

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from MrPollard

Mr Wickham (WC) and 2 members of the public were in attendance for part of the meeting

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 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 either of them:-

(i) 17/00800/FUL Demolition of existing garage and car port, erection of side extension with new dormer in roof to facilitate additional accommodation in the roof space (resubmission Of 16/09287/FUL) at Orchardlea 22 Westbury Road for Mr Muir Stirling

(ii) 17/10225/TCA T1 Beech – reduce height 4-6m and prune laterals 3-4m and thin by 20% at 2 Stradbroke Bratton for Mrs Patricia Jeffery

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 16/12360/TCA T1- reduce limbs on Dawn Redwood tree overhanging boundary by approx 1.5m; T2- trim Conifer to boundary by reducing limbs by approx 1.5m at The Manor House Lower Road for Mrs Latham of 13 Greater Lane – no objection

(ii) 17/00065/TCA reduce silver birch at top of bank by 30% at Brackenfell Charlton Hill for Ms Sonia Heywood

(c) Gym building etc at Hillside Cottage. Mr Swabey reported that the developers were concerned that comments had been made that the development was not in accordance with the approved plans. The PC had not been approached but it was agreed that it would check with the WC Planning office to ascertain if it had any queries in connection with the works being carried out.

(d) Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and revised Development Plan. PC members of several of the groups reported briefly on the progress that had been made. Full reports of their findings and proposals would be prepared for the APM.

4. Policing.

(a) The report for January indicated only one incident of theft from a motor vehicle a male having been found searching unattended vehicles.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton reported that the first sessions had taken place and he was pleased with the outcomes. No other volunteers had yet come forward but he did have a couple of names to contact.

(c) Cold Calling. The Chairman reported that Sue Wilkins from WC would be coming shortly to assess Downsview and that she would come to one of the Drop-ins. As to Tinhead Road an outstanding issue was the question of signage which he hoped would be resolved soon whereupon residents would be asked to agree to the proposal.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Concern was again expressed regarding parking on the access track to the PF alongside the Village Green (VG). The Clerk's understanding was that it was part of the VG. Mr Swabey agreed to speak to Mrs Hull since access to the PF was required at any time.

(b) Exercise/fitness trail. Mr Johns said he would ask his son to give the PC advice and this was agreed.

(c) It was agreed to allow the PF to be used for the May Ball on the 27th May 2107 and for the Village Fair on the 10th June 2017

6. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mr Lupton that the CPRE subscription in the sum of £36 be paid

(b) The Headstone fee of £128 for Denise Giddings had been received and a donation of £1000 from Edington Station Yard towards the new PF equipment was gratefully received

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Footpath opposite the Three Daggers. Mr Johns had spoken to the landowner who was happy for a gate to be provided at the top. Mr Johns would now speak to the WC Footpaths officer. It was also suggested that a Footpath sign be erected at the top end of the footpath opposite the Old Vicarage.

(b) Letters had been received from residents in Downsvie and Parsonage Lane regarding the obstruction of visibility caused by vehicles parking on the corner of Downsvie and the B3098. It was at times difficult for residents driving out of Downsvie to get a clear view of traffic on the main road. It was agreed to take up the matter with WC Highways.

(c) Litter Pick. This was fixed for the weekend of the 4/5 March.

(d) The Parish Steward was due and Mrs Greening was collating works that were necessary

(e) Bus stop at Longlands Close. One of the Bus drivers had told a resident that it was not an official stop and that she should go to the stop at Monastery Road. The PC was unanimous in its view that the stop had been used for years and would otherwise involve residents having to walk along a particularly dangerous stretch of the main road to get to Monastery Road. It was agreed to take up the matter with WC.

8. Car Park. The CP was still being misused and the PC agreed to review the signs to make its use clearer. It had been created to provide nearby safe parking for users of the Parish Hall and occasional use by visitors to the village. It was not providing off street parking for residents. In addition there was concern that the surface was once again deteriorating.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. There was nothing of significance to report.

10. Village Green and Pond. Mr Lupton was delighted to report that the application for a Wessex Water 'Grid' award had been successful in the sum of £1030. Arrangements would be made to present the cheque and Mr Lupton would liaise with them as to a suitable date, time and location. The PC expressed its thanks to Mr Lupton for his efforts in pursuing the application so successfully. He also reported that 2 mallards had come to the pond.

11. Civil Emergency Plan and Defibrillators. These were in hand and it was hoped would be reported on at the next meeting.

12. Burial Ground.

(a) An application had been received for a headstone for the late Mr L H Radice. This was approved.

(b) The Edington Music Festival had requested permission to use the paddock again for this year's Festival. This was agreed on the basis that it would carry out any additional grass cutting.

13. Newcomers Coffee Morning. It was agreed to hold this on the 6th May 2017 between 1030 and 1200.

14. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – February 2017

15. News items. Consideration was given to items to be included but it was noted that no photos had been submitted after the January meeting and it was agreed to try and get some in for the March News.

16. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 13th March 2017 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

