

EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 6PM ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2024
IN EDGCOTT VILLAGE HALL

129/24 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)

2 Members of the Public

Apologies:

Unitary Cllr Angela Macpherson

130/24 Members Interests

None.

131/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 August 2024

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

132/24 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

133/24 Planning (2021-24 Planning applications/decisions are at Appendix 1)

a) Applications

22/B3098/DIS | Submission of details pursuant to Condition 2 A) (hard and soft landscaping) 2 B) (surface water drainage) 2 C) (foul water drainage) 2 D) (lighting) 2 E) (arboricultural method statement) 2 G) (slab levels) relating to Planning Permission **22/03098/APP** (allowed on appeal 23/00079/REF) | Land Adjacent To Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire.

It was noted that there are other Conditions to be met and the deadline for submission was 13 August.

A response from Bucks Council requesting clarification on the deadline submission for the Conditions was disappointing, in that Bucks Council appeared not to be enforcing it.

24/01994/APP and 24/01995: Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott

It was noted that the above planning applications had been reissued for comment. However, no new documents had been uploaded to the Bucks Planning portal and the Parish Council had already submitted that it had no objection on 31 July 2024. It is believed that the deadline for comment had been extended as the 'Yellow Notice' had not been displayed.

b) Appeals

Ministry of Justice Appeal (MoJ) against Buckinghamshire Council: Ref T22/00125/REF

Edgcott and Grendon Underwood Parish Councils had met with the Ministry of Justice on 24 July.

Unitary Councillor Patrick Fealey was present but had to declare an interest as he is Chairman of the Planning Committee, therefore Bucks Council were not properly represented.

It was noted that the MoJ is planning to hold a drop-in session for local residents at Grendon

Underwood Village Hall and hope to meet the working group after the session. A date was not

available. *[Clerk's Note: Grendon Underwood village hall has been booked for the drop in session on 23 October from 2pm to 9pm and 24 October from 10.30am to 1pm for the working party meeting.]*

c) **Consultation National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

An eight week consultation on the changes to the NPPF consisting of 106 questions has been issued. The revised NPPF is expected to be issued by the end of the year (2024). It was noted that:

- South Bucks is worried about changes to the Green Belt (possibly to Grey Belt).
- Between now and 2045 there is expected to be an increase in housing of 40% from currently planned 61,152 to 86,562 with possibly 10 to 12 new small towns.
- It is hoped to get feed back from Bucks Council on their submission to the NPPF.

134/24 Major Local Infrastructure projects

a) **Rosefield Solar Farm**

It was noted that:

- Consultation will run from 18 September to 14 November.
- Public Exhibitions will be held:
 - o 3 October: Calvert Green (preceded by a pre-view for Parish Councillors): Note: Roger Behagg and/or Cllr Gassor agreed to represent Edgcott if another councillor is not available.
 - o 4 October: Botolph Claydon
 - o 5 October: Quainton
 - o 18 October: Steeple Claydon
 - o 19 October: Quainton

b) **National Grid Sub-Station Enlargement**

There were no updates on this proposal.

Action: Councillors to continue to monitor the progress of the application.

c) **Statera BESS**

23/03875/APP: Statera Energy Development of a battery energy storage system (BESS), connected directly to the National Grid with associated infrastructure including access, drainage, and landscaping at Rookery Farm, Granborough.

The Parish Council had submitted another objection as Statera had submitted more details of their proposal which was to increase the size but reduce the number of containers. The deadline for comment had been extended to 19 September.

d) **Statkraft**

A proposal from Statkraft for “a new Greener Grid Park near East Claydon substation” had been issued. This will be adjacent to the Statera application at Tuckey Farm. No further details were available.

135/24 Finance

a) **Payment and Receipts**

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

136/24 Village Hall

Cllr Gassor reported that:

- The sink trap in the men’s toilet is leaking.
- Pipe in kitchen still needs replacing.

Cllr Kay confirmed that A Benfield has the above in hand.

- There are new members on the committee who have some good ideas for future events.
- The recent pop-up pub was brilliant, with the beer being sponsored by Booby Trap Beers.
- The next pop-up pub will probably be held in late November / early December with a small local band who occasionally play at the Queen’s Park Arts Centre supplying the entertainment.
- The Bacon Butty morning on 3 September was very well supported, the next one will be 1 October. New additions to the menu were tried, some more successful than others.
- The professional cleaning was excellent.

- The committee has invested in a new floor cleaning system, hoping that it would erase the black marks.

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137/24 Highways and footways (including public footpaths)

a) Roads and Footpaths

It was noted that:

- Energy from Waste (EFW) at Greatmoor had confirmed that the Fred Sherwood lorries travelling through Edgcott were not contracted to them but that they would speak to the company and to Bucks Highways to try to prevent them coming through the village, although no more information was available.
- The prison had arranged for the public footpaths and stiles on its land to be cleared and repaired. They had done an excellent job except for clearing the rubbish that was exposed.
- Following a letter from a resident concerned about the possibility of 'adverse possession' taking place for some village land, Chair read a letter from Bucks Council Highways confirming that this would not be possible.
- Bucks Council have issued a Local Cycling Walking and Infrastructure Plan consultation with twelve suggested cycle ways, one being from the EFW via Middle Claydon to Steeple Claydon. The Parish Council agreed not to suggest a path/cycle way between Edgcott and Calvert Green, as this might encourage more development along the route.

b) Litter Pick

R Behagg agreed to contact HS2 to request a further litter pick having already done Perry Hill.

Cllr Kay had asked the Scouts to carry out a litter pick in the rest of the village, but a date had not been agreed.

Action: Cllr Kay and R Behagg to follow up with HS2 and the Scouts respectively.

c) MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) Perry Hill

Chair had cut back some of the vegetation covering the sign.

d) MVAS Grendon Road

The Parish Council had received an email from a resident asking why the MVAS was removed from Grendon Road and asking what the Parish Council is doing about the speed and number of vehicles going through the village.

The email (in italics) and responses (in red) are reproduced below:

Thank you for your reply but just one resident complained and so the whole thing was abandoned? Surely a conversation might be something to consider so that it can benefit all the residents of Grendon road? Please can the PC approach them and ask them to reconsider? I don't think I made it clear - the reason the MVAS was moved wasn't because of the complaint, we just wanted to get the MVAS into another location. Hopefully, with the additional MVAS we will be able to leave one permanently in Grendon Road.

What steps would be needed to get the support of BCC and TVP? It's unclear what can be done as the Deputy Leader of Bucks Council (BC) regularly attends the Parish Council meetings and has made it clear that BC and TVP would not support 20mph. However, the PC continues to push for the reduction with other villages.

Many of the villages around us have a 20mph limit and it would make sense for us to follow along on those lines. I think those villages with a 20mph limit are in Oxfordshire, whose council has a different approach.

I know that we have the support of a PC member in Waddesdon on this matter. Perhaps you would let me know who this is and I will contact the member.

ERA (Edgcott Residents Association) to help gather support for this ? We first have to ensure that the majority of villages in Bucks are in favour of a 20mph speed limit in an effort to get Bucks Council to change their stance. To this end efforts are being made by a Unitary Councillor and Edgcott is supportive of 20 mph in Bucks villages. If Bucks Council do reverse their policy then the Parish Council would hold a village referendum before submitting a formal application as it is known that not all residents are in favour of a 20 mph limit in Edgcott.

Do we have any forecasts with regards to the increase in numbers of vehicles for when the solar farms... – forecasts are not available but I believe that the proposed route for traffic is not through Edgcott.

prison building traffic – it has been suggested that all traffic to the new prison will be directed to the A41 and not come through Edgcott.

and additional traffic coming down from Steeple Claydon housing estates? We don't have any forecasts for this.

From what I remember we are already close to 2800 vehicles a day through our village and we should be putting preventative measures in place to protect our village and residents. I don't have exact figures for the number of vehicles coming through the village at the moment, they will be downloaded from the information from the MVAS shortly. It would be good to get your views on what the PC can do to put in place 'preventative measures'. Without the support of Bucks Council, Highways and TVP there is very little the PC can do.

e) MVAS Buckingham Road

Cllr Gassor has downloaded *[since the above emails were sent]* the information from the Buckingham Road MVAS and determined that the average speed of the vehicles was 29.6mph.

Action: Chair will continue to liaise with the Unitary Cllr who is pushing for a 20mph speed limit through Bucks Villages.

f) Traffic Lights at Pond Corner

The traffic lights had been put in place at Pond Corner to enable Thames Water to repair a water leak.

138/24 Speedwatch

No volunteers have come forward to carry out the speedwatch. We are still waiting on the result of an application for three more MVAS through HS2 funding.

139/24 Street Lighting

There were no updates to report.

140/24 HS2

There were no updates to report.

141/24 East West Rail

There were no updates to report.

Action: Clerk to remove this item from the agenda.

142/24 Community Board and sub-groups

It was noted that a consultation is taking place for plans to reduce the number of Community Boards from 16 to 8. If the plans do go ahead Edgcott will be in the new Buckingham & Winslow Community Board totalling 51 villages.

143/24 Street Furniture/Pond

a) Bus Shelter

Cllr Hawes has in hand the completion of the painting of the bus shelter adjacent to the pond.

b) Pond

Chair and Cllr Hawes met the LAT at the pond to discuss the biodiversity project. It was noted that:

- Bucks Council will clear as much as they can from the pond but might not be able to clear all the brambles. The LAT did not have a date when this work would be carried out.
- It is unclear where the gulley goes, but hopefully we will find out when the pond is cleared.
- It may be necessary to apply for a Cultivation License for the biodiversity work planned.
- Bucks Council will not take responsibility for the verges but will continue to cut back the vision splays.
- It was noted that some residents preferred the grassed area to be rewilded whilst others preferred it to be cut. This applies to all grassed areas in the village.
- It is hoped to get a map of the area.
- It is planned to fix two bird boxes

Action: Clerk to write to Springhill Prison to ask if the prisoners can make the bird boxes.

144/24 Quarterly Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be produced in mid-November.

145/24 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultations

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

146/24 Any Other Business

a) **Energy from Waste Meeting**

Chair attended the Energy from Waste meeting on 8 July and will attend the next one on 14 October if Cllr Webster is not available.

b) **Grendon Underwood Sewage Works**

It was noted that Thames Water is upgrading the Grendon Underwood Sewage Works.

c) **Police & Crime Commissioner Presentation**

Chair reported that he will attend the Police & Crime Commissioner Presentation on Wednesday 25 September with Chair of Grendon Underwood Parish Council.

d) **Bus Shelters**

Cllr Gassor will organize the cleaning of the Buckingham Road and Grendon Road Bus Shelters.

147/24 Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Edgcott Village Hall at 6pm on Monday 28 October 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Date** _____

STATUS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (includes 2022-23 awaiting a decision)
Appendix 2

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	Approved
24/00911/COUAR	Ash Tree Farm Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TT	Approved
24/01711/PIP	May House Buckingham Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TR	Refused
24/01744/COUAF	Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TA	Approved
24/01748/APP	Dunmead Farm Marsh Gibbon Road Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TA	Withdrawn/Not Proceeded With
24/01994/APP	Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TU	Awaiting decision
24/01995/ALB	Rectory Barn Church Lane Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TU	Awaiting decision
24/02241/TDC	Lea House Lawn Hill Edgcott Buckinghamshire HP18 0TT	Awaiting decision

Income and Receipts					
Date	Description		Payment	Income	Ref
13/08/2024	Village Hall	Village Hall Cleaning	80.00		101195
13/08/2024	Village Hall	Village Hall utility payments		329.70	
03/09/2024	Bucks Council	Lottery		34.00	
06/09/2024	Valda Energy	Inv 00965100 - vh elec 19 Aug - 18 Sept 24	42.28		DD12
16/09/2024	C Jackman	Clerk salary July/Aug/Sept	635.05		101196
16/09/2024	HMRC	Clerk PAYE July/Aug/Sept	159.20		Faster Payment 2
16/09/2024	C Jackman	Clerk station / postage / Microsoft/Norton renewal	130.11		101197
23/09/2024	Castle Water	Inv 10003447090: VH Water 1 Aug - 31 Aug 24	12.12		101198