

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames Greening, Pike, Watts and Messrs Mitchell, Pollard, King, Swabey and Hinton

Mr C Johns was in attendance for part of the meeting

Apologies were received from Miss O'Donoghue, Mrs Dorgan and Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2015 were adopted as read and signed.

### 2. Matters Arising.

(a) Casual Vacancy. The Clerk reported that the notices were to be displayed as from the 17<sup>th</sup> April and that if no request had been received for an election by the 8<sup>th</sup> May the PC could then co-opt.

(b) Wiltshire Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Plans. The PC discussed the question of developing a planning policy as part of the wider consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan in the light of the proposals to develop the land at Little Court Lane. At present the Core Strategy would simply permit infill development in small villages

3. Painted Pavements. Mr Johns had attended specifically to raise the question of pedestrian safety on the B3098 after the resurfacing work had been completed. There was no footpath between Greater Lane and Parsonage Lane or, apart from a short stretch, from Monastery Road to the Weir field gate and he asked if consideration could be given to the provision of a painted pavement. The PC had tried a few years previously but WC criteria then was not to create one on a B road. Nonetheless it was agreed that Mr Swabey would raise the issue at a CATG meeting.

### 4. Planning.

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

(i) 15/02585/TCA Yew tree – 30% reduction, shape and deadwood at The Grange, 4 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton

(ii) 15/03022/TCA 1.Sycamore 15m plus tall, canopy 5m in radius to be felled. 2. Ornamental Cherry tree approximately 7m tall, canopy diameter 4m – fell. 3.Ornamental Cherry tree approximately 7m tall, canopy diameter 4m- reduction to reduce overhang; at 1/2 Charlton Hill for Mrs Anne Ilsley

(b) Neighbourhood Plans and Housing Needs Survey. The Chairman reported that he had arranged for Mr Simon Coombs from Limpley Stoke to come and speak to the APM about Limpley Stoke's neighbourhood Plan and what it had entailed.

### 5. Policing.

The report for March had been received which showed no issues for the village.

Mr Hinton reported on Speed Watch. There had been 7 sessions in March. 3% of those checked were over 30mph of which 2 were over 45 and would be receiving a letter from the Police.

### 6. Playfield (PF).

(a) Slide repairs. Mr Hinton had completed the repairs and also secured the concrete table. Thanks were expressed to him.

(b) State of surface at the Pub gate. Mr King had spoken to Mr Sheridan who had suggested a site meeting. He had however explained his proposals and the PC felt that a further meeting was not necessary and was happy for him to get on with the work.

### 7. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Greening seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the invoice rendered by Mr Hinton for the repairs to the Slide and table top in the sum of £157.72 be paid.

(b) WC had, as part of its budget process, decided to recharge the cost of PC elections to PCs

(c) Notice of Audit had been received.

#### 8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) There had been some fly tipping but this had been cleared by WC

(b) The drain in Cowleaze Lane had been cleared but further drain clearance was needed in Tinhead Road.

(c) Kissing Gates. It was noted that the gates proposed for the paths at Priory Farm and at the Bratton end of the path from Bratton to Greater Lane had not yet been installed.

(d) Dog fouling in the Weir field. One culprit was an alsation dog not on the lead. Consideration would be given to notifying the WC dog warden but Mrs Greening would also ask WC for more dog bins.

9. Car Park (CP). The situation was still totally unsatisfactory but BT appeared to have become much more involved and the Chairman was hopeful that remedial action to reinstate would be carried out to the same specification as when Ross Hillman had laid it.

#### 10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

Mr Wickham reported on 2 of the matters that were discussed at the AB meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. The first was on the recent WC Car parking survey. There was a possibility that some of Westbury's Car Parks could be transferred to Westbury for management. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was a presentation on Dementia in the community and how people affected could be helped if they got into difficulty when out and about by identifying some shops and pubs as 'safe havens'.

11. Annual Parish Meeting. Final arrangements were discussed as in 4(b) above and Mrs Dorgan would arrange refreshments.

12. The Village Pond. There was concern at the proliferation of ducks and their eggs and the possible health hazard that might be created. After discussion the PC was minded to limit the number of ducks to 4 at any one time. It was agreed that a note be put in the News to that effect to alert people to that proposal and a final decision would be made at a future meeting

13. Village Welcome Packs. Mrs Watts reported that Mrs Jacky Hiscock was going to give up being responsible for these packs. Mrs Watts had reviewed them and was asking if there was some more literature that should be added. Mr Pollard suggested the Website. It was agreed that mention be made at the APM and the thanks of the PC be recorded.

#### 14. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – April 2015

(b) WALC Newsletter – March 2015

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

16. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.