

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 9th February 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Bromhead and Mr Swabey

Mr Wickham (WC) and one member of the public were also present and Robin Brown from the Three Daggers Operating Company

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2015 were adopted as read and signed.

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Priory Plans. Mr Brown explained that there were no grand plans for the Pub. It would continue in much the same way as at present but would be 'refreshed'. Similarly the Farm shop: although there might be some layout changes. The Brewery too would be much the same with the possibility of some new brews. The new build at Hillside would be an extension for the Pub and completion was expected in the summer. His remit did not cover the other properties. He recognised that car parking had become a problem and that Mr Sheridan had that in hand. As to the '11 Experience' he said that there would not be a mass invasion and visitors would be visiting places like Bath. The Chairman thanked him for attending and suggested that an occasional note in the News about any Priory plans would, he thought, be appreciated by the community.

4. Planning.

(a) The following application had been received and there was no objection to it:-
15/00305/TCA TG1 Group of 9 Lawson Cypress and 1 Purple leaf Plum on the left hand side of the drive –fell. T1 and TG2 11 Fruit trees – formative prune and crown them by 10 -20%. T3 Scots Pine – crown lift to approximately 10 feet at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mrs Garnett

(b) Neighbourhood Planning/Housing Needs Survey. There was nothing further to report.

(c) The WC had adopted the Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document. It was agreed that the PC obtain a hard copy.

5. Policing.

Speed Watch. Mr Hinton reported that in January 'Operation Harness' had been in the village at the same time as Speed Watch as mentioned in the Minutes of the last PC meeting. He also said that there was to be a change in Speed Watch arrangements in that the scheme would now be administered by the Police rather than WC

6. Playfield (PF).

(a) New Swings. The work had been completed and very efficiently. The invoice for the final payment in the sum of £2714.40 had been received.

(b) State of surface at the Pub gate. The detailed quote was still awaited.

(c) The main access to the PF was being occasionally obstructed by vehicles being parked there. It was important that the access was clear at all times and it was agreed that a sign not to obstruct access be obtained. Mrs Dorgan would get prices.

(d) The Gravity Bowl was getting very muddy. More bark chippings were needed. Miles & Francis would be asked to deal with that but it was agreed to investigate other surfacing material for the future.

7. Finances.

(a) The following invoices had been received and it was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Greening and carried unanimously that they be paid:-

(i) Refund The Clerk for Land Registry fees in connection with seeking to ascertain the ownership of the northern part of the Village Green (see (14) below) £27.95

(ii) Playdale Playgrounds Ltd £2714.40 the balance of the cost of the swings

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The B3098 verge from Longlands Close had been referred to the AHE.

(b) There was concern at the general state of the B3098. Mr Wickham said that Highways acknowledged the problem, that major patching was needed and works were planned to start in June. Mr Hinton pointed out that many of the current problems could have been avoided if kerbing had been carried out at the last major resurfacing which he understood had been intended.

(c) The Chairman raised the issue of the trenches recently dug on behalf of BT for the superfast broadband. The resurfacing was awful and already breaking up in places. There was general agreement that the trench surface needed to be redone. Mr Wickham said he would find out who was responsible.

9. Car Park (CP). The Chairman reported that proper reinstatement had not taken place. The surface was no longer draining as it had done before. The PC agreed that the situation was totally unsatisfactory and steps should be taken to ensure full reinstatement. The Chairman would work to that end with the assistance of Mr Wickham who was happy to take up the issue at County level.

10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

(a) The AB meeting on the 5th February had been mainly about the recycling initiative in the Westbury area.

(b) There was to be a BA13+Partnership meeting on the 18th February

11. Annual Parish Meeting. Councillors were asked to consider for the March meeting what could be the main topic for discussion.

12. Civil Emergency Plan. Miss O'Donoghue confirmed that the updated Plan should be circulated by the end of February.

13. Website. Mr Pollard reported that this was currently being revamped and he was asking for any views on what could be included in that.

14. Village Green. The Clerk explained that his searches of the Land Registry so far had unfortunately drawn a blank to ascertain who may have originally owned the land to the north of Pond House which the PC had maintained for as long as he could remember.

15. Tree in memory of Bill Tottingham. Mr Terry Tottingham had written to say that his mother was keen to plant a tree or shrub somewhere in the village and was asking the PC for any thoughts on the type and location. Three sites were suggested: the NW corner of the PF, the PC Car Park or on the southern side of the B3098 at the field entrance. Miss O'Donoghue would speak to Mrs Anne Tottingham.

16. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – February 2015

17. News Items. Consideration was given to what could be included in the News. It was agreed that a litter pick be organised for the 21st March meeting at the Church Car Park at 0930.

18. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 9th March 2015 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

