

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Dorgan, Bromhead and Greening and Messrs Pollard, King, Mitchell, Swabey and Hinton

Apologies were received from Mrs Pike.

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 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 any of them:-

(i) 14/01170/TCA T1, T4 Fell Beech; T2, T3, T5, T6, T7 Crown reduce by 30% Beech trees, remove deadwood and crossing branches and for T7 remove Ivy from the crown, lift and reduce crown away from low voltage (LV) overhead lone (OHL) at 5 Tinhead Road for Mr Stephen James-Yeoman

(ii) 14/01747/TCA Yew tree - Remove lower branches back to trunk up to a height of approx 8 feet at Silverwell House Long Hollow for Edington Parish Council

(iii) 13/07030/FUL Redevelopment of existing dwelling with change of use from Class 3 (Residential) to Class 1 (Guest House) together with provision of ancillary gymnasium, replacement garage and associated works at Hillview Cottage, Westbury Road for Hillside Cottage Ltd

(b) Neighbourhood Planning. The next WC seminar had been fixed for 31<sup>st</sup> March. The Clerk reported that there seemed to be more publicity about Neighbourhood Plans and suggested that in order to keep the PC up to date with such developments the PC could set up a Steering Group to monitor the situation, advise the PC and be a precursor to the establishment of an Edington Development Plan Group. This was agreed and would comprise Miss O'Donoghue, Mrs Bromhead, Mr Pollard and Mr Swabey.

4. Policing.

(a) Speedwatch Co-ordinator. The Chairman reported that Mrs Hinton had offered to be the Co-ordinator. The PC was grateful and looked forward to sessions being restarted once she had received the necessary training.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Dilapidated Bench. Mrs Dorgan had not yet received a quote from Alex Macintosh. Mr Pollard had obtained prices for replacement slabs in hard plastic. It was agreed that Mrs Dorgan would ascertain the total cost of buying and fitting them asking Mr Hailstone in the first instance.

(b) Land Adjoining the PF (the PF land) and at Little Court Lane (the Court Lane land). The Chairman had circulated by email information and correspondence about a meeting he had attended with Mr Tottingham, and Sandie Lewis and Rose Seagrief from Community Land Trust (CLT). Mr Tottingham had sought advice from CLT on behalf of a small group of villagers on how to secure the Court Lane land for community use and this had widened to potentially include the PF land. Hence the

Chairman's attendance. It seemed that a first requirement would be to undertake a housing needs survey by WC.

The Chairman reported that there had been no response yet to either the PC or Mr Tottingham's overtures of interest to Mr Elliott.

After discussion it was confirmed that the PC did not have any particular interest in the Court Lane land but was right to pursue discussions in relation to the PF land since it had identified potential uses for it as previously minuted. To that extent CLT was not applicable. It was agreed to go ahead with a housing needs survey since this would be required in any event in connection with a review of the Edington Development Plan and Mr Swabey would make contact with WC as to that. The Chairman was asked to seek clarification from Mr Elliott as to his intentions and commitment to enter into negotiations; and to inform Mr Tottingham of the PC's position.

#### 6. Finances.

It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan, seconded by Mrs Bromhead and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid:-

- (a) CPRE Subscription £29.00
- (b) refund Miss O'Donoghue £9.72 the bill from Digiprint, Trowbridge the cost of printing copies of the Civil Emergency Plan
- (c) Clerk's Salary and Expenses as set out in the Statement annexed to these Minutes.

#### 7. Highway Matters/Footpaths.

(a) Having asked that the Waste Bin on the B3098 between Edington and Bratton be emptied it had in fact been taken away and not returned. Mrs Greening had been in touch with WC and was awaiting a response.

(b) Handrail along the path to the Parish Hall. Since this was a public footpath it was agreed that Mrs Bromhead would discuss the proposal with the Footpaths Officer.

(c) It was reported that the footpath from the bottom of Inmead to Monastery Road was getting flooded. It was considered that this was more to do with the recent very bad weather and no action was needed.

(d) Repairs were still awaited for the Monastery Road path to the bend and the bend itself; and to potholes outside 44 Westbury Road

(e) Notification had been received of the temporary closure of part of Monastery Road/Lower Road from 22<sup>nd</sup> April in order to carry out the Plough junction improvements.

(f) An email had been received from Norman Burgess detailing arrangements for verge cutting across the county. This was in addition to the work of the Parish Steward whom Mrs Greening reported would be coming shortly.

#### 8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report :-

(a) Future of the Mobile Library Service. An email had been received from WC asking if there was anything the PC could do to encourage the use of this service. Currently there was only a couple of people using it. It was agreed to try and promote it to include a note in the News.

(b) Flooding. WC was anxious to get full detail of any internal flooding experienced as a result of the recent heavy rainfall. None had been notified to Councillors. Also WC was issuing byelaws as the lead local flood authority.

(c) Mr Swabey reported briefly on the 'What matters to you in the Westbury Area' meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. It was very much about the redrafting of the

Westbury Area Plan to incorporate the villages for example transport links and updating the Campus plans.

9. BKVC. The Application forms had been received and Mr Pollard would pass them to Mr Fraser.

10. Civil Emergency Plan. This had been completed and was being circulated by Miss O'Donoghue.

11. Casual Vacancy. The Clerk reported that notice of the vacancy had been put up and 10 or more electors had to notify WC by 6<sup>th</sup> March that they wanted an election failing which the PC could co-opt.

12. News Items. Consideration was given to items to be passed to Mrs Pike for The News

13. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet –March 2014

(b) WALC Circular – February 2014

(c) Minutes of the ERLAC meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February and attached to these Minutes

(d) Details of the entry for the Prince of Wales Awards 2014 for schemes benefitting rural communities

(e) Notification of plans by the MOD for relocating some 4000 soldiers and their families to the area. This area seemed to be located around Bulford and Tidworth.

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.