

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Lewis and Dorgan and Messrs Johns, and Lupton.
Mr Wickham (WC) was also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Pike, Watts and Greening and Messrs Swabey, Pollard and King.

It was agreed by those present that Mr Johns would chair the meeting.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th June 2017 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising. It was noted that the disputed footpath at Bratton had been added to the Definitive Map subject to a right of appeal.

In addition it was also noted that the application to divert footpaths 2 and 3 at the field north of The Weir had been granted.

3. Planning.

(a) The following application had been received and there was no objection to it:-
17/05995/TCA – TG1 – two Scots Pine trees – reduce crowns by 25% and prune laterals to balance shape. Reduce left hand stem by 50% and crown lift 3m at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mrs Garnett

(b) The following decision had been received:-
17/03583/PNTL Removal of existing 10m high telecommunications pole with shrouded antenna and external 300mm diameter dish and installation of new 12.5m high monopole with shrouded antennas and external 300mm dish together with 1 no. equipment cabinet and development ancillary thereto at Reservoir Sandy Lane for PN Telecommunications – prior approval not required

(c) It was noted that as from the 31st July all planning applications would be sent out by WC electronically.

4. Policing.

(a) The July Police report had been received and circulated. The data was only up to April when 4 offences had been reported. For June across all the Westbury Villages area fewer crimes than expected had been reported. The report did however alert people to the activities of door to door sales people and pedlars and gave advice about ensuring that in hot weather people did not leave doors and windows open unattended

(b) Speed Watch. There was nothing further to report but there would be another session when the camera became available.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) The sub- committee would be meeting shortly. It would also consider those areas that needed new bark.

(b) The Three Daggers was holding its Beer Festival on the 22nd July.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Additional Waste bins. It was agreed that the PC would be asking for 4 x 50 litre post mounted Bins and Mr Wickham had asked WC for a quote.

(b) B3098 Strategy. Mr Wickham explained that it was important that the appropriate officer and Councillor Richard Gamble who represented the other villages were available and he was actively working to ensure a date could be agreed as soon as possible.

(c) Mr Johns was concerned that dead elm trees on both sides of the B3098 were a potential danger and with assistance he had already moved large branches that had fallen into the road. It was agreed that he and the Clerk would speak to the landowners concerned.

(d) It was agreed that the Village Maintenance carried out by Miles & Frances needed to be co-ordinated with the work of the Parish Steward to avoid unnecessary duplication. Miss O'Donoghue would discuss it with Mrs Greening.

(e) The stream alongside the Coal Path needed clearing..

(f) Mr Johns reported that Market Lavington now had a 20mph speed limit.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. There was nothing of significance to report on the AB meeting on the 15th June. The next meeting would be on the 10th August.

8. Village Green and Pond. Mr Lupton was very encouraged. A team of 4 had met, discussed a programme of clearing and planting and would be working 2 mornings a week in July, once a fortnight in August and thereafter once a month. Already there was new life in the pond, fish, frogs and newts. Plants would be needed and the PC was unanimous in allowing him to spend up to £100. It was anticipated that the revived pond could be the subject of a report in the News. He was concerned that the overhanging Willow needed to be cut back and he would discuss this with a tree surgeon. Any such work would need to be the subject of a planning application..

9. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Lewis and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid:-

(i) John Richardson £40.22 for benches repairs and maintenance.

(ii) Bratton General Maintenance Services for work to the BG and some verges for the months of March to June £371.00

10. Civil Emergency Plan. This had been completed and sent to Councillors. A copy would be kept at The Parish Hall and the Post Office.

11. BKVC. Mrs Lewis had met with George Fraser to discuss upgrading the application for next year

12. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Letter – July 2017

(b) WALC June 2017 Newsletter

(c) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2017

(e) SSE grants for Community Resilience

(f) Broadband issues. Some villages connections were still very slow.

13. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 11th September 2017 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm