

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2021
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

OPEN FORUM

Questions answered during meeting.

112/21 Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Cllr P Harper (Chairman)
Cllr B Kay
Cllr R Webster
Cllr A Hawes

In attendance:

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

Apologies:

Cllr S Gassor

113/21 Members Interests

None.

114/21 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28 June 2021

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

115/21 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

116/21 Planning (2020/21 Planning applications are at Appendix 1)

a) **20/00717/APP:** 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.

It was noted that the Planning Department will respond to the Stage 2 complaint by 27 August. having previously said that they will respond by 20 May, then 17 June then 30 July.

Following a question from a resident it was noted that the next stage would be a complaint to the Ombudsman.

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

Councillors raised no objections to this planning application.

Action: Clerk to inform Buckinghamshire Council (AVDC Area).

21/03055/APP

It was noted that this planning application did not meet the conditions in the approved planning application, in that a 1.8m close board fence should be installed.

Decision: Object

Action: Clerk to inform Buckinghamshire Council (AVDC Area)

b) **Marquee**

There were no updates on the marquee behind Harmony Grange.

Action: Chair to ask Andrew Benn for an update.

c) **HS2 Compound**

It was noted that a 15 acre site will be used for storing aggregates at the FCC Energy from Waste site.

d) **Planning Delays**

It was noted that some planning applications had been in the system for a number of months. CC AM said that Bucks Council was using agency staff as it was difficult to find trained planners to deal with the increased number of applications.

117/21 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

118/21 Potential New Prison

It was noted that two successful exhibitions had been held in Grendon Underwood and Edgcott with 62 and 50+ people respectively. It was noted that the BBC and Greg Smith, MP, will attend a third exhibition to be held in Steeple Claydon on 10 August.

A ZOOM presentation attended by Greg Smith, MP, also had been successful.

It was emphasized that we need to ensure that 'good quality' objections are submitted by the public and other Parish Councils.

A further discussion on the planning process took place noting that Parish Councils only get 3 minutes between them to put their comments to the Strategic Planning Committee. The County Councillors get 3 minutes each. It was noted that there are no special arrangements for the MP who will be treated as a member of the public.

Action: All Councillors to monitor the website to ensure that there are sufficient objections submitted.

It was noted that scale, access and layout have been added to the planning application.

119/21 Village Hall

a) **Committee update**

It was noted that bookings have now resumed, and the Annual Fire Safety check had been carried out.

b) **Side Fencing**

It was agreed that a picket fence should be installed between the village hall and the new houses.

Action: Chair to speak to VAHT and the new residents.

c) **Car Park**

It was agreed to continue to monitor the use of the car park. It also was suggested that the spaces should be marked out and a sign 'village hall users only' installed.

120/21 Highways and footways

a) **Hedges**

It was noted that the owner of the hedge opposite Pond Cottages had informed the Council that he could not cut it back at this time of year. It had, therefore, been reported on Bucks Council's Fix My Street as it was a safety hazard. It was noted also that the hedge was covering the vehicle activated sign.

b) **Parking on Verges**

Following the statement that a resident had purchased the rights to access an area of the Grendon Road land he had shown the document (covering page only) to Cllr Harper. It was further discovered that Buckinghamshire Council had issued four Cultivation Licences for the Bucks Council owned land along Grendon Road. Bucks Council have not provided any information to the Parish Council regarding the cultivation licences and the Parish Council has asked some questions but is awaiting for a response.

Residents at the meeting had expressed concern that some of the trees had been damaged by the

way that they had been treated by the cultivation licencees. It was also noted that this went against Buckinghamshire Council's move towards 'wilding' green spaces, which had not been allowed here. However, it was noted that some residents prefer the 'tidy' look of the area.

Action: Clerk and CC Angela Macpherson to chase Buckinghamshire Council for a reply to the questions asked.

121/21 Speed watch /HGV's

a) Sentinel Camera

Volunteers had carried out the speed watch between 7-11 June resulting in 77 letters being sent to drivers. Clerk had queried this number as it appeared to be very low. It transpired that TVP had had problems with the memory cards used and had only taken the information from one. If the Sentinel Camera is used again, more volunteers will be needed. It was noted that the police had visited the area to see where the best places would be to carry out speed checks.

Action: Chair to contact Thames Valley Police to push for police speed checks.

b) Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Roger Behagg reported that we are still awaiting the installation of the SIDs.

Action: Roger Behagg to liaise with EWR on the location of the SIDs.

c) HGV Survey

It was noted that the numbers recorded during the HGV survey were unusually low and therefore the results would not be forwarded to TVP or Bucks Council.

d) 20's Plenty

The Parish Council had received information from the Community Board regarding the installation of traffic calming and speed limit reductions. Following receipt of this information it looked very unlikely that we would be able to get a speed limit reduction. It was therefore agreed to consult the Cabinet Member for Transport to enquire if it is worth continuing to try and get a 20mph speed limit through the village.

122/21 Street Lighting

There were no new updates.

123/21 HS2

Roger Behagg continues to attend the HS2 sub-group meetings and monitors the vehicle movements. He reported that currently they are probably at about 50% of their allotted numbers.

It appears that the issues with the HS2 HGV movements along Lawn Hill have been resolved.

Following the trial at Werner Terrace in Calvert, EKFB had reported that it would not be issuing any vibration monitors as the results were within the legal limit.

Cllr Harper will stand in for Roger Behagg at the maintenance depot meeting next week.

124/21 East West Rail

CC Angela Macpherson reported that Bucks Council is fighting hard with HS2 and EWR for road improvement funding.

Roger Behagg reported that following his report to EWR, EWR traffic through the village had stopped.

125/21 Oxford to Cambridge Arc

It was noted that the deadline for comments on the 1st (of 3) consultations on the Oxford to Cambridge Arc is 12 October. It was noted that the wording of the consultation had been phrased in such a way that the results could only be positive.

CC Angela Macpherson reported that Buckinghamshire Council was not in favour of the Arc, would not be completing the consultation but would be making a statement. Concern was expressed that the Spatial Framework appeared to override local plans.

126/21 Community Board

Cllr Hawes had attended the Community Board meeting which was attended by the new Chairman and covered the new structure.

127/21 Street Furniture

a) **Commemorative Bench/Litter Bin**

It was noted that the base for the commemorative bench has been dug out suggesting that the bench should soon be in place.

b) **Seat Repair**

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

Action: Chair to speak to A Benfield regarding the reinstatement of the bench at Pond Cottages.

128/21 Quarterly Newsletter

The next newsletter is due in the autumn.

Action: Chair to liaise with Cllr Gassor.

129/21 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

130/21 Any Other Business

It was noted that Edgcott will fall into the Princes Risborough constituency if the boundary changes go ahead.

131/21 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 20 September 2021 in Edgcott Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

STATUS OF 2020-2021 PLANNING

Reference	Address	Status
20/00717/APP	Linden House Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Approved
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	Awaiting decision
21/03055/APP	Avalon Grendon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 OTN	Awaiting decision

Appendix 2

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
18/07/2021	E.on Next	Inv KI-218921ED vh elec 10 May - 30 June 2021	43.86		1093
19/07/2021	SSE	Inv 631774536 0029: street lighting 2 June to 1 Jul	4.95		DD
19/07/2021	SSE	Inv 7417758 0029: street lighting 2 June to 1 Jul	104.90		DD
23/07/2021	P Harper	Tesco battery £4.50 / Screwfix step latter (£43.99)	48.49		1094
28/07/2021	Churches Fire	Inv SI21-030326vh Fire inspection	65.08		1095
28/07/2021	D Hayes	Media Print Inv XYDSY Mega Prison posters	326.59		1096
28/07/2021	D Hayes	Media Print Inv GDQXS Mega prison flyers	105.30		1096
28/07/2021	BALC	Inv 2803 annual membership	56.40		1097
20/08/2021	SSE	Inv 631774536 0030: street light elec 2 Jul to 2 Aug	4.95		DD
20/08/2021	SSE	Inv 74177581 0030: street light elec 2 Jul to 2 Aug	111.63		DD