

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr King

Also in attendance was Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th November 2015 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 any of them:-

(i) 15/10778/FUL Conversion of garage to 1 bedroom annex/garage at 12 Inmead for Mr Philip Davies. There was no objection but the PC felt that the usual restriction that the conversion be tied to the property could be made

(ii) 15/09399/TCA Ash tree – reduce by approximately 40% and reshape crown at The Plough Lower Road for Wessex Tree Care – there was no objection

(iii) 15/09400/TCA Fell Beech tree and fell Cedar tree at The Old Vicarage Westbury Road for Mr J N D'Arcy – there was no objection

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 15/10308/TCA Coppice Ash Tree on land adjacent to 7 Lower Road Bratton for Mr Richard Violet – no objection

(ii) 15/10293/TCA Fell TG1 Lawson Cypress tree at 3A Lower Road for Mr Sweeting – no objection

(iii) 15/09435/FUL Proposed Garden Shelter at The Three Daggers for Three Daggers Ltd – approved

(iv) 15/10006/TPO Fell Sycamore at Winton Lodge 17 Westbury Road for Mrs Jane Rich – approved

(v) 15/10898/TCA Crown reduce Yew tree by approximately 30% to prevent overhanging roof at The Grange 4 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton – no objection

(c) Neighbourhood Plans and Housing Needs Survey (HNS). Concern was expressed that there had still been no response from the WC. Mr Wickham said he would make enquiries. Mr Pollard explained that he had been checking the potential cost to the PC of seeing a Neighbourhood Plan through to completion. There were a number of variables but it seemed that for small villages the cost would be between £5K and £10K but that grants were available up to £8K. It would be necessary to consider the matter of financing a Plan at the Budget meeting. The PC would also need to consider setting up a committee with a Parish Councillor as the Chairman. A village survey would be required and a written report.

4. Policing.

There was no report. Mr Hinton confirmed that Speedwatch was ongoing.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Molehills were really bad and it was agreed for safety reasons that a mole catcher be contacted to deal with them.

(b) There were continuing concerns about the effectiveness of the way the gate from the Pub to the PF was fixed. Mr Hinton would carry out an inspection and advise.

(c) Christmas Lights. Mrs Dorgan had only had to spend £7 on 2 timers. The lights and tree had been much appreciated and thanks were expressed to Mrs Dorgan for all the

arrangements. Miss O'Donoghue suggested that in 2016 it might be worth hiring the brewery for the refreshments. The tree would be taken down on the 9th January.

6. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Mrs Greening and carried unanimously that Mrs Dorgan be refunded the sum of £7 the cost not the 2 timers from G.L & D.M. Davies of Westbury

(b) The Clerk outlined the new Audit arrangements set out by the NALC and it was agreed to adopt them.

7. Village Green (VG). Miles & Francis had estimated that the cost of putting posts in the lower part of the VG at about £120 plus £300 for labour. Mr Wickham said he would ask the WC Highways department to check its records in connection with this land.

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The Parish Hall path was deemed to be treacherous and Mrs Greening would include it on the WC work schedule

(b) CATG had agreed that the B3098, Tinhead Road and Lower Road were to be given highest priority in relation to weight restrictions.

(c) Hand over of WC Speed Indicating Devices. Mr Wickham had reserved one but there were still concerns as to the viability of managing it until there was clarity as to exactly what the cost in due course would be to the PC and there might be an insurance issue. Mr Wickham would seek more information and then discuss it again with PC Chairmen.

(d) The PC again discussed the essential repairs to the B3098 through the village and raised the question of painted pavements or at least the provision of white road edge lines which it was generally agreed had the visual effect of the road narrowing.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

Mr Wickham reported on the AB meeting on the 10th December. There was nothing of immediate concern for the village; the Police report had detailed the future Policing arrangements and the Police UK website would give crime details.

There was to be an Emergency Planning workshop on the 21st January at County Hall and he considered that to be worth attending. The PC confirmed that it had its own Emergency Plan that was updated each year .

10. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – December 2015

(b) WALC Newsletter – December 2015

(c) Community First News for Winter 2015 was being circulated

11. News Items. There was no News until February. .

12. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 11th January 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Budget meeting.