

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 10th November 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from the Police

Mr Wickham (WC) was also in attendance and 2 members of the public for part of the meeting

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October 2014 were adopted as read and signed.

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning:-

(a) One application had been received namely 14/10329TCA T1 – reduce crown of cypress leylandii by 15 feet; T2 – reduce crown of cypress leylandii by 8 feet; T3 – remove dead cypress at Becketts House 19 Tinhead Road for Mrs Susan Bromhead. Mrs Bromhead declared an interest. There was no PC objection

(b) The following decisions have been received:-

(i) 14/08357/TCA all Hazels to be coppiced to allow healthy growth and stop overcrowding; Sycamore – remove: it is falling down; Sycamore – remove as it is preventing Oak from branching out at one side; Willows to be pollarded as getting too big; Alder – pollard as it is becoming too dense and blocking out light; all at Brook Cottage 7 Lower Road, Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton – no objections.

(ii) 14/08145/FUL Revised design and siting of ancillary gymnasium previously approved under application 13/07030/FUL at Hillside Cottage 45 Westbury Road for Hillside Cottage Ltd - approved

(iii) 14/08677/VAR Variation of Condition 4 to planning application 13/02309/FUL to enable the re routing of the project grid connection at Stokes Marsh Farm, Coulston for Mr Chris Bale – approved

(iv) 14/08854/TCA Crown prune cherry tree by 30% at 54 Westbury Road for Mr Jasper Dorgan – no objections

(v) 14/08451/FUL Alterations and extensions to dwelling at Linwood, 18 Court Lane for Mr S Wylam – approved. This decision was questioned by one member of the public Michael King and the PC was concerned that its objections had been disregarded. Mr Wickham spoke to it and explained the 'calling in' process and reminded the PC of the planning presumption in favour of an applicant. His reading of the reasons given for granting permission was that the officer had addressed the application in accordance with current planning policy.

(vi) 14/08880/FUL Remove existing single storey flat roof garage and provide new larger single storey pitched roof garage extension. Alterations to WC and store to form wet room and porch raised to suit new floor levels (amendment to 14/06674/FUL) at June Cottage 35 Westbury Road for Mr and Mrs J & M Ridger - approved

(c) Neighbourhood Planning/Housing Needs Survey. Mr Swabey confirmed that the final report had been received and he would circulate it to the PC. Also the Clerk reported that the Government was making a further £23 million available to enable more Councils to prepare Neighbourhood Plans

(d) The Clerk mentioned:-

(i) An article in the current issue of CPRE Fieldwork on responding to solar farm planning applications

(ii) An email from the new officer handling tree applications confirming that TCA applications did not empower WC to insist on planting replacement trees.

4. Policing.

(a) The Clerk had received the October Police report. There had been a drink/driving arrest and 3 males carrying out gardening work had been referred to Trading Standards. Otherwise all was quiet but again advice was given not to leave valuables in cars that were unattended.

(b) Speed Watch. The equipment was currently with Bratton but would shortly be coming to the Village.

5. Playfield (PF).

There had been a meeting with the preferred supplier PlayDale on the 7th November and a detailed final quote was expected shortly. It was decided that the figures already given were sufficient to found an application to the AB for a grant and that other minor works would be included, potentially to include the proposed works to the Pub gate area for which Miles & Francis would be asked to give a quote. In addition it was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Bromhead and carried unanimously that Mr Hinton's quote of £140 for replacing the steps and seat on the slide be accepted and that in view of the small cost it was not necessary to seek alternative quotes Mr Hinton's workmanship also being of proven quality.

6. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan and seconded by Mrs Bromhead and carried unanimously that the following payments be confirmed:-

(i) WC for Pest Control (rats) at The Pond £88

(ii) Miles & Francis for Grounds Maintenance £765

and the following be paid:-

(iii) Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG and Footpaths grass cutting in August £74 and September £92

(iv) For the external hard drive for the Historical Archive - refunding Mr Hinton £52.99. (The PC had at its last meeting approved a payment of £55)

(b) A donation had gratefully been received of £1400 from the May Ball committee towards the replacement swings

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Mrs Bromhead reported that arrangements would be made by the adjoining landowner to cut back a tree that was causing an obstruction to footpath No 9.

(b) Coach Hollow. The 'No access sign to the entrance to Hillside Cottage could be deterring people from going into Coach Hollow and it was agreed to refer this to the Footpaths Officer.

(c) Bank at The City. The PC had been copied in on emails between Mr Prickett of the City, Mr Wickham (WC) and Richard Gamble (WC Portfolio Holder) regarding the grass bank on the right hand side leaving The City which was overgrown and obscuring visibility. It was agreed to refer this to the Area Highways Engineer and to see if it could be included in the Parish Stewards work

(d) Mrs Dorgan and Miss Pepler both reported on the obstruction being caused by vehicles again being parked on the road outside The Old Smithy. It was agreed to refer this again to WC.

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report :-

Flood risks. WC was asking PC's to assist in identifying land that might be susceptible to flooding especially in relation to overgrown ditches.

9. Burial Ground. Mrs Pike raised, from the September meeting, the need to investigate the BG gates. Miss O'Donoghue said that she would ask Mr Hailstone to have a look at the main gates and enquiries would be made of Mr Jones as to the appropriate treatment for the wooden gate.

10. Historical Archive.

Mr Hinton reported that Hard Drive had been downloaded with number of old photographs and was on the Village Website

11.. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – November 2014

(b) WALC Circular – October 2014 and combined Annual Report

(c) The Minutes of the ERLAC meetings held on the 16th April and 25th September 2014 had been received and are annexed to these Minutes

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

132. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 8th December 2014 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.