

**EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF 'VIRTUAL' MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD**  
**AT 6PM ON MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2020**

(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)

**137/20 Attendance and apologies**

**Attendance:**

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

**In attendance:**

CC Angela Macpherson (AM)  
Public 3  
C Jackman (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

None

**OPEN FORUM**

CC AM reported that Buckinghamshire Council is increasingly concerned at the increase in COVID-19 cases.

**138/20 Members Interests**

None.

**139/20 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2 November 2020**

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

**140/20 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**141/20 Councillor Vacancy**

Following the resignation of David Armstrong, the relevant vacancy notice was published on the Parish Council notice board on 12 October, the closing date for a request for an election was 29 October. The notice also was sent to the Electoral Services team at Buckinghamshire Council who informed Clerk on 30 October that no one had requested an election and the Parish Council was therefore free to co-opt.

Three residents [*plus one resident after this meeting*] had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council but it was agreed not to co-opt due to the current COVID meeting restrictions and the imminent Parish Council elections. However, if the Parish Council elections are postponed, Councillors will reconsider their decision.

**142/20 Planning**

a) **Planning applications**

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

The response from the Compliments and Complaints team at Bucks Council had been reviewed by Chair and Rod Baker and found to contain anomalies and inconsistencies.

It was noted that Bucks Council had opened a Planning Enforcement case to investigate whether a breach of planning control had occurred regarding the removal of hedgerow and trees. As the Parish Council is listed as a complainant for the new enforcement case, it had requested that all information in respect of this matter should be provided for its consideration. No information had been received.

**Actions: Clerk to chase documents issued by Planning Enforcements.**

**R Baker / R Behagg and Chair to put together a response in the January.**

**b) Planning appeal**

**Appeal: 20/00068/REF:** Land at Edgcott Road and Springhill Road, Grendon Underwood 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.

It was noted that an objection to this appeal had been submitted.

c) It was noted that the marquee in the grounds adjacent to Grendon Road did not have planning permission.

**Action : Clerk to follow up.**

d) It was noted that hedges had been planted around the fenced off areas in the field between the village hall and Pond Cottages. The owner of the field had approached two residents asking to purchase some of their land to gain access to the field which both refused. However, nothing further was known.

e) It was noted that ground work has taken place in the field on Lawn Hill opposite the wood yard.

**Action: Councillors to monitor.**

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

**143/20 Finance**

a) To note payment of accounts and receipts:

Income and Payments September / October 2020				
Date	Description\Supplier	Receipt	Payment	Chq
02/11/2020	VAHT Inv 6/2020 - contribution to VH Utilities	257.63		
02/11/2020	VAHT Inv 7/2020 - contribution to VH Utilities	67.82		
20/11/2020	SSE: Inv 631774536 0021 Street lighting 2 Oct to 2 Nov		4.93	DD
20/11/2020	SSE: Inv 741775810 0021 Street lighting 2 Oct to 2 Nov		110.34	DD
14/12/2020	Bucks Council: Inv 503931 dog waste service Apr 2020-Mar 2021		75.92	1067
14/12/2020	C Jackman: Clerk - Domain name renewal (14.39) / printing (38.99)		53.38	1068
14/12/2020	C Jackman: Clerk Salary (Oct-Dec_includes Apr-June backpay)		533.60	1069
14/12/2020	HMRC: Clerk PAYE		138.20	1070
19/12/2020	SSE: Inv 631774536 0022 Street lighting 3 Nov to 1 Dec		4.78	DD
19/12/2020	SSE: Inv 741775810 0022 Street lighting 3 Nov to 1 Dec		101.35	DD

**b) 2021-22 Budget**

Councillors had reviewed the draft budget and agreed that an increase in the precept should not be made this year. The Precept will be set formally at the January meeting.

It was noted that during discussions for the lease of the hall, the precept was increased over a couple of years to cover the cost of legal fees but had not been reduced since, leading to a build-up of funds.

**Action: Clerk to add to the January agenda.**

**144/20 Potential New Prison**

On 3 December the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) notified the Parish Council of "The New Prisons Programme and proposals for a potential new prison in Buckinghamshire". The potential site identified is HMP Grendon / Springhill. Following a meeting between Bucks Council and the MoJ the original consultation deadline has now been extended from 24 December 2020 to 29 January 2021.

The Parish Council is liaising with Grendon Underwood Parish Council (GUPC), and has issued a

leaflet to all households in Edgcott. The leaflet has since been adapted for their use by Grendon Underwood PC. Following a ZOOM meeting with GUPC, a Committee has been set up between GU and Edgcott with Roger Behagg and Cllr Gassor representing Edgcott.

Rod Baker, Roger Behagg and Councillors, continue to review the proposals and will issue further information to the village. It was emphasized that, if the new prison is approved, it will have a huge impact on the locality and that as many residents as possible should send in VALID objections.

**Actions:**

**Rod Baker, Roger Behagg and Councillors to:**

- continue to monitor and liaise with target villages including Calvert Green, Marsh Gibbon\*, Charndon, Twyford, Quanton and Steeple Claydon.
- Issue regular newsletters (including a picture of the prison being built in Wellingborough) to keep up the pressure on residents to send their objections (the objections must be valid – not just ‘in my back yard’).
- Keep Facebook updated.
- Review the new MoJ document.

Bucks Council is aware that the proposal has another huge impact to an area already blighted by HS2 and EWR.

*\*It was noted that Marsh Gibbon Parish Council is in favour of the prison if it brings employment to the area and doesn't impact Marsh Gibbon during the construction phase.*

**145/20 Village Hall**

a) **Improvement update**

**Car Park**

The car park is almost complete. A delay has been caused by the tardy response from Buckinghamshire Council regarding the Road Space license.

**Action: Clerk to liaise with the contractor.**

b) **Committee update**

No updates were available.

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

It was noted that the likely completion date is now 22 January 2021.

**146/20 Highways and footways**

a) **Grendon Road Land**

Parking on Bucks Council land along the Grendon Road still is causing a problem.

**Action: Clerk to follow up.**

b) **Road Tube Exercise / HGV Survey**

It was agreed to arrange a road tube exercise on Grendon Road and a ‘manual’ HGV survey at the same time.

**Action: Clerk to book Road Tube for January 2021.**

Chair had sent the results of the Buckingham Road Tube exercise to the Customer Relations Officer - Road Safety, Hampshire Constabulary & Thames Valley Police Joint Operations Unit, which is looking into getting the Enforcement Site Assessment Team to bring a speed camera to Edgcott. All future data from the Road Tube and HGV surveys will be sent to the unit and to Bucks Council to try to get the HGV's re-routed and/or a weight limit introduced.

c) **Speed watch**

It was noted that pressure is being put on Thames Valley Police (TVP) by the Community Board HS2 / EWR sub community to allow Sentinal Camera work to go ahead, as Bedfordshire Police have allowed it to continue.

d) **20's Plenty Campaign**

Once the results of the petition are collated, they will be sent to Bucks Council to lobby for a 20mph speed limit.

**Action: Clerk / Chair to follow up.**

e) **General Highways**

Drainage work on Perry Hill and Grendon Road together with pavement work on Buckingham Road is still outstanding. Rod Baker confirmed that he had cleared one of the gullies in Grendon Road.

**Action: Chair to follow up outstanding work with TfB.**

**147/20 Street Lighting**

It was noted that the street light repairs/upgrade at the corner of Lawn House Lane / Grendon Road and Church Lane will total approximately £1,005 which Councillors approved.

**Action: Clerk to authorise the contractor to go ahead with the work.**

**148-149/20**

**HS2 / East West Rail (EWR)**

Roger Behagg attended a recent ZOOM HS2/EWR Subgroup meeting and reported that the questions submitted prior to the meeting had not been addressed. It was noted that the average HS2 HGV vehicle movement through Edgcott at peak time would be about 75.

It was noted that although the EWR agreement was that there would be no Saturday afternoon and Sunday working, lorries had been coming through the village during this time. He continues to battle with EWR and HS2 to get them to adhere to their own guidelines.

**Action: Cllr Gassor to put a note onto Facebook encouraging residents to phone the HS2/EWR helpline to make individual complaints regarding the lorry movements.**

**149/20 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**

There were no updates.

**150/20 Aylesbury Vale Lottery**

The lottery continues to generate funds.

**151/20 Community Board**

Chair attended the 'virtual' Community Board and reported that there were 52 participants, too much emphasis was centred on the Haddenham area and that the small parishes had very little input.

It was noted that Edgcott, Charndon, Steeple Claydon, Calvert Green and Twyford had formed a 'Calvert Box' with one representative from the box attending the larger meetings as very little was getting addressed there.

**152/20 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations**

All correspondence, circulars and consultations had been forwarded to councillors by email. Details of emails circulated are at appendix 2.

**153/20 Coronavirus update**

See CC Macpherson's comments under Open Forum.

**154/20 Any Other Business**

It was noted that some residents had complained on Facebook that they could not log into the meeting.

It should be noted that the link to the meeting was put onto the agenda which was posted on the fence outside the village hall and on the Parish Council website.

It was noted that residents at the meeting had joined via the link on the website.

**Action: Cllr Gassor will respond to the Facebook comments and indicate that the minutes will be**

published on the website.

**155/20 Date, time and venue of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held 'virtually' or in Edgcott Village hall at 6pm on Monday 25 January 2021 subject to COVID regulations.

**The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.**

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

**APPENDIX 1**

**STATUS OF 2020 PLANNING**

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

**APPENDIX 2**

**CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED BY EMAIL**

**Buckinghamshire Council**

Date / From		Subject
Daily	TTROs	Notifications of road closures/diversionary routes in Buckinghamshire
11 Dec	Communications	Severe Winter Emergency Protocol - Information
11 Dec	CC Angela Macpherson	PRISON CONSULTATION UPDATE
10 Dec	Martin Tett	Covid Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
10 Dec	Communications	A Helping Hand for families this winter
8 Dec	Communications	First temporary accommodation modules arrive on site
7 Dec	Communications	New recovery facility for Covid-19 patients opens in Buckinghamshire
7 Dec	Communications	Electrifying start to Bucks' e-scooter trails
4 Dec	Communications	Update on mobile coronavirus testing sites for Buckinghamshire over coming week
4 Dec	Complaints Officer	Re: Stage 1 complaint response - COR 17469
4 Dec	Communications	Proposed link road consultation
3 Dec	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - request for Crisis Funding from Brill School PTA
3 Dec	Communications	New advisory covid 'marshals' out and about across Bucks
3 Dec	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - Crisis Funding request from Grendon Underwood Parish Council
3 Dec	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - Area Priorities fund award update and request for funding
2 Dec	Martin Tett	Covid Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
2 Dec	Communications	Lots of newly donated stock on offer as recycling centre re-use shops open again
1 Dec	Communications	Tackling online loan sharks and illegal money lending
1 Dec	Member & Parish Support	Council Tax - Parish precept & Calculator
1 Dec	Community Bard	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - Crisis Fund - to cease at 5 pm on Friday 11th December 2020

1 Dec	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - request for Crisis Funding from Young Carers Bucks
27 Nov	Communications	Countess (Elizabeth) Howe is the new Lord Lieutenant
27 Nov	Communications	Buckinghamshire Council supports National Tree Week
27 Nov	Communications	Update on mobile coronavirus testing sites for Buckinghamshire over coming week
27 Nov	Communications	Buckinghamshire councillors scoop national award for emergency services support during lockdown
27 Nov	Communications	Buckinghamshire launches local COVID-19 contact tracing service
27 Nov	Communications	Buckinghamshire libraries set to welcome back customers
27 Nov	Permit Office	East West Rail Alliance, Station Road, Marsh Gibbon *** Extended Date
26 Nov	Lead Project Officer HS2	HS2 Nov E Update
26 Nov	Community Board	status of Speedwatch
26 Nov	Communications	Local projects benefit from community board funding in Haddenham and Waddesdon
26 Nov	Communications	COVID-19 response Tiers update for Town and Parish Councils in Buckinghamshire
26 Nov	Communications	Statement: Buckinghamshire Council responds to High Alert Tier 2 announcement
25 Nov	Communications	Wendover Community Board funds projects to support local community
25 Nov	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Information pack for the Board meeting on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7 pm
25 Nov	Communications	Buckinghamshire Council provides grants to help rehouse rough sleepers
25 Nov	Communications	Co-design engagement programme launches on Aylesbury Gardenway
24 Nov	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - Request for Area Priorities Funding for two projects
24 Nov	CC Angela Macpherson	Process re Parish Councillor resignation
23 Nov	Communications	Santa drops in early to support the Buckinghamshire Christmas appeal
23 Nov	Communications	Council warns of green homes grant scammers
20 Nov	Communications	Update on mobile coronavirus testing sites for Buckinghamshire over coming week
20 Nov	Complaints Officer Deputy Chief Executive's Service	Stage 1 complaint response - COR 17469
19 Nov	CC Angela Macpherson	Help with dropped kerb license
18 Nov	Martin Tett	Update on fighting coronavirus in Buckinghamshire
17 Nov	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Crisis Fund application from Twyford Parish Council
17 Nov	Communications	Communities and council come together in next round of Community Board meetings
17 Nov	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Crisis Fund application from Berryfields Parish Council
17 Nov	Communications	Buckinghamshire Council Supports White Ribbon Day
16 Nov	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - Crisis Funding request
13 Nov	Martin Tett	Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
13 Nov	Communications	Latest updates to your recycling and waste service
13 Nov	Assistant Traffic Data Technician	Traffic Data for Buckingham Road, Edgcott
12 Nov	Member and Parish Support	Parish precept Ctax update
12 Nov	Communications	2020 Christmas present appeal for vulnerable children more important than ever
12 Nov	Communications	Fight homelessness in your sleep by swapping your bed for a sleeping bag
12 Nov	Communications	National Safeguarding Adults Week (w/c 16 Nov) - signs of abuse to look out for and support for charities and community groups
12 Nov	Communications	Electric-scooter schemes launch in Aylesbury and High Wycombe to

		support Covid restrictions
11 Nov	Communications	A frightfully good Halloween in Aylesbury and High Wycombe
10 Nov	Communications	New rules for taxis in Buckinghamshire – you're in the driving seat
10 Nov	Community Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - Councillor Crisis Fund application for funding for the Bernie Bus Christmas Convoy
10 Nov	Communications	Bucks seeks key deal with Government to boost local economic recovery and growth
9 Nov	Communications	Update on Buckinghamshire libraries during lockdown
9 Nov	Communication Board	Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board - notification of the Councillor Covid Crisis Fun
9 Nov	Communications	Buckinghamshire Council asks the Government to think again on planning reforms
8 Nov	CC Angela Macpherson	HS2 Operating hours
6 Nov	Communications	COVID-19 response update for Town and Parish Councils in Buckinghamshire
6 Nov	Martin Tett	Update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
6 Nov	Assistant Traffic Data Technician	Traffic Data for Buckingham Road, Edgcott
5 Nov	Communications	Stay safe this Diwali and protect your loved ones
5 Nov	Compliments and Complaints Officer	Stage 1 Complaint – COR 17469
3 Nov	Planning	Planning Appeal Ref: 20/00068/REF

#### BMKALC/AVALC/NALC/BALC

Date / From		Subject
7 Dec	BMKALC	Planning and Enforcement Meeting
27 Nov	BMKALC	Updated LTN 57 -Easements over Common Land and Village Green
24 Nov	BMKALC	Subscription Rates
20 Nov	Parish & Member support	Parish precept - Updated information
19 Nov	BMKALC	BMKALC AGM
19 Nov	Communications	Freeze out doorstep cold callers this winter
16 Nov	BMKALC	BMKALC TRAINING UPDATE
13 Nov	BMKALC	Neighbourhood planning notes
10 NOV	BMKALC	Armistice Day Preparations

#### Others

Date / From		Subject
10 Dec	CIB	COVID-19 Briefing #81 - New Charity Governance Code, updated advice & #FundAlerts
8 Dec	EWR Alliance	East West Rail Traffic Management Schedule
7 Dec	Greg Smith, MP	HIGH PRIORITY- NEW PRISON PROPOSAL IN BUCKS
3 Dec	CIB	Free Legal Advice session
<b>3 Dec</b>	<b>Ministry of Justice</b>	<b>The New Prisons Programme and proposals for a potential new prison in Buckinghamshire</b>
2 Dec	CIB	Community Buildings - Latest Guidance - 02.12.20
1 Dec	CIB	Latest ACRE guidance for Community Buildings - Tier 2
1 Dec	CIB	Free training and legal advice for Bucks charities and community groups in your area
29 Nov	Resident	Site at Lawn Hill
27 Nov	EWR	Stratton Audley Park Road closure
26 Nov	EWR	East West Rail Station Road Marsh Gibbon closure
25 Nov	123 Reg	Confirmation of website domain name renewal
25 Nov	Charndon PC	Support for 20's Plenty campaign
24 Nov	Customer Relations Officer - Road Safety Hampshire Constabulary & Thames Valley Police Joint Operations Unit	Police Speed Cameras in Edgcott

25 Nov/ 20 Nov/ 19 Nov	3 x Residents	EOI Councillor vacancy
17 Nov	CIB	Safeguarding information for Community Buildings
16 Nov	CIB	Community Buildings - Latest Guidance - 16.11.20
15 Nov	No Expressway Group	No Expressway Group Update
13 Oct	CIB	Community Impact Bucks reorganisation
9 Nov	Resident	HGV survey
6 Nov	CIB	Community Buildings - Latest Guidance - 06.11.20
5 Nov	Calvert Green	Local Residents Action Group (CGP-RAG) - Community Petition (Interim Results)
4 Nov	CIB	Community Buildings - Latest Guidance - 04.11.20
3 Nov	CIB	New national restrictions from this Thursday 5 November