

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 13th June 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 for part of the meeting was Sue Wilkins of WC Trading Standards

1. Mr Lupton, having signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly co-opted onto the PC.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th May 2016 were adopted as read and signed

3. Matters Arising.

Bus Consultation. No news had yet been received of the outcome of the consultation.

4. Cold Calling. The Chairman welcomed Sue Hall who then outlined the procedure for creating cold calling zones. There was no necessity to show that crimes may have been committed. It was all a question of a perception of vulnerability in a particular area and if there was a sense that that may exist then a scheme could be set up. It would not be appropriate to incorporate the entire village but schemes could be set up in various parts where vulnerability was relevant. When set up most cold callers did stay away. Signage cost £11 each and ABs were prepared to cover the cost. She would send a toolkit to the Chairman.

After discussion it was agreed to identify an area and proceed.

The PC thanked Mrs Wilkins for her help and advice.

5. Casual Vacancy. Mr Lupton agreed to take on the role of Police liaison. There was still one more vacancy to fill. 2 names were mentioned and the Clerk would make contact with them in turn.

6. Planning.

(a) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 16/02361/FUL Rear single storey extension (resubmission of W/12/01954/FUL) at 4A Tinhead Road for Mr Vincent Albano – approved

(ii) 16/04159/TCA Fell 3 conifer trees at Rhencullen 15 Lower Road for Mr S Jenkinson - approved

(b) Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The NP 'Local Development Plan' Questionnaire had been printed and arrangements were confirmed for delivery and collection of them. Thanks were expressed to Mr Pollard for all his work in producing them.

(c) The Garden Shelter at the Three Daggars. There had been a significant increase in smoke emissions and cooking smells of concern to neighbours

7. Policing.

(a) No Police report had been received.

(b) An invitation had been received to the AGM of the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association on Sat 25th June.

8. Playfield (PF).

(a) New PF Equipment. Further proposals were considered for a slide & frame and an exercise trail. It was agreed that Mrs Dorgan and Mr Swabey would research and provide a specific proposal up to the cost agreed at the May meeting.

(b) Loud speakers had been sited on the boundary with the Three Daggars. There was concern, which Councillors would monitor, as to potential noise nuisance.

9. Finances.

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

(i) Peter Hailstone for replacing and installing Weir sign £67

- (ii) Denis Hurn for Internal Audit £25
- (iii) Community First subscription £36
- (iv) AM Print & Copy for Development Plan Questionnaires £70

(b) Audit. The Internal Audit had been completed and all was in order. There had been no change to the Register of Assets.

The Accounts and the Annual Return for the year 2015/2016 had been prepared for approval and were explained by the Clerk. The PC went through the 'Annual Governance Statement' and 'Accounting Statements' parts of the Annual Return and the 'Explanation of Variances' proforma and approved them. Taking into account the needs, size and circumstances of the Council the PC reviewed its internal audit arrangements and was satisfied that all appropriate checks were in place noting specifically that the PC did not run a Petty Cash a/c and that all payments were made by cheque authorised by the whole of the PC at the relevant meeting. The PC was also satisfied that the level of reserves should be maintained to cover unexpected, unusual or potential expenses (such as the preparation of the Development Plan/NP and the new PF equipment). It again was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the Accounts be adopted and that the Annual Return be approved and signed.

10. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) A letter had been received from the PCC regarding the state of the footpath from the Church wall to Monastery Road corner. It was noted that this had been the subject of a full investigation by CATG and was way down its list of priorities. Nonetheless it would be raised again..

(b) A number of other Highway issues was raised and Mrs Greening would refer them to the Parish Steward or the Highways engineer. They included exposed electric cabling outside the Old Bakery; a further review of parking at the triangle in Tinhead Road; erosion of the tarmac on the path past the Village pond; Parking on the corner of Downsview and the B3098; and that there seemed to be some outstanding work following the B3098 resurfacing in relation to drains and manhole covers and some white lining.

(c) A resident had raised the question of having double yellow lines along part of the B3098 near the Pub. The PC understanding was that enforcement could not be guaranteed and could adversely affect residents. It was noted that the placing of bollards outside the Pub were encouraging people to use the Pub car park.

11. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

(a) Mr Swabey reported briefly on the AB meeting held on the 2 June. Much was on health issues in particular Dementia awareness and the provision of 'safe places' for Dementia sufferers; the use of defibrillators (Mr Lupton was fully trained); and a Public Health presentation on mental health.

12 BKVC. As one of the first 30 applications received the PC was again entitled to 10 bags of Hills Group Warrior compost. It was agreed to continue to encourage people to maintain the pleasant state of the village as the second round of judging would be taking place shortly. Apparently WI grants were available for 'green initiatives'.

13. Correspondence.

- (a) SPTA News Sheet – June 2016
- (b) Community First News – Summer 2016
- (c) email from Touring Theatre in the Community. It was agreed to pass this to the Parish Hall committee

14. News Items. Consideration was given to items to be included in The News.

15. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 11th July 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.