

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Pike, Lewis, Watts and Greening and Messrs Swabey, King, Johns, Pollard and Lupton. Mr Wickham (WC) was also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mrs Dorgan and the Clerk

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March 2017 were adopted as read and signed

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning.

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

(i) 17/01453/FUL Retrospective planning application to demolish derelict poultry building house and erect single storey toilet block and rest room incorporating disabled toilet for casual visitors at Bonnie Farmhouse, Bonnie Park, Bratton for Mr Andrew Bonavia. The PC was concerned however that permission had not been sought prior to the changes.

(ii) 17/02570/TCA T1-oak tree – overall reduction of 2-3m; T2 - Norway Maple tree – overall reduction of 2m; T3 – Willow tree – repollard; T4 – Walnut tree – remove to ground level; T5 – Ash tree – crown raise to 3m; T6 – Elder tree – prune; all at 3 Lower Road, Bratton for Mr Nick Goff

(b) Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and revised Development Plan. Mr Pollard indicated that it was anticipated that interim reports from the groups would be ready by the 18th April and final reports by September.

4. Policing.

(a) No formal report had been received but Mr Lupton was able to confirm that there had been a shed break-in and theft of equipment in early April in Lower Road. Otherwise things were quiet in the village.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton confirmed that the camera would be available in May and that he currently had 3 volunteers.

(c) Cold Calling. Mrs Lewis offered to speak to residents at one of the Drop-in mornings.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) There was nothing of particular note other than the need to renew the bark under the rotating dish.

(b) Access track to the PF alongside the Village Green (VG). The resident had been asked to park more considerately.

6. Finances.

The Notice of Audit had been received.

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG. A number of matters was discussed including:-

(a) Additional Waste bins. Mr Wickham said he would find out the definitive costs of any.

(b) B3098 Strategy. It was agreed to host a meeting of all PCs along the B3098 after the elections.

(c) The Parish Steward was due. Mrs Greening reported that he had asked that he be given a full day of jobs otherwise the service would be reduced as had happened in another village

(d) Car Parking in Tnhead. There were continual problems with car parking especially around the Green and these were causing difficulties for farm traffic and, potentially, emergency vehicles. It was noted that many households had more than one car and no off road parking and in the absence of yellow lines parking was not prohibited other than within 15 m of a junction. It was agreed that a note be put in the News to alert people to this problem and to consider asking the police to monitor the situation.

(e) Grass cutting of verges and triangles. The PC needed to monitor when cutting was needed in the absence of WC or the Parish Steward doing them to avoid unnecessary duplication.

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. Mr Wickham said that in view of the May elections there was little activity to report on until the new Council was formed and decisions made.

9. Village Green and Pond. Mr Lupton was awaiting the cheque presentation by Wessex Water but he had been interviewed for an article in the White Horse News.

10. Civil Emergency Plan (CEP) and Defibrillators.

The CEP would be finalised after the election and allocation of 'portfolios' at the May meeting. The proposal for a Defibrillator would depend on any donation from the May Ball and an application to the AB for a grant.

11. Elections.

There would be no poll in Edington as the number of candidates was only 10. This meant that the new Council would need to co-opt.

12. APM. The final arrangements were confirmed as to the Development Plan groups presentations and the refreshments

13. Burial Ground. An application for a headstone for the late Peter Pike was approved.

14. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – April 2017

(b) WALC February and March 2017 Newsletters

(c) Youth Action Wiltshire Winter Newsletter – being circulated

(d) CPRE Countryside Voice and Fieldwork both Spring 2017 – being circulated

15. News items. Consideration was given to items to be included. The PC felt that there had been improvements but that there were still some layout and editorial problems and so it was agreed to further review the News at the September meeting.

16. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 8th May 2017 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm