodation units and ancillary facilities at HMP Springhill | Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 0TL.

d) **Rosefield Solar Farm**

Rosefield Solar Farm is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage, on land surrounding East, Steeple and Middle Claydon and Calvert Green covering approximately 800 hectares (2000 acres).

Plans for this new solar farm with battery storage in Buckinghamshire, have been unveiled by EDF Renewables UK and PS Renewables. Located on land owned by Claydon Estates, Rosefield Solar Farm is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because its generating capacity will be over 50MW.

Concern was expressed at the size of the proposed development, the impact on local lives and

businesses and the loss of farm land.

It was noted that Greg Smith, MP, opposed the plans and Councillors agreed to support any objections to the proposal.

Details of early plans for the scheme will be published for consultation on Thursday 28 September 2023. The “consultation” will run for six weeks.

The size of this development means RSF will apply for a type of planning consent called a Development Consent Order (DCO), which is decided by the government. Consultation forms a key part of the DCO process, both before RSF submit the application and as part of the examination process.

134/23 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

b) **Website Charges**

HugoFox, our website provider, is no longer free of charge. Councillors agreed to continue using HugoFox and accept their bronze package for £9.99+VAT per month.

Action: Clerk to liaise with HugoFox to set up the new package.

135/23 Village Hall

a) **Damp in Kitchen**

It was noted that:

- we would not be able to dig earth away from the kitchen wall and build a retaining wall on the land adjoining the village hall.
- Removal and replacement of the existing cupboards to enable the damp-proof work to be carried out would cost approximately £1,600. This did not include a sum for the replacement of the kitchen units should they become damaged during the work.
- There are funds available should the purchase of new units be needed.

Action: Clerk to check where the village hall boundary is.

b) **Annual Fire Safety Inspection**

Chair reported that the annual fire safety inspection had been arranged.

c) **Committee Report**

Cllr Gassor reported that:

- A meeting had been held earlier.
- The bacon-buttie morning held on 5 September was well supported and broke even. The next one will be on 3 October.
- The electricity meter had been checked by E.on and no issues found. To have a more thorough check would be costly and as it had been agreed to move to Valda it was thought unnecessary.
- The problem with the automatic light in the gents toilet had been resolved.

136/23 Highways and footways

Chair reported that:

- Bucks Council would carry out two cuts per year with additional cuts at vision splays and overhanging footpaths as necessary.
- The only large area in the village not cut by residents is at the pond.

The additional road works through Grendon Underwood towards the prison was queried.

Action: Chair to write to Chair of Grendon Underwood Parish Council to enquire if GUPC know the reason for the extra work.

137/23 Speedwatch

a) **MVAS**

The MVAS installed in Grendon Road has been moved close to the Pond. It was noted that a resident in Grendon Road was disappointed that it had been moved. Previously, another resident had complained that it could be seen from her house.

Action: Clerk to:

- **Contact Truvelo to check that they have sent the correct instructions to enable the information from the MVAS to be downloaded.**
- **Chase GUPC for a response to the email sent in August.**

b) **20 mph**

It was noted that:

- more and more roads in Oxfordshire are becoming 20 mph.
- following 2 road surveys, Edgcott PC was advised by Bucks Council that it would be a waste of time to try to get 20 mph through the village.
- Unitary Cllr Peter Cooper, with the support of some parishes, is pushing for 20 mph to be introduced in some areas.

138/23 Street Lighting

The current street lighting supply contract expires in January 2024. Due to the volatility of the markets, it was agreed to wait until nearer the date before making a decision on a new supplier.

139/23 HS2

It was noted that Hanson lorries were coming through the village in convoys.

Action: Roger Behagg agreed to report this to the relevant person.

140/23 East West Rail (EWR)

No updates were available.

141/23 Community Board and sub-groups

a) **Cluster Meeting**

Chair had attended the Cluster Meeting on 30 August which was very poorly attended, with only two other Parish Councils represented.

b) **Board Meeting**

Chair attended the Community Board meeting in Chearsley on 14 September, the attendance of which was heavily based on the area around Haddenham. The meeting promoted mainly the foodbank, Christmas meals and presents. The next meeting will be held in Waddesdon on 30 November.

142/23 Street Furniture/Pond area

a) **The Pond**

Work around the pond is still needed.

b) **Bus Shelter**

A quote for the materials and labour for the repair of the bus shelter had been forwarded to HS2 and the funding had been received.

It was noted that pictures of the finished project need to be sent to HS2.

Action: Cllr BK and Roger Behagg to liaise with the contractor and HS2 respectively to arrange for the agreed work to be carried out.

c) **Benches**

Chair agreed to stain the new benches when weather permits.

143/23 Quarterly Newsletter

It was agreed that the next newsletter would be issued at the end of November / early December.

144/23 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

145/23 Any Other Business

a) **Buckingham Road Hedge**

Cllr Gassor agreed to report to FixMyStreet that the Buckingham Road hedge needed cutting back.

146/23 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 30 October 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____

STATUS OF 2022-23 (AND 2020 AWAITING A DECISION) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference	Address	Status
22/00069/REF	Land To The South Of The FCC Energy From Waste Plant, Edgcott, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0QN, United Kingdom.	Appeal In Progress
22/00117/REF	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Appeal withdrawn
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 0JR	Awaiting decision
23/00274/APP	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Awaiting decision
23/00412/COUAF	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ	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	Awaiting decision
23/02099/COUAR	Barn To The North Of The Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Refused

Appendix 2

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
10/08/2023	EKFS (HS2)	Contribution towards Stone Road bus shelter repairs		1419.19	
15/08/2023	Bucks Council	Lottery		42.50	
19/08/2023	SSE	Inv 631774536 0070: street light elec4 July to 1 Aug	3.58		DD
19/08/2023	SSE	Inv 741775810 0086: street light elec 4 July to 1 Aug	78.05		DD
21/08/2023	HMRC	VAT Refund		1432.23	
09/09/2023	E.on Next	Inv KI-218921ED-0014	140.63		101183
18/09/2023	C Jackman	Clerk Salary: 1 July to 30 Sept	593.89		101184
18/09/2023	HMRC	Clerk PAYE: 1 July to 30 Sept	148.40		101185