

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Messrs Mitchell and Swabey and Mrs Greening

Also in attendance was Mr Wickham (WC) and for part of the meeting PCSO Caroline Wright

In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman it was agreed unanimously that Mr Pollard chair the meeting

Before proceeding with the meeting the Clerk reported that unfortunately for family reasons Mr Mitchell had felt that it was necessary to resign as Chairman and to resign from the PC altogether. The PC was very sorry to hear this news and wished him and his wife Gill well for the future. The Clerk would write accordingly.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 2015 were adopted as read and signed.

2. Matters Arising.

(a) Housing Associations and 'Right to Buy'. Andrew Murrison MP had responded to the PC's concerns and indicated that he supported them and would write to the Minister concerned.

(b) Unauthorised parking in the CP. Notices had been prepared and the situation would be kept under review. The PC noted that one resident had been using the CP as a matter of necessity because of building works and there was no objection to that

3. Planning.

(a) The following applications had been received and there were no objections to any of them:-

(i) 15/06765/TCA Fell T1 Whitebeam tree at 18 Westbury Road for Mr Robin Lines

(ii) 15/06939/TCA Fell T1 Goat Willow situated on the right hand boundary on the footpath side of the fence at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mrs Garnett

(iii) 15/06992/VAR Alteration to the internal underground cable running between the solar panel arrays and the substation to enable the rerouting of the project cable connection at Stokes Marsh Farm Coulston for Ms Charlene Hogan

(iv) 15/07267/FUL erection of garage/carport and replacement window at end of chapel at 4B Salisbury Hollow for Mr Roy Zaman

(v) 15/07998/FUL Proposed porch and single storey rear extension at 9 Tinhead Road for Mrs Sherene Jefferies

(vi) 15/08002/TCA Fell dead ornamental garden tree at Little Ashton House 2A Lower Road for Mr Paul Mountford

(vii) 15/08338/TCA Fell one leylandii at Pond House, Tinhead Road for Mrs Sherene Jefferies

(viii) 15/08342/VAR variation of condition 2 to Permission under Ref.14/08677/VAR to enable the Solar Farm to operate for the full 25 years from the date of connection on 12 March 2015 at Stokes Marsh for Ms Charlene Hogan

(ix) 15/08552/TCA Pollard and coppice willow, alder and hazel and remove sycamores involving 12 trees at Brook Cottage, 7 Lower Road Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton

(b) The following decision had been received:-

(i) 15/06168/TCA T1 Holly – remove to stump at 1 Lower Road, Bratton for Mrs M Tagg – no objection

(ii) 15/06058/TCA Coppice back 2 willow trees to trunks at land to front of Box Cottage 5 Tinhead Road for Mr Andrew Hinton – no objection

(iii) 15/06939/TCA Fell T1 Goat Willow situated on the right hand boundary on the footpath side of the fence at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mrs Garnett – no objection

(iv) 15/06711/TPO Fell T1 Conifer and T2 and T3 Sycamores at 17A Westbury Road for Mr Martin Killian – approved

(c) Neighbourhood Plans and Housing Needs Survey (HNS).

Miss O'Donoghue and Messrs King, Swabey and Pollard had met and prepared a response to the WC Questionnaire which the PC approved with thanks. It was agreed that this would be forwarded to Mr Wickham for submission to the WC.

4. Policing.

(a) PCSO Wright gave the report for August. The only incident was the theft of Garden Equipment from the rear of an insecure vehicle. The priorities set by the Neighbourhood Tasking Group for the coming quarter were hare coursing, mainly on the Plain, and parking issues such as parking on or close to junctions and obstructing pavements and footpaths.

(b) It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Police Commissioner expressing the PC's appreciation of all that PC Foulger had done for the Village.

(c) Mr Hinton also reported that a couple of Speedwatch sessions had been missed but that the speed gun was expected to be available shortly.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) A request had been received from The Three Daggers for use of part of the PF for a beer and music event on the 3rd October 2015. This was agreed on the conditions that there would be no dogs, no glass, that the area would be cleared by 10am the next morning, any damage be put right within 7 days and that their own insurance should be in place.

The PC further confirmed that each application for use of the PF would be considered on its merits and there was to be no presumption that applications would be automatically granted. All applications would, if granted, have a condition that there were to be no glasses.

(b) Mrs Dorgan reported that the sign had been put on the main PF gates. The Three Daggers was not keen on the proposed sign for the gate from the Pub and so that had been deferred.

(c) Bench in memory of Bill Foss. It was agreed that this could be sited near the Flag Pole and Mr Hinton would check on how best to secure the Bench.

(d) The steering wheel had come off the Tractor again. The use of alternative material and fixing was discussed.

6. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Pike and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-

(i) Mirage Signs for PF notice £72

(ii) Miles & Francis for cutting down and removing willow tree £365; cutting hedges, tidying up PF and cutting grass £190; Cutting hedges to CP and strimming triangles £95. Total £650

(iii) Grant Thornton Audit fee £120

(iv) Ross Hillman cost of resurfacing CP £1800

(v) Bratton General Maintenance Services for Village Maintenance in May £106, June £118 and July £143

(b) The following had been received:-

(i) VAT Refund £1174.90

(ii) From Carillion-Telent £1800 being the Ross Hillman invoiced amount for the resurfacing of the CP

(c) The Audit had been completed and the only query raised was whether the PC should review its low level of general reserves after allowing for reserves earmarked for specific purposes. The PC would review this at its Budget meeting in January.

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) B3098. Mr Wickham reported that emergency maintenance would be carried out.

(b) Generally there were a number of potholes and blocked drains in the roads in the Village which would be notified to WC for action.

(c) A number of 'no parking' cones that belonged to Tinhead residents had, it seems, been inadvertently collected by the Edington Festival team at the end of the Festival.

(d) Mr Johns raised the question of traffic calming on the B3098. Mr Wickham suggested that it be raised as an issue for all the B3098 villages as all were affected.

(e) Weight Limits. WC had written seeking comment on requests that it had received for 4 roads in the village. It was felt that while there were legitimate concerns for each of Lower Road, Tinhead Road and Steeple Ashton Road those concerns would be largely addressed were Weight limits put on the B3098

(f) Mr Wickham reported on an exchange of correspondence with Mrs Hull and WC regarding the speed of vehicles in Tinhead Road adjacent to the Village Green. WC would arrange for a metrocount.

8. Village Green and Pond.

(a) Mr Hinton said that he would arrange to rod the spout feeding the pond.

(b) Recent winds had brought down one of the Willow trees the subject of the PC's application to coppice. It was dealt with as expeditiously as possible. It was agreed that two quotes would be obtained to deal with the other one and also to trim back the Rowan.

(c) The Ducks. The number of ducks had proliferated over the summer but sadly only 4 were left due, it was thought, to the others being taken by foxes. The PC was unanimous in its view that as previously discussed the number should be limited to 4 at any one time.

Mrs Hull had written, having been given notice that the PC would be considering making a decision, expressing her concern at the PC's plans and that a lot of people had over the summer said that they were horrified at the PC's intentions. The PC noted that only 2 people had expressed concern to the PC, Mrs Hull and one other; that the ultimate responsibility for the Pond lay with the PC; and that on balance its' proposals were fair.

(d) Mrs Hull had also noted that dogs had been fouling the Green. The PC, noting that it often did put a note in the News about dog fouling generally, agreed that it would be specifically mentioned in a future edition of the News and that Mrs Dorgan would prepare a notice to be displayed.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report The Area Board Meeting produced nothing of particular concern for Edington. The next meeting was to be on the 8th October.

10. Best Kept Village Competition. The Village had come 6th out of 10. Areas to be improved were the Bus Shelter and keeping grass cut under a number of seats.

11. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – September 2015

(b) WALC Newsletter – July and September 2015

(c) Clerks & Councils Direct for July 2015

(d) Community First AGM and the CPRE AGM both being held on the 7th October at The Town Hall Devizes

(e) An email had been received from REMAP Disability Charity offering to attend a PC Meeting

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

13. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 12th October 2015 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.