

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2024
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

38/24 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)

1 resident arrived at 6.30

Rezia Khan, GigaClear from 7pm to 7.20pm

Apologies:

Unitary Councillor Angela Macpherson

39/24 Members Interests

None.

40/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 February 2024

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

41/24 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

42/24 Planning (2022-23 Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

a) Applications

24/00911/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)) | Ash Tree Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TT.

Action: Clerk to send the following comments to Bucks Council: This application is contrary to the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework in respect of new residential developments on agricultural land in spite of the travellers residential development on the opposite side of the road being granted approval on appeal.

b) Appeals

MOJ APPEAL AGAINST BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL REF: T 22/00125/REF:

A joint letter from Grendon Underwood and Edgcott Parish Council had been sent to the Major Development Manager at Bucks Council (BC) stressing that the Parish Council will be monitoring any changes MoJ request and would expect BC to ensure that all conditions are met. However, the response was considered to be patronizing in that the manager considered that the Parish Councils would not understand the technicalities and would not be forwarding any paperwork.

A meeting was held with UC Angela Macpherson emphasizing that the parish councils expect BC to ensure that all conditions are complied with and to ask her to arrange regular meetings between the parish councils, BC and the MoJ.

22/03098/APP Appeal Ref: 23/00079/REF Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J0405/W/23/3332664

Site Address: Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire.

Proposal: 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.

It was noted that the first condition had been approved.

Action: Councillors to monitor the progress of the conditions of both the above appeals.

c) **Other applications**

The above and all other applications and decisions can be found on the Bucks Planning portal:

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

43/24 Rosefield Solar Farm

It was noted that an online Rosefield Farm DCO member and parish council briefing will be held on Wed Apr 24, 2024, at 5:15pm – 6:15pm. It is expected that the pre-application will be submitted in early Summer.

44/24 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

b) **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2023-24**

It was noted that the internal audit will be carried out on 16 May and that the deadline for submission to the external auditor is 1 July.

45/24 Village Hall

a) **Committee Report**

Cllr Gassor reported the following:

The pop-up pub on 18th May has been cancelled as it clashes with another event.

A Bacon Butty morning is planned for the first Tuesday of every month.

Other events planned are:

- 27 April: Bingo in conjunction with the PCC
- 1 June: Plant Sale, a PCC event
- 9 June: D Day 80th Anniversary – a free event
- 14 September: Pop up pub

It was agreed to purchase a D-Day soldier and fix it to the village hall next to the WWI soldier.

The committee is looking for a new cleaner.

Cllr Gassor agreed to enquire with the new electricity supplier why the village hall charges are estimated since the Smart Meter was installed.

It was noted that the:

- Leak in the men's washroom had been repaired.
- Front door lock had been repaired.

6.30pm 1 resident arrived at the meeting.

b) **Damp in Kitchen**

It was noted that the damp proof work to the inside of the hall should be enough to combat the damp problem. However, any work deemed necessary to the outside of the hall will be considered at a later date.

Chair reported that:

- The damp proof work would start on 15 or 16 May.
- The work would probably take 2 days.
- He will liaise with the damp-proof and kitchen contractors.
- Funding from the Community Board was not available.

Cllr Gassor reported that she is liaising with the village hall hirers.

c) **Fence**

It was agreed to get a quote to install a wider gate.

Action: Cllr Kay to speak to a local contractor.

46/24 Highways and footways

a) **Meeting with Local Area Technical (LAT)**

Chair and Cllrs Webster and Kay met the LAT on Wednesday 28 February, and has since received the following confirmation of proposed work:

“For reference, the ditching work job I raised in February, is Alloy 874779 / confirm ref 1037669 to clear all the vegetation and clear the ditch and drainage channel for at least 50 meters to expose the headwalls and outlets to at least 0.5m deep to allow sufficient water drainage from the pond towards Marsh Gibbon. The high-pressure jetting order was raised too, to clean out all the gullies, and jet all the connections including kerb weirs and culverts are still outstanding is on Buckingham Road, Edgcott from Church Lane to Pond Cottages, job work reference Alloy 872674 / Confirm ref 1036697. I have referred to the contractor to request an approximate date for the work and I will get back to you when I hear.”

b) Biodiversity

Following the issue of a directive from BC stating that: “As Town and Parish Councils we have a duty to consider within our powers, what actions and policies we put in place to consider biodiversity”, Chair wrote to the LAT to inform her that we are trying to make the pond a more attractive feature in the village and to put it forward as a biodiversity project. The LAT’s response was that she thought the project a good idea and provided a link to: [Ecology projects | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

c) Meeting with Bucks Councillors

Chair had attended a meeting with Bucks Councillors to discuss the condition of local roads. Answers to questions were submitted in writing after the meeting.

7pm Representative from Gigaclear arrived. Chair broke the meeting to allow Rezia to give her presentation. Which informed the council that following the announcement of Government funding, Gigaclear had plans to install free broadband in Edgcott, however a charge would be made if connection was required via a long driveway. Another presentation to the residents would be made, possibly in August 2025.

Highways and Footways continued

d) Buckingham Road hedge

Cllr Gassor reported that the hedge along Buckingham Road still had not been cut back and thought that it would not be done now until August after the bird nesting season.

e) Flooding

Cllr Webster had been in contact with UC Angela Macpherson and Thames Water trying to resolve the recent flooding\sewage issues but with currently no sign of a resolution.

Action: Water\sewage issues need to be monitored, especially with the new prison build.

47/24 Speedwatch

a) MVAS

The MVAS had been moved close to the junction of Buckingham Road and Church Lane. Cllr SG had down-loaded the information from the MVAS and agreed to produce a report when she has more data to work with.

48/24 Street Lighting

There were no issues to report.

49/24 HS2

Resident, Roger Behagg, had asked for a map of haul and site access roads. He also had accepted the offer of a notice board.

50/24 Community Board and sub-groups

The next Community Board meeting is to be held on 16 May in Haddenham.

51/24 Street Furniture/Pond area

a) Bench

There were no updates available.

b) Bus Shelter

The contractor is waiting for better weather to complete the work.

52/24 Quarterly Newsletter

The next newsletter is in hand.

53/24 King's Portrait

The free portrait of King Charles III has been hung in the village hall.

54/24 Review Policies

The Council's policies had been reviewed and a Biodiversity Policy will be added.

55/24 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

Chair had responded to a letter from a resident highlighting issues in the village. It was noted that the Parish Council had been dealing with all the issues raised but resolution is in the hands of Bucks Council, except for the litter pick and air quality survey, to get all of them resolved.

56/24 Any Other Business

a) Litter Pick

Cllr Kay agreed to speak to the Scout Leader to ask the scouts to arrange a litter pick.

b) Air Quality Survey

RB agreed to approach HS2 to enquire if they could carry out an air quality test.

57/24 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meetings:

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 20 May 2024 followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

STATUS OF 2023-24 (AND 2020-22 AWAITING A DECISION) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Reference	Address	Status
22/01899/APP	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 0TL	Awaiting decision
22/01900/ALB	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 0TL	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
22/A3098/DIS	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Approved
23/00079/REF	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Appeal Allowed
23/00274/APP	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 0TL	Approved
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 0TL	Approved
23/02098/APP	St Michaels Church Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Approved
23/02099/COUAR	Barn To The North Of The Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN	Refused
23/03233/PIP	Lea House Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TT	Approved
23/03549/COUAF	Perry Hill Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TS	Refused
23/03875/APP	Rookery Farm Granborough Buckinghamshire MK18 3NJ	Awaiting decision
24/00338/APP	Perry Hill Farm Perry Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TS	Awaiting decision
24/00911/COUAR	Ash Tree Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TT	Awaiting decision

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
07/02/2024	Bucks Council	Lottery		42.50	
12/02/2024	E.on Next	Inv KI-218921ED-0016 VH Elec 1-18 Dec 2023 (Final Payme	100.17		101224
20/02/2024	Castle Water	Inv 10001474705: VH Water 1 Jan - 31 Jan 24	2.09		101225
27/02/2024	Valda Energy	Inv 00763188: VH Elec 19 Jan 24 TO 18 Mar 24	39.16		DD
05/03/2024	Bucks Council	Inv 2205075644: Dog waste collection service 1 Apr 23 - 31 M	140.21		101226
05/03/2024	Hugo Fox	Inv 4518: Website monthly payment	11.99		101227
05/03/2024	Elec Network Contractor	Inv 0808: Columns 10 and 11 St Leonards Close	1264.80		101228
11/03/2024	P Harper	Able Group Inv for VH door repair	94.80		101229
11/03/2024	CIB	Inv 6080: CIB Community Buildings Membership	70.00		101230
12/03/2024	Bucks Council	Lottery		34.00	
13/03/2024	Edgcott VH	Contribution to VH Utility payment		100.17	
14/03/2024	Castle Water	Inv 10001720973: VH Water 1-29 Feb 2024	10.64		101231
14/03/2024	C Jackman	Clerk Salary Jan-March 2024	635.05		101232
14/03/2024	HMRC	Clerk PAYE Jan-March 2024	158.60		101233
14/03/2024	C Jackman	Clerk stationery and postage	79.27		101234
24/03/2024	ICO	DATA Protection renewal	35.00		DD
27/03/2024	Valda Energy	Inv 00793710: VH elec 19 Mar 24 to 18 April 24	41.01		DD
04/04/2024	Bucks Council	Lottery		34.00	
10/04/2024	BALC	Inv 5232: 2024-25 BMKALC / NALC Subs	42.42		101235
10/04/2024	HugoFox	Inv 101236: Website April 2024 - March 2025	143.86		101236