

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 12th December 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also in attendance for part of the meeting was Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th November 2016 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) 16/11527/TCA Works to trees: Front garden Maple (1) to reduce by 30% and shape crown; Rear garden Liquidamber (2) to reduce crown by 20% and shape; Drummondii (3) to reduce crown by 30% and thinning of 10%; Malus (4) to reduce crown by 25%; Silver Birch (5) to reduce crown by 25% and shape all at The Vines, Inmead for Mrs Elizabeth Windo.

(ii) 16/11782/TCA Fell Cypress Tree. Reduce 3 Cypress Trees by 40% at Mount View, 23 Westbury Road for Mrs Elizabeth Pike

(iii) 16/12054/TCA remove conifer hedge adjacent to Churchyard wall and replace with Laurel at The Priory for Mr W Warden, Conservation Contracts Ltd, End Farm, Marston.

(iv) 16/10056/FUL Rear single storey orangery/conservatory extension at Windy Ridge 7 Charlton Hill for Mr and Mrs C and R Shepherd

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 16/08137/FUL Demolish an existing rear/side addition at first floor level and replace with a new single storey extension, build a single storey ground floor side extension and a single storey rear extension at first floor level. Convert existing summerhouse into a new entrance hall/boot room with new roof finish and replace all existing windows and patio doors at Luccombe Mill, Imber Road, Bratton for Mr Henry Pelly - approved

(ii) 16/09287/FUL Demolition of existing garage and car port, erect new garage and side extension with new dormer in the roof to facilitate additional accommodation in the roof space at Orchardlea 22 Westbury Road for Mr Muir – no objection.

(iii) 16/09324/FUL Proposed two storey front extension and alterations (Resubmission of 15/09644/FUL) at 5 Long Hollow for Mr S Robbins. No objection. In addition the stopping up order has now been made.

(iv) 16/08233/FUL Two storey extension to dwelling and Erection of Carport at Tudor Cottage 15 Westbury Road for Green Drake Ltd - approved

(c) Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Initial reports from several of the groups had been placed on the website.

4. Policing.

(a) The report for November had been received of one incidence of each of fly tipping, road rage and burglary. In addition the Police were reminding the public of risks of drink/drug driving, of carrying large amounts of cash for Christmas shopping, keeping bags and wallets secure and protecting credit cards and their PIN numbers.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton was anticipating this restarting in January.

(c) Apart from Tinhead Road it was suggested Downsview be included. Mr Swabey would contact Sue Wilkins at WC.

(d) SID's. The roll out of this was delayed due to a change of supplier.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) The new PF Equipment had been installed and looked good. Arrangements would be made in 2017 for a full safety inspection of all the equipment.

(b) The Christmas tree had been erected and additional lights had been purchased. Not a lot of people had attended the lighting ceremony but the Bratton Silver Band group had been very good. Thanks were expressed to The Three Daggers for providing mulled wine and mince pies.

6. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mr Lupton and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-

(i) Grant Thornton for Audit fee £120.

(ii) Mr Pollard refund £9.14 being the invoice from Wickes for concrete for the New Notice Board posts

(iii) Bratton General Maintenance Services for Burial Ground and verges for August, September and October £306

(iv) Mrs Dorgan refund cost of Christmas tree lights and extension lead £33.94.

(b) Burial fees had been received of £100 re Valerie Smith and £100 re Jonathan Garnett

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Footpaths and Stiles. Mr Johns reported that there was sufficient money available to renew the stiles at Footpaths 12 and 19 with Kissing Gates and to restore the steps where appropriate.

(b) Vehicle obstruction on Inmead. A copy of the letter Mrs Fowler had written to the Priory estate office had been received. It was agreed to await developments before the PC needed to be involved.

(c) Damage to the Village sign at Woodbridge. It was agreed to refer this to the Parish Steward along with various other needs that had been referred to Mrs Greening.

(d) Trees along Monastery Road. The Priory Estate had recently trimmed and tidied these but apparently some complaints had been received. However the PC considered that what had been done was good and it had no reason for making any adverse comment.

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

Mr Wickham reported on the AB Meeting held on the 8th December which had considered at length the future of hubs and campuses. The money had run out and Westbury was going to review its original 3 site campus.

The AB had also considered the provision of Defibrillators for Westbury and the villages.

9. Village Green and Pond.

Mr Lupton confirmed that the application for funding from Wessex Water had been submitted and from a subsequent telephone discussion with them he felt that the application was being considered favourably. A decision was expected Jan/Feb. The PC expressed its appreciation for all the work he had done.

9. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – December 2016

(b) WALC November Newsletter

(c) email from SSE re Power Outages. It was agreed to mention this to Lise Griffiths as she may be aware of people in the Village who might be vulnerable in the event of loss of power.

10. News items. Mrs Lewis had circulated her observations on the meeting she had had with the editor of the News. There appeared to be a willingness to make some changes particularly to accommodate the provision of photos to support News items and it was agreed that Mrs Lewis would send a photo of the recent BKVC certificates. The PC would continue to review the position as per the Minutes of the November PC Meeting.

11 Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 9th January 2017 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Budget meeting.