

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mr Wickham (WC) was also in attendance, Michael Jones, members of the Development Plan Groups who would be giving their reports and PCSO Caroline Wright

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th July 2017 were adopted as read and signed

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan – reports from the groups were given and are attached to these Minutes. Mr Pollard outlined the timetable for preparing the first draft of the Development Plan with the PC considering the reports in sequence at its next three meetings. It was intended that the Plan document would be published in March 2018. Thanks were expressed to all the group members for their hard work.

(b) The following applications had been received and there was no objection to the first three:-

(i) 17/08291/TCA T1/T2 Fell Beech trees; T3-T10 50% reduction of Beech trees at High Bridge 1 Monastery Road for Mr Tapley

(ii) 17/06577/FUL Erection of timber shed in Church Car Park for Mrs S Pinson of Edington PCC

(iii) 17/08575/TCA T1 – Pine tree – remove deadwood; T2 – Norway Maple tree – remove deadwood; T3 – Norway Maple tree – reduce crown by 30%; T4 – Oak tree – reduce crown by 30%; TG1 – 3 Robinia trees – remove deadwood & reduce long laterals by 3m to clear boundary at The Monastery Garden, 5 Monastery Road for Mrs Allanson-Bailey

(iv) 17/07417/FUL Proposed replacement dwelling and erection of garage at Tudor Cottage 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone. Mr Jones spoke to this application explaining the relationship of the property to the old WWDC Plan for properties outside the then village limits. The PC considered the application at length and objected to it and agreed that the following submissions should be made:-

1. The Parish Council recognizes that Edington under the Wiltshire Core Strategy is designated as a small village limited to infill within the existing built area and (i) that any development respects the existing character and form of the settlement and (ii) does not.....impose development in sensitive landscape areas. This proposal would adversely affect the street scene at the entry to the village and would be entirely out of keeping with the existing character creating a very large building in what could be considered as open country. There are no other properties nearby with which it could easily assimilate.

2. There was the general policy of not permitting development on the south side of the B3098 protecting the Special Landscape Area and the open view to and from the escarpment of the Plain and its integrity as an SSSI.

3. The extant Planning Permission 16/08233/FUL has conditions protecting the cottage and its thatched roof and we would refer (as part of our submission) to the Case Officer's Report on that application confirming Tudor Cottage is "of historic character and interest"; "a non designated heritage asset"; and within metres of the established Conservation Area and Greater Lane Farmhouse - a Grade II Listed Building. The Parish Council considered that application to be sympathetic to the

historical nature and setting of the building, the Conservation Area and Greater Lane Farmhouse. This proposed development is not.

4. The proposal would substantially exceed the current footprint of Tudor Cottage contrary to the general policy referred to in 2 above. It is not a "like for like" replacement - it is a demolition and new build of a much larger house and would involve significant earth removal of what is part of the topography of the landscape.

5. The general observations made by the Case Officer's Report referred to above are deemed to be included as part of the Parish Council's objections but specifically noting that Core Policy 58 should be applied when considering this application. Tudor Cottage is and has been a significant building setting the scene, not only approaching the village from the west but also on leaving it - a village that has an existing and acceptable mix of house styles and roofing materials.

In addition the PC asked Mr Wickham to call this application in which he agreed he would do.

(c) The following decision had been received:-

(i) 17/05995/TCA – TG1 – two Scots Pine trees – reduce crowns by 25% and prune laterals to balance shape. Reduce left hand stem by 50% and crown lift 3m at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mrs Garnett - no objection

(ii) 17/07061/TCA T1- Remove Leylandii; G2- remove 2 Beech trees; T3- reduce Beech tree by 4-5m; T4- Remove Norway Maple; T5- reduce and reshape Sycamore; G3- reduce, thin and reshape 2 Plum trees; G4- remove Spruce; T6- Remove Apple all at 13 Inmead for Mrs Alison Myles – no objection

4. Policing.

(a) The PC was grateful that PCSO Wright had been able to attend. She explained that there had been rapid changes to staffing arrangements with less staff and a wider area to cover but reassured the PC that things were still quiet with very few incidents of note other than an attempted theft of or from a vehicle and a couple of domestic incidents.

"Community Messaging" was replacing Neighbourhood Watch, Farm Watch etc and some leaflets about that would be available. Issues of Fly tipping and Hare coursing were raised. They were aware of these, and it was good to be aware of incidents of hare coursing but they were not easily policed.

(b) Speed Watch. This was ongoing and Mr Lupton was able to report that there was another person interested in being part of the team.

(c) Cold calling. It was noted that there had been recent activity in the village of door to door sales people and pedlars. The PC was still awaiting information from WC officer Sue Wilkins but Mrs Lewis said that she would try and speak to her.

5. Playfield (PF).

The sub- committee had meet and started on a remedial programme dealing first with renewing the bark where necessary and Mr Lupton to deal with the tractor.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Additional Waste bins. A quote had been received from WC to supply and fix 4x Broxap BXMT- DINBIN 50 litre post mounted Litter Bins plus post and fixings for £871.35 + VAT and this was unanimously agreed.

(b) B3098 Strategy. Mr Wickham said that arrangements were in hand for a first meeting on the 3rd October at the Parish Hall.

(c) The Local Highways August and Sept Newsletters had been received

(d) Diversion of Footpaths 2 (part) and 3. The Order had now been made

(e) There was to be a road closure of parts of the West Ashton road for traffic calming measures at West Ashton

(e) Trees in Monastery Road. Some were over power lines. Mrs Greening would refer them to the AHE

(f) A resident had expressed concern about overhanging trees at Weirside Court. The PC was of the view that these were the responsibility of the Management Company.

(g) There was concern about cyclists going at speed down Monastery Road

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

(a) Mobile Library Review. The new programme starting in February 2018 had been received. It would continue to serve Edington, Week 2 at the Post Box Tinhead Road between 1200 and 1220. Other villages were losing the service due to lack of use.

(b) Waste Services. Detail of the WC Waste Management Strategy Consultation and Household Recycling Centre Refurbishment Programme had been received. A phased programme of site improvements would take place over the next 3 months.

8. Village Green and Pond. The work was ongoing and plants would soon be ordered.

9. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mr Lupton and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-

(i) Miles & Francis for maintenance to PF, CP and other work around the village £545

(ii) Grant Thornton Audit fee £120

(iii) NALC Local Council Review Subscription £17

(b) Insurance. AON will no longer be organising PC Insurances. The new Broker – approved by NALC – is BHIB Insurance Brokers. The Clerk understood that previous renewal arrangements would be the same and he confirmed that on renewal this year he, as the PC had in previous years, had taken advantage of AON's offer of a 5% discount on future premiums by staying with AON for the next year reducing the premium paid from £348.98 to £332.64.

(c) The Audit had been completed and no issues were raised

10. Correspondence.

(a) WALC July 2017 Newsletter

(b) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2017

(c) Independent Monitoring Board – HMP Erlestoke Annual Report 2016/17

(d) Community First AGM and Awards Celebration 11 Oct 2017 at 1730

(e) CPRE Country Voice and Fieldwork Summer 2107 – being circulated
SSE grants for Community Resilience

11. News items. Consideration was given to items to be included

12. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 11th September 2017 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm