

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st June 2015 were adopted as read and signed subject to the one noted amendment.

2. Matters Arising.

(a) Little Court Lane Planning Application. Miss O'Donoghue was concerned that 1 member of the Public had expressed concern that the Chairman had had meetings with QDOS prior to its submitting its application and that this might have resulted in a conflict of interest. Mrs Watts pointed out that anyone had the right to raise issues with individual councillors that might affect the village. The Chairman confirmed that he had been approached by QDOS but had not discussed its plans and had consistently advised that it should put forward an application which would be considered by the PC on its merits. It was also noted that Mr Elliott and QDOS had themselves called a meeting on the 2nd September 2014 at the Parish Hall to explain their proposals for the land. The PC was satisfied that the Chairman had not acted prejudicially.

(b) The Lower part of the Village Green. A letter had been received from the owner of the field below the PF seeking confirmation that the PC's plans to fence the Green would not obstruct their access to the field. It was agreed that it would not.

3. Planning.

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

(i) 15/05032/TCA Fell T1 goat willow. Remove various branches of TG1 and TG2 back to the boundary line up to a height of 20 feet. Coppice TG3 nine hazel stools at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mrs Garnett

(ii) 15/05292/FUL Removal of 2 outbuildings and erection of 2 stables and tack room at Hedgerow Stables Court Lane Bratton for Miss Dawn Pople

(iii) 15/06058/TCA Coppice back 2 willow trees to trunks at land to front of Box Cottage 5 Tinhead Road for Mr Andrew Hinton. This was the PC's application to deal with the trees on the Village Green

(iv) 15/06168/TCA T1 Holly – remove to stump at 1 Lower Road, Bratton for Mrs M Tagg

(v) 15/06711/TPO Fell T1 Conifer and T2 and T3 Sycamores at 17A Westbury Road for Mr Martin Killian. This application had been replaced by amending this application to relate to the T2 and T3 Sycamores and a separate application 15/06877/TCA for the Conifer

(b) The following decision had been received:-

(i) 15/04363/FUL Extend and convert existing bungalow to a one and half storey building (Resubmission of Planning Permission W/12/00699/FUL) at 22a Westbury Road for Mrs Bridget Roberts – Approved

(c) Neighbourhood Plans and Housing Needs Survey (HNS).

(i) The HNS identified an aspiration from the village for the housing detailed in it and the PC agreed to appoint Miss O'Donoghue and Messrs King, Swabey and Pollard to go through the WC Questionnaire and prepare a report for the PC by the end of August to be considered at the September meeting.

(ii) In addition the Wiltshire Rural Housing Association (WRHA) had written seeking PCs support of its concerns that the Government plans to extend Right to Buy to Housing Associations might adversely affect the current exclusions from the scheme of designated rural areas with populations of 3000 or less. The PC noted that Banner Place was such a development that could be at risk if that exclusion were to be lifted. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Edington's MP expressing that concern.

4. Policing.

There was no report but Mr Hinton explained that there were changes being made, that PC Foulger was not well and would be moving to be based at Warminster. The future was uncertain. The PC expressed its thanks for all that he had done for the Village and wished him well for the future.

Mr Hinton also reported that there should be Speedwatch sessions in July.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) State of surface at the Pub gate. No invoice had yet been received.

(b) Mrs Dorgan reported on the proposed signs to be put on the PF gates as discussed at the May meeting. She had got prices from Mirage Signs of £60 +VAT for one and £98+VAT for two. It was agreed to get two and the wording was also agreed.

(c) Mrs Watts had received an offer of a Walnut Tree and the PC agreed to consider where on the PF it could be planted.

(d) Moles were causing a problem

6. Finances.

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

(i) Community First Annual Subscription £36

(ii) Miles & Francis £615 being £385 for Grounds Maintenance to PF and other grassed areas as arranged and £230 for maintenance to CP and Triangles

(iii) Mrs Pike refund cost of Linseed oil for BG gate £7.90

(iv) Mrs Dorgan refund of cost of padlock for PF gates £28.57

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) A bollard on the new path on the corner of Lower Road and Monastery Road had been damaged. Mr Jones had reported it to the WC Highways team.

(b) The Coal Path stream needed clearing. Mr King would speak to Mr Sheridan

(c) WC had carried out grass cutting but it was necessary to ensure co-ordination with the work that Miles & Francis were asked to do to avoid duplication or WC cutting in close time proximity to that of Miles & Francis

(d) There were continuing problems of parking on the road outside the Three Dagers when its car park was full resulting in obstructions for passing traffic and for residents. It was agreed to keep the situation under review and if necessary ask the Police to get involved

8. Car Park (CP).

(a) The Chairman reported that Ross Hillman had been instructed to and had carried out the resurfacing which had been well done. Thanks were expressed to the Chairman for his persistence in pursuing the problem with BT and its contractors. He understood that payment would be made by Carillion (who said it would be simpler and quicker) paying the PC the Invoice amount and the PC would then make payment to Ross Hillman.

(b) It had been noted that again cars had been parking overnight. It was agreed that a polite notice would be placed on offending vehicles and that consideration would be given to occasionally closing the CP.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report WC was undertaking a Passenger Transport Review and was holding a series of workshops. Mr Swabey said that he would try to get to one of them and report back.

10. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – July and August 2015

(b) WALC Newsletter – June 2015

(c) Clerks & Councils Direct for July 2015

(d) Community First News – Spring/Summer 2015 and its 50/50 Fundraising Guide

(e) HMP Erlestoke Independent Monitoring Board Annual Report 2014/2015

11. News Items. Consideration was given to what could be included in the News. .

12. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 14th September 2015 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.