

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Swabey

Also in attendance was Mr Wickham (WC) and for part of the meeting PCSO Caroline Wright

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2016 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising.

Milestones. Mr Fraser had indicated to Mrs Pike that he was planning to update 2 other milestones as well.

3. Casual Vacancy. No response had been received to the note in The News. A number of names were mentioned by individual Councillors as possible co-optees and contact would be made with them; and also to raise it at the APM.

4. Planning.

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

(i) 16/0236/FUL Rear Single storey extension (resubmission of W/12/01954/FUL) at 4 A Tinhead Road for Mr Vincent Albano

(ii) 16/03218/TCA T1 Apple tree: reduce and reshape crown by 20%, thin by 20% and reduce the 2 branches on tgh e house side by up to 2 meters at Dove Cottage 44 Westbury Road for Mr Cochrane

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 15/09644/FUL Proposed two storey front extension and alterations at 5 Long Hollow for Mr S Robbins - approved

(ii) 16/01202/FUL Installation of a blind dormer and internal alterations to create a granny annex (accommodation ancillary to the main house) at land adjoining 11 Inmead for Mr Rob Hart - approved

(ii) 16/01792/TPO Fell Conifer T1-T3; Fell Lime tree T4; Reduce crown 20% and thin by 20% Yew T5; Beech T6 remove limb to west and crown reduction to match adjoining tree; fell conifer G1; at the Manor House 11 Lower Road for Mr A Edwards - approved

(c) Neighbourhood Plans and Housing Needs Survey (HNS). This would be the main item on the APM agenda.

(d) A letter had been received from Hugh Hancock of Dunge Farm in connection with an application made for a licence to hold an event he describes as a 'rave' to be held on the 26th – 28th August at Grange Farm, Dunge. His concern was that the noise and traffic may affect Edington and was seeking support to object to the application. The PC was of the view that noise and traffic were unlikely to be a significant problem to Edington and was not inclined to make any representations to the Licensing authority.

5. Policing.

(a) PCSO Wright had sent her March report which confirmed that again crime was low. There had been the incidence of theft from a car and she was proposing that she put up a notice in the Church Car Park to remind people to ensure that they kept their cars locked and valuables out of sight. Hare coursing was a continuing problem and any incidence of it should be reported. In other villages there had been burglaries from garages and outbuildings which should be kept secure.

6. Playfield (PF).

(a) Dogs were still being brought into the PF even if only by owners walking through or from pub customers. Mrs Dorgan would have a word with the Three Daggers and if other dog walkers were identified to speak to them.

(b) The little ‘mushroom table’ had been damaged, possibly deliberately and Peter Hailstone had been asked to repair it.

(c) Alex Mackintosh had not yet reported back to Mrs Dorgan about the tractor.

(d) Some bark needed renewing in the near future when the PC would consider reverting to grass.

(e) All Councillors were encouraged to view the Playdale website so that a new piece of equipment could be considered at the next meeting.

7. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Miss O’Donoghue and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid:-

(i) CPRE Subscription £36

(ii) Local Council Review Subscription £17

(iii) Renewal of Website Domain refund Mr Pollard £38.94

(b) Notice of Audit had been received

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) From a meeting that Mrs Greening had had with Highways there was some doubt as to what, if anything, would be done about the ‘slow’ signs in The Weir and raised manhole cover there

(b) Work to the B3098 had been delayed but had now started.

(c) Provision of Traffic Cones. Mrs Dorgan reported that the Three Daggers had now purchased some.

(d) Tinhead Road. Mr Wickham reported that the last CATG meeting had agreed to spend up to £1500 on improvements to road markings at Tinhead Road by the Village Green.

(e) There was a continuing problem with water running down Little Court Lane.

(f) Mr Johns suggested that WC should enter into a real dialogue with the Parishes to properly plan for continuing and future highway needs citing the provision of ‘pinch points’ for road safety and speed control; and Mr King expressed his concern at what he perceived was money wasted as a result of poor or inefficient planning in connection with road works and improvements.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

(a) Mr Wickham reported that his Portfolio responsibility at WC had moved from Waste to Highways.

(b) There was nothing from the AB meeting on the 7th April of particular concern for the Village

(c) The Mobile Library timetable had been received.

10. Demolition at Baynton Way – a concerned resident had copied the PC a letter written to the WC that the demolition was being carried out in an inappropriate way. The PC noted the situation and awaited any observations from WC. The PC had no powers in such matters other than to refer them to the WC.

11. Health Matters. Bratton Surgery. The PC was concerned to ascertain why there appeared to be a depletion of services – patients who would normally have been seen at Bratton were having to get to Westbury. It seemed that there had been no nurse at Bratton for about 3 months. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Dr Beale at Westbury with a copy to Bratton PC

12. APM. Final arrangements were confirmed. Neither PCSO Wright nor Mr Wickham would probably be able to attend but would send a report. The Clerk would check both the

booking of the Hall and the WC Link Officer re Neighbourhood Plans. The usual refreshments would be provided

13. Newcomers Coffee Morning. Arrangements were confirmed for the 7th May between 1030 and 1200

14. Correspondence.

- (a) SPTA News Sheet – April 2016
- (b) WALC Newsletter – March 2016

15. Benches. The Richardsons had started a programme of repairs and maintenance of the Benches in the Village but had asked for confirmation that they would be reimbursed the cost of any materials needed. This was agreed and the PC thanked them for what they were doing.

16. News Items. Consideration was given to items to be included in The News.

17. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 9th May 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.