

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 3 APRIL 2023
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

38/23 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)

Cllr R Webster

Cllr B Kay

Cllr S Gassor

Cllr A Hawes

In attendance:

C Jackman (Clerk)

2 Residents

Apologies:

Bucks Councillor Angela Macpherson

39/23 Members Interests

None.

40/23 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 February 2023

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

41/23 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

42/23 Planning (2021-23 Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

The following were noted:

Travellers site, Lawn Hill

The following are enforcement / planning applications relating to the Travellers site, listed in the previous minutes:

21/00231/CONB | (1) Without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from agricultural to B8 open storage; (2) The laying of hardstanding, construction of two earth bunds and the excavation of a trench and pit. | Edgcott Place Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OPT.

21/01876/APP | Change of Use of land for the Creation of 4 Gypsy/Traveller Pitches comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan, and the erection of 1 dayroom per pitch | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire: **REFUSED 20 JULY 2022**

22/00117/REF | Change of Use of land for the Creation of 4 Gypsy/Traveller Pitches comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan, and the erection of 1 dayroom per pitch | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire: **APPEAL WITHDRAWN 17 OCTOBER 2022**

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 home, 4no touring caravan and the erection of a dayroom (Retrospective) | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott: **APPEAL-NON DETERMINATION 9 DECEMBER 2022**

There is still no information as to when the Planning Appeal will be heard. It was agreed that it would be useful to have answers to when the Inspector will make a decision and what actions will be taken to remove the travellers from the site.

A resident present agreed to look on the Inspectors website to see if the appeal is shown.

Planning Appeal Ref: 22/00125/REF - HM Prison Grendon, Springhill Road, Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL

There still were no updates from the Planning Inspector.

The joint working group have met and are drafting a letter to send to Charlie Taylor, Chief Inspector

of Prisons, and other appropriate Prison channels hoping that they can put some pressure on the Secretary of State before he makes his decision. Greg Smith MP, has plans to meet with the Secretary of State to enforce our objections.

It was noted recently that the local prison authorities have been in the press expressing concern at the inability to recruit prison officers locally.

21/04277/APP | Demolition of existing Farmhouse and outbuilding (Barn 1) and erection of replacement Farmhouse and carport, including access and landscaping | Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ –

Two further applications have been made **23/01013/VRC** regarding variation of conditions and **21/A4277/DIS** regarding approval of details subject to conditions.

43/23 Finance

a) Payment and Receipts

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

b) Internal Audit

Clerk confirmed that she had booked the internal audit for 19 May.

c) Annual Governance and Accountability Return

It was noted that the deadline for submission of the return is 30 June 2023.

44/23 Village Hall

Cllr Gassor reported that she hoped that the village hall committee would be meeting soon.

It was noted that:

- The tap dance class had marked the floor.
- The toilet lights had been checked.
- The hot water system is not adequate and needs testing.
- The £1 per day electricity standing charge means that the hiring rate needs reviewing.

There were no further updates.

45/23 Highways and footways

Chair reported that he had met the new Local Area Technician (LAT) and noted the following:

- The bollard at the traffic calming on Buckingham Road had been repaired.
- Problems with the drainage at Lawn House Lane were being addressed.
- Grass cutting in the village would probably only be 3 times per year and reseeding will be carried out where necessary.

It also was noted that:

- The water leak in front of Hill Farm, Grendon Road, is probably caused by a spring and is not a Bucks Council priority.
- Blocked drain by the bus shelter on Stone Road has been reported to FixMyStreet.
- Residents are unhappy with the chaos being caused by the UK Power Networks and Thames Water work between Edgcott and Grendon Underwood, noting that currently there are five sets of traffic lights between Edgcott and the A41 via Grendon Underwood.
- The speed warning sign on Buckingham Road needs adjusting.

Action: Clerk to report on FixMyStreet.

46/23 Speed Watch

a) Speed watch

No updates were available.

b) MVAS

Chair has spoken with Truvelo, the company supplying the MVAS, and is waiting for an installation date. Truvelo also need to supply two extra sockets and the pole.

Action: Chair to continuing to chase Truvelo

c) Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The SID on Grendon Road still is in place but only working intermittently. It is not known when EWR will remove it.

47/23 Street Lighting

a) Maintenance

It was noted that all the main street lights through the village have now been converted to LED. There are four remaining to complete: two in Leonards Close, one on Lawn Hill and one on Lawn House Lane. Charles Harris (CH), who is overseeing the street lighting suggested using reduced power lights at these sites to keep the cost of electricity down.

Action: CH to get costs of lights for the remaining sites.

CH then went on to report:

- All the lights electrics should be inspected every six years.
- Metal poles should be inspected every two years visually and every six years with a radar scan.
- An inspection would cost approximately £900+VAT.
- He had updated the Asset Register and sent to the National Grid.
- That Bucks Council still is disputing who is responsible for the maintenance of the Traffic Calming lights at Buckingham Road and Grendon Road.

Action: CH to get costs for the radar inspection.

CH left the meeting at 7.20pm.

48/23 HS2

It was noted that:

- Greg Smith MP will question why HS2 still is using local roads and not the haul road between Fleet Marston and Calvert.
- Following the felling of some trees at Sheephouse Wood, Bucks Council have served HS2 with a Tree Preservation Order. An extract from the notice states: "The TPO has been served on HS2 Limited today (Thursday 30 March). It will ensure the trees cannot be touched for up to six months and will give us more time to discuss with HS2 why they believe such brutal action is warranted, identify alternative options and to mitigate the impact of their works. Preventing the loss of even just one tree in an ancient woodland is worth fighting for."

49/23 East West Rail

Nothing to report.

50/23 Community Board and sub-groups

The Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board has suggested that "Parish Councillors might like to meet in between formal Community Board meetings as a local in person informal workshop with neighbouring parishes to discuss local issues, exchange best practice or invite a guest speaker on a general topic of interest. Due to the size of the CB, it might be advantageous to have 2 or 3 clusters of workshops with a parish taking on the role of host and chair for a particular workshop. Workshops can either be held face to face from a parish hosted venue provided free of charge or via MS Teams."

Edgcott PC responded suggesting that it would be interested in joining a cluster consisting of Grendon Underwood, Kingswood, Marsh Gibbon, Charndon and Calvert Green. No further information has been received.

51/23 Street Furniture

a) Benches

Two benches recently purchased by the Parish Council have been installed by EWR. One outside the village hall and one on Grendon Road. It was suggested that, in better weather, the bench on Grendon Road should be stained. It also was suggested that the bench at the Pond should be stained at the same time.

b) Bus Shelter

HS2 have inspected the bus shelter and agreed to carry out some of the work. The final fixing of the roof would need to be organized by the Parish Council. A quote for the work has been requested from a local contractor. HS2 has also agreed to clear the brambles from the pond.

52/23 Quarterly Newsletter

The next quarterly newsletter is in hand and will be issued after Easter.

53/23 Local Plan for Buckinghamshire – Infrastructure Baseline

The questionnaire had been completed and submitted to Bucks Council.

54/12 King's Coronation

Cllr Gassor confirmed that she is liaising with the PCC and a drinks afternoon in the village hall had been suggested. It was noted that the Coronation mugs had been received and will be distributed to the under 18's in the village.

55/23 Policy Review

It was noted that all policies had been reviewed and the following updated:

- Code of Conduct Policy 2
- Data Protection Policy 5
- Financial Regulations Policy 10

56/23 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

57/23 Any Other Business

a) DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities) Consultation On Infrastructure Levy (CIL Monies)

Chair reported that a recent publication from BMALC highlighting a DLUHC questionnaire noted that "This consultation seeks views on technical aspects of the design of the Infrastructure Levy. Responses will inform the preparation and content of regulations, which will themselves be consulted on, should Parliament grant the necessary powers set out in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill."

He had looked at the questions and thought that it was important that we respond as the final Bill may effect how planning decisions are made in the future.

58/23 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meetings will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on:

- Monday 15 May - Annual Parish Meeting - followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Monday 26 June – Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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 Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Awaiting decision
22/00010/ENFNOT	Red Furlong Farm Twyford Road Poundon Buckinghamshire OX27 9BG	Temporary planning permission granted
22/00059/REF	Land Adj To Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Appeal Dismissed
22/00069/REF	Land To The South Of The FCC Energy From Waste Plant, Edgcott, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 OQN, 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	Decided
22/03384/AOP	Littleton Manor Farm Bicester Road North-West Of Waddesdon HP18 OJR	Awaiting decision
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 dec

Appendix 2

Date	Description	Payment	Income	Ref
19/03/2023	SSE Inv 631774536 0065: street lighting 2 Feb - 1 Mar	3.37	DD	DD
19/03/2023	SSE Inv 741775810 0065: street lighting 2 Feb - 1 Mar	88.46	DD	DD
19/03/2023	C Jackman Clerk salary Jan-Mar	593.89	101165	101165
19/03/2023	HMRC Clerk PAYE Jan-Mar	148.40	101166	101166
19/03/2023	C Jackman Gifts to impress, Inv KCC0014 Coronation mugs /	382.37	101167	101167
19/03/2023	C Jackman Printer cartridge	41.99	101167	101167