

**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames Greening, O'Donoghue, Watts and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard, Johns, and Swabey.

Apologies were received from Mrs Pike and Mrs Wickham (WC)

Also in attendance for part of the meeting was a representative of the applicants to the Planning application 3.b.i below

Sadly Mr Lupton had died suddenly on the 29<sup>th</sup> October. The PC expressed its thanks for the contribution that he had made to the work of the PC in the short time that he had been a councillor and the Chairman invited the PC to join with him in a minutes silence. At the end Mr Swabey explained the arrangements for the funeral and a concert that the family was going to hold in the Church in his memory.

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 were adopted as read and signed
2. **Matters Arising.**
  - a. Mrs Pike had obtained a quote from Acer to carry out the works to the tree on the Village Green adjacent to the pond in the sum of £290 plus VAT. This was considered to be very reasonable and it was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Greening and carried unanimously to accept and proceed with it.
  - b. White Lining. The Chairman understood from Highways that the white lining previously referred to would now be carried out as part of an existing work schedule and so the cost to the PC would be reduced to £250. It was agreed that the balance thereby saved would be earmarked for the SID.
  - c. Garden refuse in Smelly Lane. Mr Johns was waiting for an opportunity to speak to the adjoining landowner.
3. **Planning**
  - a. Development Plan (DP)/Neighbourhood Plan (NP).
    - i. NP. The HNS return date had passed and the results were awaited from WC.
    - ii. The NP Questionnaire would go out with the February News and could be completed either as a paper return or online.
  - b. One application had been received namely:-
    - i. 19/09927/PIP application for planning for residential development of up to 4 dwellings on land at Greater Lane Farm for Mr & Mrs Smith. It was noted that the Application cover letter referred to a Planning Statement. This had not been seen and did not appear on the list of documents. That said the PC was unanimous in its view that access on to the B3098 was totally inappropriate for highway safety reasons – it came out at a narrow part of the road and would involve the removal of all or part of the established hedge at Greater Lane Farm itself. Under the Core Policy 2 Edington was a small village for which only infill was available. There was some uncertainty as to the number of houses that could be treated as infill – the PC was of the view that it was limited to one, the applicant's representative suggesting more. Core Policy 2 stated that " Proposals for development at the Small Villages will be supported where they seek to meet housing needs of settlements.....". Core Policy 44 provides for rural exceptions sites. Assuming that satisfactory

alternative access arrangements from Greater Lane could be put in place the PC would be prepared to agree a development of 2-4 dwellings on the site as outlined provided that, apart from one dwelling, the rest would meet the Village's HNS requirement for low cost/affordable housing. The concept of a 'Mews' style development was suggested. As this was only seeking permission in principle the PC reserved the right to consider any application for outline or full permission on its merits including the right to object.

- c. The following decisions had been received:-
- i. 19/08983/TCA Fell Cypress Tree at The Grange 4 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton -no objection
  - ii. 19/08730/LBC Replacement of ground floor north elevation window, timber framed windows on west elevation and general repointing of west elevation at Becketts House 19 Tinhead Road for Mr & Mrs Tim Ridd - approved
  - iii. 19/06285/FUL New Velux roof windows at Orchard House 2B Lower Road for Mr David Pike - approved
  - iv. 19/09142/TCA Fell Cherry tree at Hallgarth for Mr Chris Johns - no objection
  - v. 19/09144/TCA Fell Liquidamber tree at The Vines 4A Inmead for Mrs Elizabeth Windo – no objection
  - vi. 19/09003/TCA Fell 2 Sycamore trees (T1 & T2) at 19 Lower Road for Mr John Fingleton – no objection
  - vii. 19/00222/FUL erection of new detached dwellinghouse and detached garage at land off Court Lane for Mr Elliott - approved

#### **4. Policing**

- a. Speed Watch. The Chairman had decided to take on this brief following the death of Mr Lupton. He would be meeting shortly with the Speed Watch Co-ordinator and would display a notice inviting villagers to participate.
- b. Police Liaison. Mrs Dorgan and Miss O'Donoghue would pick this up pro tem.

#### **5. Playfield (PF)**

- a. Levelling arrangements. Mr Pollard and Mrs Dorgan had had a meeting with a Mr Adrian Sargent of Countrywide Grounds who had quoted £470 +VAT to do the levelling and seeding for which a May Ball grant was anticipated. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously to proceed with a view to the work being started later in the month.
- b. The Inspection Report. Mr Pollard had also had discussions with Stuart Holburn-Thorburn to carry out regular monthly safety checks of the PC equipment at a rate of £15 per hour
- c. Christmas tree. The 'switch on' would be on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1830 and carols would again be led by Bratton Training Band. The Three Daggers would provide refreshments.

#### **6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG**

- a. Clothing Unit at Station Yard. Concern was expressed that this was generating significant container lorries which were using the Monastery Road bend.
- b. It was noted that water from Shore House was draining into Tinhead Road with the consequential danger of icing in freezing weather. Mr Swabey agreed to contact the new owners.
- c. Coal Path. The barrier/railing at on the left hand side of the path at the Inmead end was collapsing. Mrs Greening would see if the Parish Steward could deal with it and if not to raise it with the Footpaths officer.

- d. Monastery Road HGVs. It was understood that WC had written to Network Rail and Station Yard.
- e. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). The application for an AB grant had been lodged.
- f. Hedge overhang at the Parish Hall FP. Miss O'Donoghue had spoken to the adjoining owners who would deal with it
- g. Parish Steward. The Monks Well gulley and various gratings would be referred to him.

**7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.**

- a. Apart from Parish Newsletters and Community Area News (Westbury Our Community Matters) WC was now issuing a Wiltshire e-newsletter
- b. WC Briefing Note had been received launching the 'We're Targeting Fly-Tippers' campaign

**8. Bus Shelter.** This had now been decorated and was looking good with a mural on the back wall and a book/cd exchange. Mrs Dorgan reported that there could well be a Station Yard donation towards the cost of the renovation which would include repairs to the roof.

**9. Finances .**

- a. It was proposed by Mr Johns seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed:-
  - i. Refund the Clerk £106 being the 2019/2020 annual subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks
  - ii. Refund Mr Pollard £6.60 for barrier tape for PF repairs and levelling and £4.49 for additional magnets for the Notice Boards.
  - iii. Refund Mrs Dorgan £17.65 for canes and protective caps for enclosing the area of PF being levelled
  - iv. Miles & Francis £ for
- b. The AB Defibrillator grant had been received in the sum of £1100
- c. To review Precept discussion on projected expenditure 2020-2025. Following the October meeting the Chairman had drafted a letter to every household in the village explaining the PC's decision made then and inviting attendance at a Parish Meeting to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 immediately prior to the Annual Budget meeting. The letter printing would cost £36.

**10. Correspondence**

- a. WALC Circulars – November 2019
- b. Rural Community Energy Fund – Applicant's Workshop 25<sup>th</sup> November at Chippenham
- c. Wessex Flood Warden Newsletter – October 2019.

**11. News items**

Consideration was given to items to be included.

**12. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm