

EDGCOTT PARISH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT 6pm ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2022
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

64/22 Attendance:

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

Apologies:

Bucks Councillor Angela Macpherson
Cllr Angela Hawes

In attendance:

Public 2
C Jackman (Clerk)

65/22 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May 2021:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May 2021 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

66/22 Chairman's Report:

1 Proposed new prison in Grendon Underwood

The Ministry of Justice's planning application to build a new Mega prison in Grendon Underwood was refused by Buckinghamshire's Strategic Planning Committee in March 2022. Circa five hundred good quality planning objections were submitted to Bucks Council. The Parish Council joined forces with Grendon Underwood Parish Council to form a working group, which was backed up by an expert's group of local residents with particular expertise in their field. The Member of Parliament and Buckinghamshire Councillors were also fully supportive in opposition to the planning application. Special thanks go to Rod Baker for leading the campaign and to Edgcott residents Roger Behagg and Martin Rogers for their extra input. *[Note: Since the meeting the Ministry of Justice have informed the Parish Council that they will be appealing the decision by Bucks Council to refuse the application.]*

2 Springhill expansion

A planning application is expected for Springhill open prison which will include the replacement of existing buildings.

3 Planning

- i) A planning application to erect a detached dwelling with 3 bay garage in Church Lane was refused. *[Since the meeting an appeal has been submitted.]*
- ii) The Parish Council supported Poundon and Twyford Parish Councils in submitting an objection for an application for a temporary 7-year change of use of agricultural land for the establishment of an operator skills hub for training operatives in relation to the development of major infrastructure projects and caravan park and erection of temporary buildings | Red Furlong Farm Twyford Road Poundon which eventually was refused.
- iii) Various applications on Dunsty Hill have either been refused by Bucks Council or are awaiting a decision.

- iv) A decision for 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 still is awaited.
- v) It had been agreed that the complaint to Bucks Council and the Ombudsman regarding the process for the approval for the new building in Grendon Road will not be taken any further.

4 Street Lighting

Chair thanked Charles Harris (CH) for his continued support with the street lighting. CH is looking into finding another maintenance contractor as Aylesbury Mains had gone out of business. Eventually all lights will be replaced with LED's.

5 Traffic

The Parish Council is still investigating the possibility of getting a 20mph speed limit through the village (part of the 20's Plenty Campaign). Road tube exercises had been carried out and an application has been sent to Buckinghamshire Council to start the process. It is hoped that 50% of the funding will come from the Community Board.

6 Community Speed watch

Thames Valley Police have set up a new process for speed watch. So far Edgcott have three volunteers (although only one has completed the on-line training). Advertisements have been put on Facebook and the Parish Council newsletters for more volunteers. During a recent speed enforcement by Traffic Police 24 motorists were found to be travelling at more than 30mph.

7 HS2/East West Rail (EWR)

Chair thanked Roger Behagg for liaising with CALM (Calvert Area Liaison Meeting) and for monitoring the HS2 and EWR traffic movements.

8 Highways

Transport for Bucks (TfB) has cleaned out drains and gulleys but during heavy rain there is still some flash flooding.

Potholes should be reported to Bucks Council's FixMyStreet.

Some road repairs have been carried out on Shipton Lee Road.

9 Memorial Bench

A bench in memory of the late Tom Edwards was supplied by his family and friends and placed at the bottom of Perry Hill.

The Memorial Bench has been reinstalled at the Pond.

10 Litter/Salt Bins

Two new litter bins are awaiting installation and two additional salt bins have been provided.

11 Oxford to Cambridge Arc

The express way has been scrapped but we are still part of the 'Stop the Arc' group as there is still the threat of thousands of new homes being built.

12 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will be held over 4 days (2-5 June) with:

- A beacon being lit on Mill Hill on Thursday
- Springhill events on Friday
- Edgcott events on Saturday
- Combined villages on Sunday

13 Parish Newsletter

Cllr S Gassor and Chair prepare a Parish Council quarterly newsletter.

67/22 Village Hall Lease

It is noted that the Village Hall 20 year lease, signed on 2 September 2013, will **expire on 1 September 2033.**

Action: Expiry date to be added to the agenda for the next Annual Parish Meeting.

68/22 Buckinghamshire Councillor Angela Macpherson's report is at Appendix 1.

69/22 PCSO Report Appendix 2

Meeting closed at 6.35

Buckinghamshire Councillor's Annual report 2021/2022
May 2022

Dear Parish Council

Another year has flown by and it has been a pleasure working with you.

As before it has not been a year without significant challenges locally.

Not least the ongoing impact of East West Rail and HS2, the continuing pandemic and now the tragic situation in Ukraine.

As you are aware your three local councillors, myself, Frank Mahon and Michael Rand have been working together collaboratively across our large ward of Grendon Underwood.

After the elections last May we took a decision to divide our ward into three parts so we could each focus on a group of parishes each. As always we are keen to hear how this is working for you and will always ensure we are flexible so that we can provide parish councils the best possible service.

I have listed below some of the highlights for Buckinghamshire Council from the past year which reflect the Council's corporate aims. Do let me know if you would like more detail on any of the many initiatives and projects listed below.

Your Councillor

Angela Macpherson

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES

- Community Boards have delivered 412 projects across the county
- Achieved match funding - £0.71 in match funding for every £1 of Community Board funding
- Of these 112 were environment projects, including -
 - Tree planting, woodland activities, forest schools and 'Go Green' initiatives not only tackling environmental issues, also addressing mental health and providing new skills
 - Improvements to parks, green spaces creating new communal areas and community gardens
- 29 economic recovery projects were delivered including -
 - Supporting people to access training or employment, support for setting up a new business, and providing financial advice and support
 - Supporting shops and businesses in our town and villages with shop local campaigns
- We launched the Bucks Online Directory which is a helpful and searchable directory with 3,000 community groups and organisations listing local activities and support.
- We rolled out of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme
- We ran the Active Communities Pilot Project, a community-based approach that engages with local people and various assets within a community
- We launched our first ever Buckinghamshire Adult Safeguarding campaign with our partners – See Something, Say Something, Do Something.
- The wellbeing for Education Return programme was successfully cascaded across all schools in the county. This provided additional mental health and emotional well-being support.
- Over 600 days of patrols were carried out by Street Wardens, dealing with 1637 incidents

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

- The Domestic Abuse Partnership Board was launched in line with new statutory duties contained with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- The Financial Insecurities Partnership was established in April 2021 with partners from the Voluntary & Community Sector
- The Council's Helping Hand team successfully utilised just under £3.5 million of grant funding, provided through the Local Support Grant and Household Support Fund, to support financially vulnerable families. This has provided just over £2.4m worth of holiday food voucher support via schools and early years settings to families with children eligible for pupil premium, early years' pupil premium or 2-year-old funded free education places.
- The Family and Carer Support Service in One Recovery Bucks, which tackles substance misuse situations, has provided 228 family group support interventions and 1,650 family one to one interventions.
- We launched 'community cafes' which provide 60 face-to-face appointments each week for residents to speak with adult social care workers and with other agencies. 343 residents have been helped to date.
- Children's Services in Buckinghamshire are no longer judged to be inadequate by Ofsted.
- 15 new foster carers (25 placements) and 14 new adopters approved between 1 January and 31 December 2021
- 89.3% of schools were rated good or above by Ofsted as of 31 December 2021
- 76% of care leavers aged 19-21 are in Employment, Education or Training.

IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- The Council has adopted the Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy
- Pilots have been held at three locations to test to implementation of Moving Traffic Offences and a public consultation held with a view to being one of the first Council's to introduce these restrictions outside of London.
- Carriageway, footway, drainage and structures capital programme of £34M this year was delivered.
- We invested £4m in drain and gullies work programme to clean each of the 85,000 gullies in Buckinghamshire at least once and repair those that needed it.
- Bus Service Improvement Plan was completed, introducing 60 Real Time Bus Displays to provide passengers with live information on how full the buses are.
- Personal Transport Budgets were launched as an alternative option for SEND students, giving over 360 families the freedom and flexibility to make their own transport arrangements and supporting children's independence.
- The Big Bucks Tidy Up was part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean. We provided additional litter and cleansing campaigns which accounted for nearly 3000 miles of additional mechanical sweeping and over 2000 hours of additional litter picking.
- We won 6 Green Flag Awards for our Parks
- Buckinghamshire Council are one of the leading non-London authorities when it comes to issuing enforcement notices. The Council issued 54 notices resulting in us being the 5th highest outside London
- 900 planning enforcement cases were closed which was a significant increase on the previous year, plus Enforcement Notices were being upheld on appeal.
- We maintain a zero-tolerance approach to fly tipping. As of March 2022, 98 cases have been fully investigated, 50 suspects reported for prosecution, 48 Fixed Penalty Notices issued, and we have seized and disposed of two commercial fly tippers vehicles.
- We continue to lobby HS2 and EWR to agree a process for road repairs as a result of their project work in Bucks

INCREASING PROSPERITY

- £15m Future High Streets Funding is being programmed for delivery, unlocking a 3-year regeneration and public realm scheme for economic and social recovery for the town centres in both Aylesbury and High Wycombe
- Just under £1 million of Reopening High Streets Safely and Welcome Back Funding was invested in towns and villages across Bucks to support high streets during lockdowns
- The Additional Restrictions Grant has seen over £22 million re invested to support the recovery of vital businesses impacted by Covid across Buckinghamshire.

PCSO Report

Edgcott Annual Parish Council Meeting 16/05/22

This yearly report is supplied by Waddesdon Neighbourhood Police Team. The incidents recorded are just a snapshot of incidences that occurred within the parish between 16/05/21 and 16/05/22. The examples are given with the belief that they are of interest to the parish and public alike. I have however used my discretion to leave out incidents which I do not think are in the public interest. I have tried to provide accurate data but given the variable information around addresses using our current police system, there may be some incidents under reported. I have also mentioned incidents with no reports received to highlight that they may become an issue in other areas and I wanted to make the public aware.

Fraud - No reports received. Fraud against the public is a growing issue that affects us all. We would urge residents to be aware of strangers making contact by phone, e-mail, or door to door persons asking for your details. Do not give your personal details to anyone that you do not know! For further information you can google "The Little Book of Big Scams" which is in its fourth edition. Or if this isn't possible we have limited copies and can put a copy through your letter box if required.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). No reports received. Examples of general ASB would include riding around with a noisy exhaust on a motorbike, or kids loitering in an area while causing a nuisance to the community etc.

Burglary - 1 report of burglaries to non-dwelling (barn)

Now that we are into Summer I would urge anyone venturing out to tend to their gardens to be aware of where they store their garden machinery and power tools etc. Unfortunately criminals are always looking for ways to take your property. Check your locks, consider lighting, cctv and laser alarms to protect your property.

Theft from Vehicles. No incidents reported. To not leave anything on view in their vehicles- especially tools. Number plates are also being taken in other areas. This would be done in order to commit further crimes using another vehicle with the stolen plates. Number plates can be protected by fitting anti-theft screws. Thames Valley Police have a small amount of stock and may be able to provide on request. The screws can also be got from diy shops or car parts shops. Please also do not leave anything on view in your vehicles for would-be thieves to feel tempted.

Criminal Damage. There was 1 incident of criminal damage reported to a residents gate.

Road Traffic Collision. (RTC)

There were 1 non-injury RTC's reported in the area.

There were 1 minor-injury RTC's reported in the area

On a lighter note, since PC Tom Chalk has left Thames Valley Police, we have welcomed Eleanor Fenemore our new PC supervisor to Waddesdon in May. She grew up around these parts and has a wealth of knowledge regarding farming, crime and members of the farming community. Also one of our PCSO's Denise Grayburn has also left the service in the hope of retiring and getting a well-earned rest. While Thames Valley is going through some challenging times regarding resourcing, I am happy to say that the Waddesdon team should not be greatly affected by this. I have been informed that the resourcing issue should be resolved by the end of the year.

Kind regards

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