

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Greening, Pike, Watts and Dorgan and Messrs Mitchell, Pollard, King and Hinton

Apologies were received from Mrs Bromhead and Mr Swabey

Mr Wickham (WC) and one member of the public were also present

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2015 were adopted as read and signed.

2. Matters Arising. Tree in memory of Bill Tottingham. The family were happy for a small rowan to be planted in the CP.

3 Casual Vacancy. Mrs Bromhead had tendered her resignation. Family commitments were making it increasingly difficult for her to attend PC Meetings. The PC thanked her for her great contribution to the work of the PC especially with regard to Footpaths and was sorry that she had had to make the decision to resign and wished her well for the future. The Clerk would write to her.

This meant that it would be necessary to follow the Casual Vacancy procedure and if there were no nominations to fill the vacancy by co-option

### 4. Planning.

(a) The following applications had been received and there was no objection to either of them:-

(i) 15/01576/FUL Construction of a first storey extension comprising 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom, above existing kitchen and bathroom. Change of bathroom to utility/shower room, with addition of external side door to property. Replace existing kitchen window and external door with external bi-folding doors at Monkswell Cottage 18 Westbury Road for Mr Robin Lines

(ii) 15/01903/TPO T1 – Beech tree to rear of Pub reduce by 10%; T2-T6 Beech group crown lift 6m over road; T7-T8 remove dead elms at The Three Daggers for Conservation Contractors Ltd

(b) The following decision had been received namely: 15/00305/TCA TG1 Group of 9 Lawson Cypress and 1 Purple leaf Plum on the left hand side of the drive –fell. T1 and TG2 11 Fruit trees – formative prune and crown them by 10 -20%. T3 Scots Pine – crown lift to approximately 10 feet at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mrs Garnett – no objection

(c) The Clerk had obtained a hard copy of the Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

### 5. Policing.

Mr Hinton reported on the recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Tasking Group. The main concerns were in connection with thefts at beauty spots and hare coursing.

He also reported that Speed Watch had at its last session recorded 2 vehicles doing 40mph and 1 doing 45mph which again highlighted concerns over speeding in the village. He appealed for more volunteers.

### 6. Playfield (PF).

(a) Slide repairs. Mr Hinton anticipated completing the repairs in the next couple of weeks and he would also secure the concrete table.

(b) State of surface at the Pub gate. A quotation was still awaited and Mr King said he would speak to Mr Sheridan.

(c) Goal Nets. It was agreed that these needed replacing.

(d) The Gravity Bowl. Mrs Dorgan reported that Miles & Francis had filled in with Bark chippings where necessary.

(e) Requests had been received from the May Ball and Edington Fair to use the PF for the May Ball and the Fair respectively. This was agreed.

## 7. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mr Pollard and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid:-

- (i) CPRE Subscription for 2015 £36
- (ii) Clerks Salary (including the PAYE Tax due) and expenses as set out in the Statement annexed to these Minutes
- (iii) The Grants as agreed at the January Budget meeting.
- (iv) Miles & Francis for the PF Bark chippings £220

## 8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The B3098 verge from Longlands Close. Mrs Greening had met on site with Norman Burgess who had suggested that an application be made to CATG.

(b) WC, through Mr Burgess, would supply litter pick materials for the Litter Pick on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

(c) Upgrading of the footpath at Monastery Road corner. CATG had considered it too expensive.

(d) Mr Wickham remained concerned about the state of the B3098 and its use by heavy lorries and was pressing WC for repairs to be carried as soon as possible.

9. Car Park (CP). The Chairman explained that he was going to meet BT's subcontractors on site to review the work that had been carried out. It was totally unsatisfactory and he would be taking a hard line with them. This was unanimously endorsed by the PC. He would keep the PC informed.

## 10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

(a) The report of the BA13+Partnership Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> February had been received.

(b) The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Identification of Potential Housing Sites. Small Villages like Edington were not included. This did not obviate the need to consider having a Neighbourhood Plan.

(c) Mr Wickham reported that the WC Council Budget had been approved. £15m less had been received from Central Government and this had meant that some cuts had had to be made including the ending of the free collection of household waste.

11. Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that The Housing Needs Survey and Neighbourhood Plans would be the main topic for discussion.

12. Civil Emergency Plan. This was now ready but some mobile numbers were needed and it was felt that a note should be made of Church and Parish Hall keyholders; and the preparation of a core group of those who might be rendered homeless in the event of Civil emergency.

13. Burial Ground (BG). A request had been received from the Festival Committee to use the unused part of the BG for their Festival marquee. This was agreed and the PC was also happy for the Committee to arrange any further Grass cuts that it may consider necessary beyond the PC's general cutting arrangements.

In addition the Committee had requested alterations to the slope from the Car Park to make it easier for pedestrians. This was not agreed. The present slope access was required for vehicles and there was the existing access from the Coal Path for people who might find the slope difficult.

## 14. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – March 2015

(b) The Minutes of the ERLAC Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015

15. News Items. Consideration was given to what could be included in the News. .

16. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

