

**The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 12th May 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Dorgan, Pike, Watts and Greening and Messrs Pollard, King, Mitchell, Swabey and Hinton

Apologies were received from Mrs Bromhead, the Police and Mr Wickham (WC).

1. Election of the Chairman for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Mrs Greening, and in the absence of any other nominations, that Mr Mitchell be elected Chairman.

2. Election of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Dorgan, and in the absence of any other nominations, that Mr Swabey be elected Vice Chairman.

3. Co-option. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Watts to the PC.

4. Appointments.

- (a) Cheque signatories: The Chairman, Mrs Dorgan and Messrs Hinton and King
- (b) Planning Liaison: Mr King
- (c) Highways Liaison: Mrs Greening
- (d) Footpaths: Mrs Bromhead
- (e) Police Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs Watts
- (f) Website: Mr Pollard
- (g) Playfield: Mrs Dorgan
- (h) Westbury Area Board and CATG: Mr Swabey
- (i) News Contact: Mrs Pike
- (j) Speedwatch: Mr Hinton
- (k) Civil Emergency Plan: Miss O'Donoghue
- (l) Chairman of ERLAC: Mr Pollard

5. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were adopted as read and signed.

6. Matters Arising. BKVC. As the PC had been one of the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 entries a prize of 10 bags of organic compost had been awarded. It was agreed that, when received, 7 or 8 bags could be donated to the Gardening Club the remainder for PC use

7. Planning:-

(a) One application had been received and which had been considered immediately after the APM namely 14/03912/TCA Fell 1 sycamore and 2 conifers at 17a Westbury Road for Mr M Killian. There had been no objection.

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 14/02296/LBC Rebuild part of garden wall damaged in storms at Old Manor Farmhouse Lower Road for Mr & Mrs S Harris - permission

(ii) 14/02297/FUL single storey extension to front to provide porch and WC facility at 10 Berry Road for Mr David Geach - permission

(c) Neighbourhood Planning. The next WC seminar would be in July. Mr Swabey had spoken to Mr Wickham about suggested 'light touch' plan procedures - Plans being carried out by some other PC's had been long in preparation, costly and complicated – but there was no update yet on a simplified procedure. It would be a big undertaking for the PC under the present regime and so it was agreed to await developments but that the Housing Needs survey would go ahead as planned. Mr Swabey was in liaison with WC which would prepare a time table. It would be essential for the PC to promote and encourage participation in the survey by the village.

#### 8. Policing.

(a) PCSO Wright had sent in the report for April. 2 incidents of theft had been reported one from a field and the other from outside the gates of a farmhouse. Elsewhere in the NPT area there had been a theft from a car parked in a rural car park and the Police were reminding people to ensure that valuables were not left in vehicles when people were out walking.

(c) Speed Watch. Mr Hinton reported that dates were awaited for the next session.

#### 9. Playfield (PF).

(a) Safety Inspection. Mrs Dorgan confirmed that Playforce Ltd from Melksham would carry out the inspection for £150 including VAT. This was agreed. Mrs Dorgan anticipated that one thing that was likely to be raised was the state of the bark and it was agreed that she would make enquiries of Miles & Francis as to cost.

(b) Land Adjoining the PF(the PF land) and at Little Court Lane (the Court Lane land). The PC discussed whether there would be any advantage in asking Mr Elliott to a PC meeting to clarify the arrangements he was making in connection with both pieces of land. The Chairman had been able to speak to him and ascertained that he would like to hear about any village housing needs before the remaining land was sold. It was agreed that no further action was needed from the PC at this stage and therefore no point in inviting Mr Elliott to a PC meeting.

(c) Fields in Trust had sent its Impact Report for 2103 which was being circulated.

10. Parking at The Three Daggers. Mr Hinton was concerned that there were quite frequent occasions when parking at the Pub overflowed onto the road and he wondered if that could be addressed in any way. The PC agreed to monitor the situation and possibly raise it with the Pub.

#### 11. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Pike and seconded by Mrs Bromhead and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid:-

- (i) Mrs Gill Mitchell £39.63 cost of APM refreshments
- (ii) Miss O'Donoghue £8.50 cost of envelopes for Civil Emergency
- (iii) AON UK Ltd Insurance renewal £360.89
- (iv) Miles & Francis £320 for PF and other areas grass cutting
- (v) Edington Parish Hall for Room Hire in 2013 £130

(b) The Precept of £6500 had been received

(c) Sevenoaks Town Council had emailed asking for support for its proposal submitted to government to allow a percentage of say 5% of Business Rates to be paid direct to Town and PCs. The PC agreed to support the proposal.

## 8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The missing Waste Bin on the B3098. Mrs Greening reported that WC would not supply further bins other than the replacement for the bin that had been taken away. It would only be sited at its original location notwithstanding that there had been a significant reduction in the amount of litter along the B3098 between Longlands Close and Bratton.

(b) Bin at the BG. This would not be emptied by WC. It was agreed to make enquiries of the same company that emptied the Parish hall bin

(c) Mr Hinton reported that there was a boggy area near the pond probably caused by a new spring opening up. He would monitor the situation.

(d) Following the completion of the works at the Plough junction WC was applying for an order to stop up that part of the junction that had been part of the original highway. There was no objection.

(e) Community Days. Mrs Greening reported that WC was looking for community involvement on such days.

(f) Repairs to the Monastery Road path to the bend and the bend itself. Mr Swabey reported that CATG was looking at this as a possible priority project and would be arranging dates for a site inspection.

(g) Handrail along the path to the Parish Hall. A feasibility study suggested the proposed hand rail could continue down beyond the Hall. An inspection would be carried out at the same time as in (f) above. CATG would support a bid by the PC to the Area Board for funding.

(h) Mr Swabey updated the PC about extensions to the 30mph limits. There would be no changes but WC would put up better signage including new Horse warning signs

(i) Kissing Gates. Mrs Bromhead had got permission to put in 2 gates for the footpath from Inmead behind the Monastery Lake to the Steeple Ashton Road. This had been reported by her to the Area Board.

(j) Mr Swabey also reported that Jerry Wickham (WC) was anxious that the PC look at the WC Roadworks schedule and let him have any observations that he could take up on behalf of the PC. There were 2 matters that should be addressed namely the cones that had been placed along the B3098 road edge going east some 2 years ago. Nothing appeared to have been done further. The other was the problem of flooding of the West Ashton road at Woodbridge.

## 9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report :-

There was nothing specifically to report.

10. APM Debrief. It was generally felt that it had been successful and well attended. The land sales had not in the event led to much discussion though Miss O'Donoghue did feel that by including them in his Annual Report rather than as the separate item that had been on the Agenda may have prevented some from expressing their views. Nonetheless it had generated some discussion immediately after the Chairman completed his report and the PC had been able to explain the need for a Housing Needs Survey.

11. Burial Ground. It was noted that some graves were very overgrown and it was agreed to ask the contractor to make sure these were cut and to arrange to cut the other part as a matter of urgency and then cut at least once a month.

12. News Items. Consideration was given to items to be included in The News especially articles about memories of the Great War.

The PC then went on to consider a proposal from Mr Pollard and the Chairman that the PC publish an Edington Newsletter. It was agreed that they would prepare a draft and circulate it.

13. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – May 2014

(b) WALC Circular – May 2014

(c) Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2014 – being circulated

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.