

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 11th November 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Greening, O'Donoghue and Bromhead and Messrs Pollard, King, Swabey, and Hinton

Apologies were received from Messrs Mitchell and Pinson and Mesdames Dorgan and Pike.

Mrs Lise Griffiths, PC Darren Foulger, Leanne Homewood (Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator) and Jonathon Seed (WC) were also in attendance for part of the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman Mr Mitchell, the Vice Chairman, Mr Hinton, chaired the meeting. The PC wished Mr Mitchell a speedy recovery from his operation.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th October 2013 were adopted as read and signed.

2. Matters Arising.

(a) Village Pond. A company AES Europe Aquatic Environmental Solutions had emailed offering a free inspection of the pond. It was agreed to take up the offer.

(b) The PC was saddened to hear that Wiltshire Councillor Linda Conley had died within days of the last meeting

(c) Precept capping. The Clerk reported that the Government was apparently inclined to include PC's in its requirement that precept increases should be capped at a percentage to be notified unless accepted by the Parish in a referendum.

3. Good Neighbour Scheme. Mr Hinton welcomed Lise Griffiths the Good Neighbour Co-ordinator. She explained the services she offered especially in connection with the vulnerable keeping warm in the winter and the work she was able to carry out with carers. There was a 'lunch club' for people from both Bratton and Edington at the Duke and the minibus had been organised for that. She was trying to establish a link with the new Health Centre in Westbury for those who could not necessarily be seen or treated at Bratton Surgery. Her publicity was via The News and the Village websites. The PC was concerned as to whether the funding for the scheme was going to continue but Mrs Griffiths said that funding currently covered another year having done the initial 3 years. She was hopeful for the longer term as the scheme was successful.

4. Planning:-

(a) The following applications had been received and there were no objections to either of them:-

(i) W/13/05366/TCA Crown lift and thin by 1/3 to 1/2 of volume 6 Beech Trees at Box Cottage 5 Tinhead Road for Mr Peter Thomas.

(ii) W/13/05445/TCA Fell 1 Ash tree at 4 Parsonage Lane for Mr Christopher Johns

(b) The following decisions had been received namely:-

(i) W/13/03461/FUL and W/13/04020/LBC Fishing Lodge on Lake Edge at The Priory Farm, Inmead for Mr Chad Pike - approved

(ii) W/13/04411/TCA Fell 2 no. Leylandii Trees at Ashley Cottage Edington (sic) Road, Brattonfor Mr Dennis Rolfe – no objection

(c) There was to be a seminar on Neighbourhood Planning on the 19th November at Warminster. Mr Swabey and Miss O'Donoghue said they would try and attend.

5. Policing.

(a) PC Foulger had sent in his report for November which he explained. He again asked residents to remain vigilant.

(b) Speedwatch Co-ordinator. Leanne Homewood was anxious that Edington did continue with this. All that was required was a Co-ordinator (who would not need full training). The position could well suit a younger person and would only be about once a month

6. Playfield (PF).

Mr Norman Hills had contacted the Chairman to see if the PC was interested in acquiring either or both of two pieces of land that he was wishing to dispose of. One was the field at Little Court Lane. The PC could see no reason for wanting that other than for allotments. The other piece was the field immediately to the north of the PF. The PC did express an interest in this since there was a potential Community use as an extension to the PF and allotments. The cost was likely to be beyond the PC's resources but it was agreed that the Chairman be asked to enter into discussions with Mr Hills to see if there was any possibility of reaching an agreement.

7. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue, seconded by Mrs Bromhead and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment be confirmed:-

(i) Callaway Grass Maintenance for mowing the Village Green in October £30

(ii) Bratton General Maintenance Services for work in September £56.

(iii) Mr Pollard refunding him the cost of the Edington Website annual renewal £93.46 and a 2 year renewal of the domain address £20.36

(b) A letter and cheque for £17.97 had been received from Steve Russell being the closing balance of money that had been received at the time of the Edington Village Pond Restoration Project in the early 2000's

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths.

(a) Mr Mitchell had circulated a summary (attached to these Minutes) of the discussions the sub group had had to review the current arrangements for Village maintenance. There had been a positive meeting between Mrs Greening and Norman Burgess of WC Highways as to the arrangements WC would make for grass cutting verges and bin emptying. It was agreed to review this over the coming month and to consider the matter again at the December meeting as decisions would have to be made regarding potential costs which would need to be included at The PC Budget meeting in January 2014 .

(b) The bollards suggested at the last meeting would not be eligible for AB grant unless the application was made by an organisation other than the PC. It was suggested that the Edington Fair Committee could be an appropriate applicant.

(c) Snow clearance, salting and gritting. A letter had been received from AON, the PC insurers, with its policy guidelines and cover in preparation for the winter. A copy had been passed to Mrs Greening.

(d) There was to be a meeting of the Community Action Transport Group (CATG) on the 22nd November. Miss O'Donoghue agreed to attend in place of Mr Swabey who had another engagement.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report :-

(a) Mr Seed introduced himself. He was the Wiltshire Councillor who had been nominated to look after Ethandune Ward until a successor to Mrs Conley had been elected. Matters discussed with him included the possibility of precept 'capping'; Solar Farms; flood risks (a letter had been received from WC asking PC's to take action to minimise the risk) particularly at Woodbridge; and potholes that had been marked for repair but had not yet been repaired.

(b) Mr Swabey reported on the AB meeting held on the 17th October.

- (i) there had been an introduction to proposed Public Health changes
- (ii) Connecting Wiltshire which were proposals for cross Wiltshire train services
- (iii) Christmas in Westbury focusing on the proposals for the new 'campus'
- (iv) the proposed 30mph changes for Edington – the highways department was not convinced but he had persuaded the officer involved to meet him and see the situation on the ground.

10. Projects. Two other possibilities were put forward. Mr Hinton suggested buying a village Cider Press and Miss O'Donoghue a handrail along the path to the Parish Hall.

11. Burial Ground (BG).

The Clerk reported on the discussions that Mr Mitchell had had with the Pinson's and the Pike's. It was agreed that the next PC meeting would need to consider the additional cost of maintenance as part of the wider discussion on village maintenance.

12. Correspondence.

- (a) SPTA News Sheet –November 2013
- (b) WALC Circular – October 2013
- (c) CPRE West Wilts Group AGM 22nd November at Steeple Ashton Village Hall 1830 for 1900 to include a film on the environment 'Trashed'
- (d) Community First Wiltshire ENewsletter
- (e) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2103
- (f) CPRE Field Work and Countryside Voice – both Winter 2013
- (g) Minutes of ERLAC meeting held on the 10th October 2013

13. News Items. Consideration was given to items to be included.

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 9th December 2013 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.