

**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies were received from the Mesdames Bromhead, Pike and Watts and the Police

Mr Wickham (WC) was also in attendance

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2014 were adopted as read and signed.

2. There were no Matters Arising. Parking outside The Old Smithy. It was agreed to mention this at the next Drop-in.

3. Planning:-

(a) Two applications had been received and there were no objections to either of them :-  
(i) 14/10492/FUL – Alterations and extensions at The Laurels, 36 Westbury Road for Mr Phillip Hampson

(ii) 14/10676/TCA – Fell Elm Tree at 2 Bonshommes Cottage Monastery Road for Mr Michael Jones

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 14/09415/TCA – Cherry Plum tree – trim and shape by approximately 20%; 2 Maple trees – trim and shape by approximately 20% at 17 Greater Lane for Mr Eric Mitchell – no objections

(ii) 14/09420/TCA – Fell 4 Cypress Leylandii at Northleigh 24 Westbury Road for Mr Hayter no objections

(c) Neighbourhood Planning/Housing Needs Survey. The Wiltshire Core Strategy report by the Planning Inspectorate had been issued and was available for inspection.

(d) A briefing letter had been received from WC explaining the requirements for tree applications.

4. Policing.

(a) It was noted that plants at the pond had been stolen; and that there appeared to be an increase in poaching and hare coursing on the Plain

(b) Speed Watch. Over a thousand vehicles had been monitored of which 2.5% had been speeding. More volunteers were being sought.

(c) Speed Indicator Devices. WC was proposing to withdraw funding for these and had circulated ABs to see if their constituent councils were willing to contribute funding to enable their use to be continued. In an exchange of emails the PC had considered this and the alternative of acquiring a device for the village. After discussion it was agreed that while it would be good to have one or contribute to the ongoing costs it could not be afforded and did not represent good value for the cost that would be incurred. There would also be logistical problems concerning the siting of the Device.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) New Swings. The detailed quote from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd for the new swings had been received in the sum of £4524 plus VAT as expected, and based on that, an application for grant had been submitted to the AB. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and carried unanimously to accept the Playdale quote and proceed with the project and grant application.

(b) State of surface at Pub gate. Discussions had been held with Mr Sheridan on behalf of the Pub and he would be prepared to carry out the work at cost and prepare a quote for the PC to consider.

(c) Christmas Tree. Arrangements were made to erect it on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December with the lighting and carols at 5pm on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>. More rope lights would be needed and the PC unanimously agreed to allow up to £100 for them.

#### 6. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan and seconded by Mrs Greening and carried unanimously that the following payment be confirmed:-

(i) Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG and Footpaths grass cutting in October £49  
and the following be paid

(i) Invoice for hire of Parish Hall for the year £120

(ii) Refund Mr Pollard cost of Website renewal £93.46

(b) Donations had gratefully been received of £100 from Mr Gilbert Green, £20 from Mrs Atterbury and £1000 from Edington Station Yard all towards the replacement swings

(c) Notification had been received that the Hire of the Parish Hall would increase from 1 January 2015 to £6 per hour

#### 7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The handrail along the path to the Parish Hall was going to be installed in the coming week.

(b) Concern was expressed regarding springs overflowing into Tinhead Road with the consequential risk of freezing. It was agreed to refer this to the AHE.

#### 8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report :-

(a) There was to be an AB meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

(b) The Mobile Library timetable for January to June 2015 had been received. There was no change to the arrangements for the Village

9. Village Maintenance. The PC carried out a general review. The Clerk had prepared a comparison of the costs incurred in 2013/14 (£2214) with the costs to date for 2104/15 (2145). Work had been carried out historically by: Miles & Francis on the Playfield and Car park, various triangles and some paths when requested; Bratton General Maintenance Services (BGMS) at the Burial Ground and the verges from Sandy Lane towards Bratton; and by Callaway Grass Maintenance Ltd at The Village Green. The latter had had to cease earlier in the year and the PC had asked Miles & Francis to take over the maintenance of the Green. In addition following the decision of the PC to take over the maintenance of the remainder of the Burial Ground that work had been carried out by BGMS.

In discussion there was general agreement that the arrangements were working well and that it was right to share the work between local contractors while monitoring their charges. The concern was to feel assured that the Parish Steward would carry out verge cuts as requested especially at the time of the Edington Music Festival.

#### 10.. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – December 2014

(b) WALC Circulars – November and December 2014

(c) CPRE The Moonraker for November 2014

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

12. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Budget meeting.