

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were John Richardson, Mrs Sandie Lewis and Mr Wickham (WC)

1. Casual Vacancy. Mrs Lewis had expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the PC. The PC was very happy to accept her application and having signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office she was duly co-opted.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 2016 were adopted as read and signed subject to the noted amendment

3. There were no Matters Arising.

4. Planning.

(a) The following applications had been received:-

(i) 16/05329/FUL Revision to Gym building approved under 14/08145/FUL at Hillside Cottage 45 Westbury Road for Hillside Cottage Ltd. There were issues relating to parking and traffic, the scale of the proposed development on the south side of the B3098 all such that the PC believed that it should be called in by Mr Wickham to be considered fully by the Planning Committee. Mr Wickham agreed to raise it with the Planning officer concerned. The Clerk would send in an objection if calling in did not happen.

(ii) 16/05501/FUL Increasing height of existing fence (retrospective) at 1 Lower Road Bratton for Mr Colin Tagg. There were no objections.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan (NP). There had been 174 responses out of 300 questionnaires delivered. Mr Pollard and Mrs Greening would be analysing the results which he would notify to Parish Councillors over the next week or so. Thanks were again expressed to both for their work.

5. Policing.

(a) No Police report had been received but one road traffic incident was noted.

(b) Mr Lupton reported on the AGM of the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Association in June. Damage to vehicles appeared to be increasing and there were issues relating to parking. This area though was generally quiet.

(c) Cold calling. An elderly resident of Tinhead Road had been receiving cold calls and NW people were very interested in pursuing areas to be identified.

6. Playfield (PF).

(a) New PF Equipment. Mrs Dorgan had identified an appropriate unit called the Double Woodland Tower comprising a Sloping Rope Climb, Net Climb Ladder, Vertical Rock Climb, Fireman's Pole, Sloped Concave Bridge and a Slide. The discounted cost including Safer Impact Grass Tiles would be £6991 plus VAT. It was anticipated that grants would be available and application would be made for a 50% grant from the AB. It was agreed unanimously to proceed.

(b) Mr Hailstone had repaired the PF slide, but the Tractor still needed repairing.

7. Finances.

It was proposed by Mrs Greening seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-

(i) Peter Hailstone for repairing PF slide £153

(ii) Miles & Francis for PF and Car Park maintenance and other areas as needed
£700

(iii) John Richardson for repairs to the Triangle bench £37.26

(iv) Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG and verges for March, April and May 2016 £297

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Notice of application and a draft order had been received in connection with the stopping up of the Highway at 5 Long Hollow. The PC was reminded that this needed to be made to enable the development already approved to be carried out. It was agreed to reiterate the objections already made at the Planning stage.

(b) Concerns were expressed to Mr Wickham that in at least 2 places significant pot holes had not been included in the recent resurfacing of the B3098

(c) Parking. There had again been parking inappropriately in the CP. The PC was perfectly entitled to make conditions as to its use - currently for the users of the Parish Hall and occasional visitors. It was not the provision of off street parking for residents although this did raise the question of parking facilities generally in the village and whether a parish car park was feasible.

(d) The Parish Steward would be resuming in October

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

There was nothing of particular note to report.

12 BKVC. The Village had come first in the 1st West Wiltshire round and would now go into the second County round. Thanks were expressed to all who had helped make the village a success and to keep up the good work for the 2nd round.

13. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – July 2016

(b) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2016

(c) WALC Circulars for June and July 2016

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 12th September 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.