

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2022
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

64/22 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr B Kay

Cllr S Gassor

In attendance:

2 Members of the Public

C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

Bucks Councillor Angela Macpherson

Cllr A Hawes

65/22 Election of Chair

Cllr Harper, proposed by Cllr Kay and seconded by Cllr Gassor was unanimously elected as Chair.

66/22 Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Webster, proposed by Cllr Harper and seconded by Cllr Kay was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

67/22 Allocation of Responsibilities

a) Community Board and sub-groups

Cllr Harper

b) Energy from Waste Facility

Cllr Webster

68/22 Confirmation of Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

Clerk was confirmed as the RFO.

69/22 Members Interests

None.

70/22 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 April 2022

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

71/22 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

72/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Chair reported that Adele Peters (AP) and Tracey Sutcliffe (TS) (who are the organisers of the Edgcott Street Party), had informed him that they would not be able to attend the meeting and did not give any updates.

It was noted that:

- Cllr Gassor will organise a flyer informing residents that mugs would be bought for all those Edgcott residents under 18 years of age.
- Edgcott will donate £500 to the joint event with Grendon Underwood.
- The Parish Council is not involved with the Edgcott raffles.

73/22 Planning (2021-22 Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

There were no new planning applications to consider.

Plans are in hand to thank Dr Rod Baker for his work with the Ministry of Justice planning application to build a mega prison in Grendon Underwood.

[Note: the Parish Council has now been informed that the Ministry of Justice will be appealing against Bucks Council's refusal.]

74/22 Finance

a) Payment and Receipts

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

b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

The AGAR had been approved by the internal auditor.

In accordance with the current regulations, Edgcott Parish Council has declared itself exempt from sending the completed AGAR to the external auditor for a limited assurance review and has completed the Certificate of Exemption for submission to the external auditor. The council confirms that:

- i) The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.
- ii) The Annual Accounting Statement was approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.

Action: Clerk to Forward the Certificate of Exception to the external auditor.

c) Clerk Laptop

Clerk had not been able to look into the cost of a new laptop.

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

75/22 Village Hall

It was agreed that Cllr Gassor would:

- Look into getting someone regularly to cut the grass.
- Look into installing a smart meter.

Action: Clerk to send electricity and water costs to village hall committee.

76/22 Highways and footways

a) Pond Corner

Following a site meeting, Councillors are waiting to hear from HS2 and EWR regarding help with the tidying of the pond area and repair work on the bus shelter.

b) Walk About with LAT

Chair had a 'walk about' with the LAT and the following were noted:

- Jet and rodding to be carried out from Hill Farm to Pond Corner.
- Gulley cleaning will be carried out more frequently at Lawn House Lane.
- Hill Farm spring is a low priority.
- Repairs to verges have been made on Stone Road but vehicles continue to damage them. It has been suggested that evidence of any damage be sent to the Strategic Freight Officer.

c) Breedon Lorries

Cllr SG continues to liaise with Breedon and has been successful in ensuring that the Breedon lorries do stick to the speed limit through the village.

d) Quainton Road / Shipton Lee

Edgcott and Grendon Underwood Parish Councils have received a response to their joint letter to Steve Broadbent, Cabinet Member for Transport at Bucks Council asking for repairs to the Quainton Road and he is very hopeful that the road can be included in their road improvement programme and in the meantime it was noted that some temporary repairs have now been made.

e) TTRO'S

Quality of TTRO's continues to be an issue and complaints have been sent to Bucks Council.

f) Cultivation Licenses

Following information received from a member of the public at a PC meeting in June 2021 it transpired that cultivation licences had been granted to some residents in respect of the Bucks Council owned land in Grendon Road.

The PC requested redacted copies of these licences from Bucks Council and four items, alleged to be the licences, were received. It was clear on receipt that information was lacking and Bucks Council has now informed the PC as follows:

“After some detailed consideration the advice given to the Highways Team is that the Highways Act 1980 (the Act) only permits a cultivation license to be issued to an owner or occupier whose land is adjacent to a highway, and only respect of that adjacent land. Furthermore, the Act requires the license be for a maximum period of 12 months and subject, as a minimum, to the imposition of conditions that are set out in the Act. The licences in Edgcott do not meet that criteria.

I understand the Highways Team will be addressing the issues raised in your area and working out an arrangement for other licences that have been wrongly issued. (It has taken a little time to work out the scope of the problem as there are a number of historic licence arrangements.) I do not have a timescale for that, but I have asked that you be notified.”

g) Grendon Road Parking

It was noted that some residents in Grendon Road are unhappy with the persistent parking on the Bucks Council owned land. However, a direct complaint has not been made to the Parish Council. The Parish Council has done all it can to try to placate all concerned, and has advised that any further issues should be directed to Bucks Council.

77/22 Speed Watch

a) Community Speed Watch

Only one volunteer has so far completed the on-line training.

b) 20's Plenty

A decision whether or not a 20mph limit through the village should be progressed from Bucks Council is awaited.

c) Speed Indicator Device (SID)

It was suggested that the SID supplied by EWR should be moved to the other side of the road facing Lawn House Lane.

78/22 Street Lighting

No updates were available.

79/22 HS2

No updates were available.

80/22 East West Rail

EWR is dismantling its compound and will have available materials/fencing/tables etc for local organisations. EWR is keen to help with community projects.

81/22 Community Board

An engagement event has been planned for 2pm on 30 June.

The Parish Council will ask for one of the VAS's on offer.

The council will object to the request from Berryfields to fund its beacon.

No updates on when the benches will be delivered were available.

82/22 Street Furniture

a) Litter bin / Dog bin

The Local Area Technician (LAT) has given Council permission to dispose of the dog bin by the bus shelter and to install a new bin on the opposite side of the road close to the entrance to the public footpath.

A new litter bin will be installed on the pond area.

Action: Cllr SG and Clerk to liaise to prepare a location map and order a new dog bin and litter bin.

83/22 Quarterly Newsletter

The quarterly Parish Council will be issued end June/early July.

84/22 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

85/22 Any Other Business

HMP Bullingdon

It was noted that an expansion at HMP Bullingdon for approximately 200 additional prisoners has been approved

86/22 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 27 June 2022 in Edgcott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

STATUS OF 2021-22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference	Address	Status
21/00672/APP	8 Lawnhouse Lane Lawn House Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TX	Approved
21/01314/AOP	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ	Refused
21/01482/AGN	Ash Tree Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TT	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 0TL	Refused
21/02977/APP	2 St Michaels Close Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0XL	Approved
21/03055/APP	Avalon Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	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 0QN, United Kingdom.	Certificate Refused
21/04269/COUOS	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ	Refused
21/04277/APP	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ	Awaiting decision
21/04631/APP	Avalon Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Approved
22/00208/CPE	Fox Farm House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TR	Certificate issued

Appendix 2

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
04/04/2022	CIB	Community Buildings membership	65.00		101124
05/04/2022	Bucks Council	Lottery		30.00	
		Cancelled			101125
12/04/2022	Bucks Council	First precept payment		5250.00	
21/04/2022	SSE	Inv 631774536 0054: street lighting elec 1 Mar-1 Apr	3.54		DD
21/04/2022	SSE	Inv 741775810 0054: street lighting elec 1 Mar-1 Apr	97.56		DD
22/04/2022	Eon	Inv KI-218921ED-0005 - VH electricity (9 May 2021 - 4 Apr 2022)	43.34		101126
30/04/2022	BALC	Inv 3634: BMKALC/NALC Membership	40.60		101127
12/05/2022	Eon	Inv KI-218921ED-0006 - VH electricity (5 April 2022-30 April 2022)	25.98		101128
12/05/2022	C Jackman	Gifts2Impress: Inv 4368 - Jubilee mugs	349.06		101129