

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF 'VIRTUAL' MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT 6PM ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 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)

46/21 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

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

In attendance:

Cllr K Moloney, Chair GU Parish Council
Cllr A Benfield, GUPC
Members of the Public
C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

CC Angela Macpherson

OPEN FORUM

Chair welcomed those present and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded for minute purposes only and that the Chat Box would not be open.

47/21 Members Interests

None.

48/21 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8 March 2021

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

49/21 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

50/21 Planning (2020/21 Planning applications are at Appendix 1)

a) Planning applications

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

Council have been informed that a response to their Stage 2 questions should be received by 20 May.

21/01482/AGN: Ash Tree Farm, Lawn Hill
Agricultural storage building.

Decision: No objection.

Action: Clerk to inform Buckinghamshire Council (AVDC Area).

21/00672/APP | Single storey rear extension | 8 Lawn House Lane, Edgcott, Buckinghamshire HP18 OTX.

Decision: No objection – As the deadline for comment was before this meeting, this application had been dealt with by email.

21/01314/AOP | Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except access for a residential development of up to 18 dwellings (Affordable housing exception site) and an allotment. Dunsty Hill Farm, Edgcott Road, Calvert Green, Buckinghamshire OX27 OBJ.

Decision: Object.

Action: Chair to draft objection to be sent to Buckinghamshire Council (AVDC Area) and to liaise with Calvert Green.

CM/0016/21 | Application for the construction of solar array / solar park comprising of ground mounted solar PV panels and associated works including: Distributor Network Operator (DNO) switching station, client switching station, battery containers, general storage container, access track, fencing, security cameras and cabling for a temporary period of 35 years at Calvert Landfill Site. | Solar Park Development On A Capped Part Of The Calvert Landfill Site, Brackley Lane, South Of Calvert Village, Buckinghamshire. Easting (x) 468935 Northing (y) 223160.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to oppose this application on the grounds that it will generate more traffic through Edgcott, and that the original EFW planning approval included the reinstatement of the public footpaths. It also was agreed to liaise with Calvert Green.

Decision: Object.

Action: Chair to draft objection to be sent to Buckinghamshire Council.

51/21 Finance

a) Payment and Receipts

To note payment of accounts and receipts at Appendix 2.

b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

It was noted that the deadline for the submission of the AGAR is 2 July and the internal audit has been scheduled for 10 May.

52/21 Potential New Prison

A second flyer has been distributed to Edgcott and Grendon Underwood and sent to surrounding villages updating them on the current status of the potential new prison in Grendon Underwood. Chair thanked Rod Baker for his continued support who noted that this is now a crucial phase. With the lull with the Ministry of Justice it is important that we don't lose interest / momentum and are ready when the Planning application is submitted. It was noted that there is a lot of work going on in the background.

53/21 Village Hall

a) Improvement update (Car Park)

Following the completion of the car park a disabled sign has been fixed to the fence. A barrier to prevent unauthorised parking also is to be installed.

Action: Cllr Kay to liaise with the contractor to determine the most suitable barrier, (i.e. one or two locking posts) and to get costs.

b) Committee update

Cllr Gassor reported that she is:

- waiting for a quotation from a cleaning company to give the hall a thorough COVID clean after its use by the VAHT to allow opening following relaxation of the COVID lockdown. It was hoped that the VAHT would pay for the cleaning, which will probably take place just before the local elections on 6 May;
- in the process of preparing the risk assessments prior to opening and ensuring we are following all the relevant guidelines;
- Organising the PAT tests.

c) Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust Development at Village Hall

It was noted that VAHT had completed the building work but that they had left some bags of building material on the village hall car park. It was noted that the properties have been sold subject to contract.

Action: Chair to write to VAHT to ask them to remove their bags of building material.

54/21 Highways and footways

a) Village Walkabout

Chair reported that he had held a 'village walkabout' with the Local Area Technician (LAT) and noted that:

- Bucks Council is prioritising drainage work;
- There is no money for any road resurfacing except main A roads;
- Patching will be carried out in Church Lane and Stone Road and the 'dips' and verge drops in Stone Road will be filled;
- Drainage/gulley cleaning work is still to be completed on Perry Hill, Grendon Road and Buckingham Road, including where the gulley is covered by tarmac;
- The problems with the depression on Grendon Road, near Hill Farm, probably caused by a spring, will hopefully be resolved by installing a pipe under the road, thereby diverting the water into a nearby ditch.

Cllr Kay expressed his disappointment at not receiving a response from Bucks Council regarding the verges in Grendon Road.

Cllr Webster noted that the manhole cover near the chicken farm, Marsh Road, had been replaced.

55/21 Speed watch /HGV's

a) Sentinel Camera

Chair reported that:

- We have been given the 'green light' from the local Waddesdon PCSO to re-start the speed watch;
- All volunteers must have completed the relevant training;
- The sentinel camera has been booked, but we have not yet been given a date;
- We can only undertake 1-hour sessions;
- We must complete a Thames Valley Police Community Speed Watch Scheme Agreement which includes full roadside insurance.

Action: Chair and Clerk to liaise to complete the relevant forms

b) 20's Plenty Campaign

Neighbouring parishes have been lobbied for support in getting a reduction in the speed limit through Edgcott from 30mph to 20mph.

Chair noted that it can be costly to get a speed reduction. In the first instance a Speed Limit Assessment which would include speed surveys (road tube) would need to be undertaken which would cost £865 in addition to the surveys which cost £480 each. One survey had already been carried out (and paid for) in Buckingham Road in October 2020 and a second is scheduled to take place in Grendon Road week commencing 3 May.

Following the Speed Limit Assessment, any reduction in the speed limit would require a Traffic Regulation Order to be signed off by the Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Member for Transport.

c) HGV's

We can now go ahead with the HGV survey which could be carried out at the same time as the road tube survey. When the results have been analysed, the Strategic Freight Officer would be able to contact those firms who are using the village regularly and ask them to be re-routed. A weight limit through the village is very unlikely to be achieved.

56/21 Street Lighting

Chair reported that the lanterns continue to be replaced with LED's when required and as funding becomes available.

57/21 HS2

Roger Behagg (RB) continues to monitor/attend meetings with HS2 about HGVs which currently are not causing too many problems and appear to be sticking to their agreed traffic movements. It was noted that HS2 are looking at introducing additional signage within the Calvert Box.

It was noted that HS2 has recently donated some small trees (whips) to residents which were advertised on the village Facebook page on a "first come-first served" basis.

58/21 EWR

RB continues to challenge EWR who continue to be a major problem with a lot of transgressions of speeding and use of incorrect routes. Greg Smith, MP and County Councillor Angela Macpherson are constantly challenging their behaviour. EWR have recently introduced signage encouraging HGV's to stick to 20mph where there is likely to be pedestrians and not to use unauthorised routes. They also have introduced Marshalls on the ground who will spot and stop these drivers using the unauthorised routes.

It was considered that the signage is inadequate and was introduced only to meet a 'tick box' exercise.

Chair thanked RB for his continued support with this work.

59/21 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

It was noted that the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway has been cancelled and that the focus should now be on objections to any possible housing within the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.

60/21 Buckinghamshire Vale Lottery

The lottery continues to generate funds.

61/21 Community Board

Chair attended the community board meeting on the 18 March, the minutes are on the Bucks Council website. The next meeting will be held on 30 June.

Chair attended the Flooding Risk sub-group meeting. This first meeting was exploratory, and agreed that one of its aims would be to identify the locations of drains.

62/21 Council Policies

Councillors had reviewed the following policies and confirmed their approval:

- Accessibility
- Code of Conduct
- Complaints Procedure
- Creating Policies
- Data Protection Policy
- Equality Policy
- Expenses Policy
- Financial Regulations
- Freedom of Information
- Grievance and Disciplinary
- Health and Safety
- Planning Response
- Publicity
- Rapid Response Protocol
- Risk Assessment
- Risk Management
- Standing Orders
- Governance and Accountability Regulations
- Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015

63/21 Street Furniture

i) Commemorative Bench/Litter Bin

A resident had requested permission to install a bench at the junction of Perry Hill and Lawn Hill in memory of her father, which Council approved. Chair also had obtained approval from Transport for Bucks for its location. The purchase and installation of the bench will be carried out by the resident.

It was suggested that a litter bin should be sited near the bench. WWI commemorative litter bins similar to those in Grendon Underwood had been looked at but the cost was prohibitive. It was

agreed that the Parish Council should install an appropriate litter bin.

ii) Seat Repair

Following an offer of 'help' with community work from EWR, clerk is awaiting a response to confirm whether or not EWR can help with the repair of the bench on Grendon Road and the re-siting of the bench at the Pond.

64/21 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

65/21 Coronavirus update

There were no updates.

66/21 Any Other Business

There was no other business

67/21 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 17 May in Edgcott Village Hall. It was noted that the Government had not extended legislation to allow remote meetings beyond 7 May. It also was noted that some Councils, with the backing of NALC, had gone to Court to challenge this and a decision is awaited.

Chair invited attendees to email any questions to him and issued his email address.

The meeting closed at 7.20 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
21/00672/APP	8 Lawnhouse Lane Lawn House Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TX	Awaiting decision
21/01482/AGN	Ash Tree Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TT	Awaiting decision
21/01314/AOP	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ	Awaiting decision

Appendix 2

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
01/04/2021	CIB	Inv 5286 - Community Buildings subscription	30.00		1081
23/04/2021	SSE	Inv 631774536 0026 - Street lighting elec 2 Mar - 1 Apr	4.95		DD
23/04/2021	SSE	Inv 741775810 0026 - Street light elect 2 Mar - 1 Apr	108.27		DD