

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 8th September 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Mitchell and Mr Wickham (WC)

Also in attendance was one member of the public and for part of the meeting PC Foulger and a colleague

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2014 were adopted as read and signed.

2. Matters Arising.

(a) Beer glasses in the PF. A notice had been put up in the Three Daggers
(b) Burial Ground (BG) cutting. Although the BG had been cut in time for the Festival the ground was very uneven. This raised the question of more frequent cuts but it was agreed that the PC would cut as normal leaving the PCC to do any extra it felt necessary. It was further agreed to have a general review of cutting arrangements at the end of the year.

3. Planning:-

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

(i) 14/06674/FUL Removal of existing single storey flat roof garage extension and erection of larger single storey flat roof garage extension; alterations to WC and store to form wet room and porch raised to suit new floor levels at June Cottage 35 Westbury Road for Mr and Mrs J & M Ridger

(ii) 14/07782/TCA Front garden – Maple – reduce by 25% and shape the crown; Rear garden – Liquidamber – reduce by 25% and shape, Drummondii – reduce by 25% and shape crown, Malus – reduce by 25% and shape crown, Silver Birch – reduce by 25% and shape at The Vines Inmead for Mrs Elizabeth Windo

(b) Neighbourhood Planning/Housing Needs Survey. The draft Survey had been received and circulated and the PC was being asked to check it for accuracy

(c) It was agreed that the plans set out in the Schedule to these Minutes could be disposed of

(d) Little Court Lane land. There had been a meeting in the Parish Hall on the 2nd September led by Mr Elliott at which he had sought to explain the proposals for this land. The PC remained of the opinion that it should only be further involved as and when a planning application was made.

4. Policing.

(a) PC Foulger gave his report covering August. The only incident relevant to Edington was of a vehicle parked on farmland being broken into during the night. Generally for his area there was a concern that hare coursing was being carried out; and the Team's priorities for the following 2 months were ASB Patrols, support of Speed Watch and Rural/Farm patrols to include the White Horse area.

(a) Speed Watch. Mr Hinton reported that sessions during August had been successful with some 25 vehicles recorded as exceeding the speed limit - the fastest being 45mph. Thanks were expressed to the volunteers.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Mrs Dorgan reported on the PF Inspection report that had been received and circulated. On the whole it had been a good report with no high risk issues but a number of points of safety were raised which could be dealt with over the coming months. However the swings were in need of being renewed and it was agreed to investigate replacements and what grants may be available, combined with local fundraising and publicity in relation to that.

(b) The surface on the PF side of the gate from the Pub. It was agreed to consider regrading the area or providing a special surface. Mrs Dorgan would speak to Miles & Francis as to what might be best.

(c) Mr Hinton asked for permission to use the PF for Cider making on the 14th September and this was agreed as was the use of the PF for the Pub's Beer Festival.

6. Finances.

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

Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG £50 for June and £128 for July

(b) Audit. This had now been completed and no issues were raised. There was no Audit fee.

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The WC Salt Bag Scheme. A new stock was available but Mrs Greening said there was still sufficient from previous years.

(b) Repairs to the stone work at the Monastery Road corner. The reinstated kerb stone had since been damaged but had been further repaired.

(c) WC Local Winter Management Plan had been received and passed to Mrs Greening

(d) A new Parish Steward had been appointed and Mrs Greening was in contact with him

(e) Triangle below Pond House. This had been maintained for years as effectively part of the Village Green but it was not registered as such. It was agreed to make another effort to establish PC title to it.

(f) Public Footpaths across the Pepler's Weirfield. Mrs Greening declared an interest as a member of the Pepler family farming the field but explained that they were planning to apply for the paths to be diverted around the edge in order to better manage the land. After discussion the PC voted on whether it would approve an application which was carried by 9 votes to 1; Mrs Greening being ineligible to vote.

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report :-

Mr Swabey confirmed that there was nothing particular to report on the Area Board meeting held on the 7th August, but there was a CATG Meeting on the 19th September.

9. BG.

(a) Mrs Pike reported that it would be necessary to consider how to dispose of the grass cuttings. It was suggested that they could be put where the Churchyard cuttings were located and enquiries would be made.

(b) In addition she had noted that the wooden gate needed attention and that there was some rust on the main gates from the Church car park. It was agreed to ask Mr Hailstone to check.

10. Historical Archive. Mr Hinton explained that in order to collect and collate photos it would be best to have an external hard drive which would cost in the region of £45. This was seconded by Mr Pollard and carried unanimously.

11. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – September 2014

(b) Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Public consultation on ‘Strengthening our Fire & Rescue Service’ was being circulated with any observations being sought by 20th October.

12. News Items. Consideration was given to what could be included in the News, in particular play equipment .

13. Public Participation Mrs Jan Richardson who had attended the meeting suggested the setting up of a ‘Bench Club’ to maintain the various seats and benches around the village. The PC agreed to consider such an initiative.

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 13th October 2014 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

The Schedule

10/02586/TCA Pollard Sycamore at Mulberry House, Tinhead Road for Mr Peter Sawyer

11/02571/TCA Coppicing various trees at Brackenfell, Charlton Hill for Ms Sonia Heywood

11/02647/FUL Retrospective application for Timber Patio Deck at 1-2 Charlton Hill for Mr Danny O’Callaghan

12/00010/TCA Various tree works at Watersmeet, Lower Road for Mrs S Brockman

12/00011/TCA Works to Silver Birch and Lime at Ashlington House, Inmead for Mr R Pinson

12/00104/TCA Fell Sycamore and Beech at The Manor House for Mrs Susan Edwards

12/00406/FUL Renewal of Permission 09/00511/FUL for extensions to Dwelling at 2 Housecroft Farm for Mrs Dawn Moore

12/00430/TCA Tree works to Cherry at Hallgarth 4 Parsonage Lane for Mr Christopher Johns

12/00645/FUL Rear Extension Hudd’s Mill House for Mr Steven Brailey

12/00694/LBC Regularise alterations at Becketts House, Tinhead Road for Mr & Mrs D Bromhead

12/00699/FUL Extend and convert bungalow at 22A Westbury Road for Mr Michael Roberts

12/00847/FUL Storage Shed at Newhurst Park Farm Keevil for Mr B Baggs

12/00883/FUL Convert Garage to Living accommodation at 67 Westbury Road for Mr & Mrs P Wiltshire

12/01195/TCA Reduce Willow and Walnut at Upper Watkins, Lower Road for Mr M Smith

12/01197/TCA Fell Conifers at Old Manor Cottage, Lower Road for Mr Rupert Bray
12/01293/TCA Crown thin and Fell various trees at The Old Vicarage, Westbury Road for Mr John D'Arcy
12/01470/TCA Coppicing various trees at Brook Cottage 7 Lower Road Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton
12/01495/TCA Crown works to Beech tree at Rhencullan, Lower Road for Mr Bryan Eagles
12/01496/TCA Crown works to Beech tree at The Manor House for Mr Bryan Eagles
12/01754/TCA Fell Ash and Sycamore at the Parish Hall for Mr Mitchell
12/01813/FUL Conservatory at Springfield Lodge Westbury Road for Mr & Mrs Gale
12/01845/TCA Hedge and Tree works at Priory View 14 Inmead for Mr Chad Pike
12/01954/FUL rear single storey extension at 4a Tinhead Road for Mr & Mrs V Albano
12/01985/FUL Alterations and extensions at Kalafrana 1 Downsview for Mr & Mrs Brown
12/02007/TPO Crown works to yew and sycamore trees at Winton Lodge 17 Westbury Road for Mrs Rich
12/02236/FUL Demolition and extensions at Windy Ridge 7 Charlton Hill for Mr & Mrs Shepherd
12/12289/TCA Works to Yew Trees at Edington Priory for Mr Chad Pike
12/02305/FUL Variation of conditions re visibility splays and underground cables under permission 11/02372/FUL at Village Farm Shop and Micro Brewery for Three Dagers Operating Co Ltd
13/00025/TCA Works to Beech tree at Edington Priory for Mr Dave Sheridan
13/00092/TCA Fell Sorbus at 3A Lower Road for Mr & Mrs Phillips
13/00247/TCA Fell or Coppice Ash at Luccombe Mill, Bratton for Mrs E Seymour
13/00292/FUL Proposed Garden Room at The Laurels 36 Westbury Road for Ms Alanna Ivin
13/00361/LBC Replace garage door with window at May Cottage 12 Tinhead Road for Mr Mark Kirkwood
13/00409/TCA Pollard and reduce various trees at May Cottage 12 Tinhead Road for Mr Kirkwood
13/00486/FUL Loft conversion at 5 Long Hollow for Mr Dean Talbot