

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2021
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

132/21 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)
Cllr R Webster
Cllr S Gassor
Cllr A Hawes

In attendance:

County Councillor Angela Macpherson
5 Members of the Public
C Jackman (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr Bob Kay

133/21 Members Interests

None.

134/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10 August 2021

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

135/21 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

136/21 Planning (2021 Planning applications are at Appendix 1)

a) Complaints

20/00717/APP (Complaint Ref COR17469): Linden House, Grendon Road, Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN

Chair explained the background to the complaint to Buckinghamshire Council, which is that the Parish Council did not object to the original application but objected to the process followed by Bucks Council regarding the second application.

Council received a formal response to its complaint regarding the process for the approval of the application (Complaint reference COR17469) on 27 August, having originally been informed that a response would be sent on 20 May, then 17 June, then 30 July.

The formal response was uninformative, it was therefore agreed that our complaint should be escalated to the Ombudsman.

Action: Chair to draft a letter to the Ombudsman. Clerk to inform Bucks Council that the Parish Council will be escalating this to the Ombudsman and to inform the Ombudsman immediately that the Parish Council will be escalating this to them as the deadline is within a year of the original complaint being made (which was 20 October 2020).

b) Applications

21/03284/APP | 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 Buckinghamshire OX27 9BG

Decision: Object on the basis that the area is already blighted by HS2, EWR and house building.

Action: Chair to draft objection.

21/03484/ACL | Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed temporary site compound comprising welfare and office units, car parking, storage areas, internal access roads, security area, a communications mast and an associated drainage feature. | Land To The South Of The FCC Energy From Waste Plant, Edgcott, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0QN, United Kingdom. It was noted that the above planning application will probably not affect Edgcott so the Parish Council would not be commenting on it.

c) **Previously commented on**

Following a discussion on Edgcott planning applications generally, it was noted that the Parish Council had commented on the following:

21/03055/APP | Retainment of existing wooden picket fence between Lower Farm Cottage and Linden House side garden plot. | Avalon Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TN. Council objected on the grounds that it did not comply with the original planning conditions.

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. Council objected on the grounds that the original approval for the Energy From Waste site contained a condition that the area should be returned to agricultural use and woodland and that the proposal overrides the previous application. However, it has since been noted that the FCC have offered the Ministry of Justice free heating.

d) **Bucks Council (AVDC area) approved application**

21/02977/APP: Proposed black UPVC rear conservatory | 2 St Michaels Close Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0XL.

e) **Marquee off Grendon Road**

The resident is considering a planning application.

137/21 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

b) It was noted that the **AGAR** (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) had been approved by the external auditor.

138/21 Potential New Prison

Rod Baker:

- Thanked all those involved in preparing the exhibition and objections.
- Noted that there had been 480 comments, all objecting.
- Further comments can be made up to the determination date.
- Bucks Council will not meet the 13 week time-line.
- On receipt of the case officer's report, the Parish Council has 8 days in which to prepare its statement for presentation at the committee stage.

It Was noted that:

- The planning committee will probably conduct a site visit before determining the application.
- The Grendon Underwood Parish Clerk and the Case Officer may organise another review meeting.
- CC Angela Macpherson will canvass other County Councillors to make comments, including our previous district councillor Cameron Branston.
- An application for planning permission to make changes to HMP Springhill has not been

submitted yet.

Chair thanked Rod Baker for all the work he has done and noted that although Rod will be moving, he will continue with his work on the MEGA Prison planning application. Rod left the meeting at 6.50.

139/21 Village Hall

a) **Committee update**

It was noted that:

- The **accounts** are showing a healthy balance.
- A new '**wheelie bin**' is required as the current bin has a broken lid.
- A team of volunteers will clean the hall on 9th October ready for the **coffee morning** on the 12th October between 10.30 and 12.30. The success of the coffee morning will be re-assessed to decide whether to continue with it. An advertisement will be put onto Facebook.
- Some events would be carried out jointly with the Church.
- A **storage shed** is needed which will be located behind the hall.
- The weeds behind the hall need clearing.

b) **Side Fencing/Slabs**

Agreement from the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and the new residents to install a picket fence has been received.

It was noted that some slabs need 'bedding down'.

Action: Clerk to check with J&S Constructors on where they got the current picket fencing and chair to look into bedding down the slabs.

c) **Grass cutting**

It was noted that next year a rota for grass cutting will need to be set up.

It was agreed to put a note in the newsletter to thank Jason Barfoot for the strimming he had carried out.

d) **Notice Board**

Clerk had approached HMP Springhill regarding volunteers to refurbish the notice board but had not received a response. CC Angela Macpherson passed on another contact.

Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting to make a decision on what sort of notice board/signage should be in place at the hall.

e) **Car Park**

It was agreed to continue to monitor the use of the car park.

140/21 Highways and footways

a) **Road repairs**

It was noted that the pot hole caused by the water leakage adjacent to Hill Farm had been repaired. However, the channel under the road had not been installed as the Local Area Technician had agreed, resulting in the water leaking again.

b) **Leonards Close name plate**

It had been reported that the Leonards Close name plate was unreadable.

Action: Clerk to report on Fix My Street.

c) **Grendon Road Land**

The Parish Council is awaiting information on the Cultivation Licenses issued to residents.

d) **TTRO**

It was noted that the issue of TTRO's is a shambles. CC Angela Macpherson reported that this is a huge issue and that the TTRO co-ordinator had left Bucks Council and had not been replaced.

141/21 Speed watch /HGV's

a) **Sentinel Camera**

It was noted that the police enforcement camera team had visited the village for 3 hours and had recorded 24 vehicles exceeding the speed limit. However, it was not known how many vehicles had gone through the village during this period.

Chair will thank TVP and ask for a different time for the camera team to re-visit the village.

b) **20's Plenty**

It was noted again that it will be difficult to get a 20mph limit in the village as it is a 'through route'. It was agreed to contact Steve Broadbent, the Cabinet Member for Transport, to get advice on the way forward with the speed reduction and/or traffic calming.

142/21 Street Lighting

There were no new updates.

143/21 HS2

Roger Behagg had sent the following report for HS2:

Generally HGV movements remain low and well below those allowed by the approval granted.

Concerns remain over speeding HGVs and non HGV/driving standards/convoys of HGVs/ display of identifiers. Traffic "marshall" employed by Bucks Council to monitor and enforce. Residents need to report breaches on an ongoing basis.

Lawn Hill should have only occasional HGV's following decommissioning of Oak Tree Farm for storage etc of heavy plant.

Cllr Hawes reported a flurry of activity last week with Ashvale vehicles. Checked with Fusion and not their works. Awaiting response from EKFB and EWR.

EKFB have changed their mind over promised vibration monitoring in Edgcott following results of monitoring at Werner Terrace showing readings at levels that would not indicate property damage – and costs!! Reported at last meeting.

Road damage and closures/diversions and co-ordination with EWR remain a major focus and concern. Bucks Council very aware and engaged.

144/21 East West Rail

Roger Behagg had sent the following report for EWR:

Generally very little HGV traffic related to EWR works.

EWR have employed traffic marshalls to monitor and control their traffic. Seen in Edgcott on occasions.

EWR recommending a 20 mph limit in villages for their vehicles but little evidence of compliance.

Still issues of speeding/driving standards for non HGV vehicles.

Still no sign of the "smiley faces" speed signs promised months ago. Chased again and usual unfulfilled promises.

Road damage and closures/diversions and co-ordination with EWR remain a major focus and concern. Bucks Council very aware and engaged.

145/21 Oxford to Cambridge Arc

It was noted that Buckinghamshire Council will be responding to the Oxford to Cambridge Arc Consultation and will be holding a briefing for Parish Councils in the Oculus on 27 September. [Sec's Note: this will now be held via MS Teams on 4 October.]

146/21 Community Board

No updates were available.

147/21 Street Furniture

a) **Commemorative Bench/Litter Bin**

It was noted that the commemorative bench had been installed. A decision on the litter bin had not been made yet.

b) **Seat Repair**

The repair of the bench in Grendon Road and the reinstatement of the bench at Pond Cottages still are outstanding.

Action: Clerk to speak to a contact for the repair of the Grendon Road bench.

148/21 Quarterly Newsletter

The next newsletter is ready to go to print.

149/21 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

150/21 Any Other Business

a) **Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)**

It was noted that that the VALP has now been approved.

b) **Fires**

It was noted that someone is lighting fires on the area adjacent to Lawn House Lane which needs to be monitored.

151/21 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 1 November 2021 in Edgcott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ Date _____

STATUS OF 2021 PLANNING (plus those awaiting a decision from 2020)

Reference	Address	Status
20/02927/APP	Clover Meadow Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTA	Awaiting decision
20/03142/ALB	Lower Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Consent Granted
20/03415/APP	Regency House Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Awaiting decision
20/04357/ALB	Lower Farm Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Consent Granted
20/04382/APP	Land Adj To Old Manor House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTR	Awaiting decision
21/00672/APP	8 Lawnhouse Lane Lawn House Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTX	Approved
21/01314/AOP	Dunsty Hill Farm Edgcott Road Calvert Green Buckinghamshire OX27 0BJ	Awaiting decision
21/01482/AGN	Ash Tree Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTT	Refused
21/01876/APP	Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire	Awaiting decision
21/02851/AOP	Hm Prison Grendon Springhill Road Grendon Underwood Buckinghamshire HP18 OTL	Awaiting decision
21/02977/APP	2 St Michaels Close Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OXL	Approved
21/03055/APP	Avalon Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Awaiting decision
21/03284/APP	Red Furlong Farm Twyford Road Poundon Buckinghamshire OX27 9BG	Awaiting decision
21/03484/ACL	Land To The South Of The FCC Energy From Waste Plant, Edgcott, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0QN, United Kingdom.	Awaiting decision

Appendix 2

Date		Description	Payment	Income	Ref
07/09/2021	M Rogers	Inv 2021EPC002: Colour print	60.00		101098
		Cancelled			101099
07/09/2021	PKF Littlejohn	Inv SB20210477: External audit	240.00		101100
07/09/2021	BALC	Inv 3162: Councillor Trng Angela Hawes	38.00		101101
07/09/2021	Bucks Council	Lottery		39.00	
10/09/2021	Bucks Council	2nd precept payment		5125.00	
19/09/2021	SSE	Inv 631774536 0031 : Street light electric 3 Aug to 1 Sept 21	4.93		DD
19/09/2021	SSE	Inv 741775810 0031 : Street light electric 3 Aug to 1 Sept 21	103.68		DD
20/09/2021	C Jackman	Clerk salary Jul - Sept	522.10		101102
20/09/2021	HMRC	Clerk PAYE Jul - Sept	130.40		101103
20/09/2021	Village Hall	50% cost of COVID clean	50.63		101104