

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

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Lewis, Greening, Watts, Pike and Dorgan and Messrs Johns, Swabey, King, Pollard and Lupton.

John Richardson was also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th September 2017 were adopted as read and signed

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. The publication of the Development Plan was discussed. It would be put on the Website but it was agreed that it should be printed. Mr Pollard would get some quotes for 400/500. Mr Johns would check to see if a drone picture could be obtained for the front cover. It was also suggested that sponsorship be sought. The time scale to work towards was for a draft to be completed by the end of January 2018 and the final copy by March.

On the question of the Neighbourhood Plan Messrs Swabey and Pollard were due to meet WC officers on the 16th October. Mrs Dorgan was concerned that there should be sufficient interest within the village which could be ascertained at the APM.

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

(i) 17/08645/TCA various works to 14 trees at 7 Lower Road Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton

(ii) 17/08802/TPO Work to TPO trees: G1 Sycamore. Remove squirrel damaged limbs from group and remove 2 trees closest to driveway. Remove back group by 1m over drive at 17A Westbury Road for Mr David Butler

(iii) 17/09285/FUL Demolish existing Conservatory and erection of new single storey extension at 4 Greater Lane for Mr A M B and Ms P Freer & Thompson

(iv) 17/09770/TCA Works to trees: T1 Acer – crown reduction 2m; T2 Acer – crown reduction 2-3m; T3/T4 Silver Birch – crown reduction 2m; T5 Conifer – crown reduction 2m; T6 Magnolia – crown reduction 1m and crown thin 20%; T7 Apple- remove; T8 Magnolia – crown thin 20%; T9 Anelanchier – remove all at Orchard House, 2B Lower Road for Mrs Jacqueline Pike.

(c) The following decision had been received:-

(i) 17/08291/TCA T1/T2 Fell Beech trees; T3-T10 50% reduction of Beech trees at High Bridge 1 Monastery Road for Mr Tapley

(d) Tudor Cottage update. It was agreed to await developments. The application had been withdrawn and English Heritage had issued an initial report on the issue of the cottage being listed.

(e) Gym building etc at Hillside Cottage, Westbury Road. Concern was expressed that the advertised use was for anyone which the PC considered was contrary to the Permission. It was agreed to raise the issue with Mr Wickham for clarification.

4. Policing.

(a) Mr Lupton reported that within the Police area including Edington there had been some shed and garage burglaries and criminal damage to vehicles. Hare coursing was on-going but at least one arrest had been made; and there was new criminal interest in catalytic converters.

(b) Speed Watch. This was now going to be every 3 months.

(c) Cold calling. There was a continuing need to make contact with the WC officer concerned.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Miles & Francis were due to put new bark in shortly.

(b) Moles had returned and it was agreed to instruct the Mole Catcher

(c) Mrs Dorgan reported that the Christmas tree had been organised and was suggesting that it be erected on the 9th December and for the Tree to be lit up on the 10th. The Bratton Silver Band training Band would play carols. This was agreed and also that she buy any additional lights that might be necessary.

(d) My Lupton wondered if a Zip wire could be an added attraction and it was agreed to look at costings.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Additional Waste bins. The Clerk had been making enquiries of Broxap and the bins and posts and logos could be purchased direct for £402 as against WC £569.46, saving some £167. In addition if the PC treated it as a one off EVES project they could be installed effectively for free, saving another £300 from the WC quote. This was agreed and also that 2 additional bins be ordered to replace damaged ones in the PF and Smelly Lane respectively.

(b) B3098 Strategy. The meeting on the 3rd October had taken place and there was general agreement that an holistic approach be adopted. It was one of the Westbury AB's highest priorities..

(c) The Local Highways August and Sept Newsletters had been received

(d) The access to Downsvew was again being obstructed

(e) There were problems with the access to the footpath opposite the Three Daggers

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

Mr Wickham had sent an email about an offer regarding the planting of trees to commemorate WW1. The PC did not consider there was any need at the moment for more tree planting in the village.

8. Village Green and Pond. Mr Lupton and his team were spending time every 2/3 weeks to clear the pond. Arrangements were in hand for the pollarding of the trees and he reported that the inflow to the pond seemed a bit better.

9. Finances.

There were no invoices to be paid.

10. Video Projector for use in the Village. It was agreed to apply for an AB grant to cover the cost.

11. Car Park. The use by the owner of The Laurels while building works were being carried out had been continuing but there had been recent use by vehicles, namely a flatbed truck and van, which had not been intended to be permitted. It appeared that the work at The Laurels was now complete and accordingly the Clerk would write to the owner bringing the arrangement to an end.

Also it was noted that someone had been messing around with the perimeter telegraph poles and that they were now a bit rotten.

12. Burial Ground. An application for a Memorial for Marjorie Yvonne Corp had been received. This was not in accordance with the BG regulations and the Clerk would discuss it with the Monumental Masons.

13. Correspondence.

(a) WALC September 2017 Newsletter

(b) The Heating Oil Club had written inviting more residents to enrol with them

14. News items. Consideration was given to items to be included. Mrs Lewis and Mr Johns were planning to meet the editor in November

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