

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14th April 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also in attendance were Mr Wickham (WC) and for part of the meeting PC Foulger and Mr Sheridan.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2014 were adopted as read and signed.

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Casual Vacancy. No request had been made to WC for an election and so the PC was in a position to co-opt. After a short discussion as to whether further time should be given to allow anyone interested to put their name forward it was agreed that Mrs Chloe Watts be co-opted.

4. Planning:-

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

(i) 14/02297/FUL single storey extension to front to provide porch and WC facility at 10 Berry Road for Mr David Geach

(ii) 14/02296/LBC Rebuild part of garden wall damaged in storms at Old Manor Farmhouse Lower Road for Mr & Mrs S Harris

(iii) 14/03613/FUL Change of use of land and buildings from Class C3 (residential) to holiday accommodation on a single let basis/single party occupancy for periods of use no more than 180 days in any calendar year at Priory Farm Inmead for Mr Chad Pike. Mr Sheridan explained the reasoning behind the application: that it was not intended to create a hotel but simply be rented out as a single holiday unit i.e. not renting out rooms to more than one applicant. Access would not be via Inmead but from Monastery Road. He did envisage that it could be available in due course for Wedding receptions but that it was the Pikes' home and therefore unlikely to be part of the 11 Experience. The PC felt that although it did not object to the application safeguards were needed to ensure that these arrangements were complied with.

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 14/00772/FUL and 14/01164/LBC Creation of basement plant room/store in area of existing swimming pool. Removal of plain tiles to main house roof, insulating and retiling with existing tiles at The Priory for Mr C Pike – approved with conditions

(ii) 14/01747/TCA Yew tree - Remove lower branches back to trunk up to a height of approx 8 feet at Silverwell House Long Hollow for Edington Parish Council – no objection

(iii) 13/006854/FUL Dormer window to rear elevation and 3 velux rooflights to front elevation in order to facilitate loft conversion at 1a Charlton Hill for Mr Darren Brown – approved with conditions

(c) Neighbourhood Planning. The latest WC seminar had been held on 31st March and there had been notification of amendments to the Core Strategy by the Inspector in particular excluding the suggestion by WC of the Eastern Bypass for Westbury and any distance limits between proposed wind turbines and residential properties. There were to be further seminars and the PC agreed to maintain a watching brief.

On the issue of the preparation of a neighbourhood plan the PC was alerted to the time scale and significant cost that would be incurred.

(d) Notice had been received of WC intention to prepare a Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document.

5. Policing.

(a) PC Foulger reported graffiti had been sprayed on the road adjoining Bonnie Park and that there had been theft of high value power tools and the attempted theft of a catalytic converter. He again asked the community to be aware and report anything suspicious. Mr King raised the issue of lamping which had been seen

(b) Neighbourhood Policing Awards. It was agreed to nominate PC Foulger and the NPT for all they had been able to achieve for the village over the years.

(c) Speed Watch. Mr Hinton reported that his wife was looking for more volunteers to be trained up.

6. Playfield (PF).

(a) Dilapidated Bench. Mrs Dorgan had received a quote from Alex Macintosh in the sum of £150. Mr Hailstone's quote had been £120 and so it was agreed to ask him to make the new bench using hardwood.

(b) Safety Inspection Mrs Dorgan had been making enquiries and the cost would be in the region of £200 plus VAT. As the PC would need to pay up front she would obtain a firm figure.

(c) Waste Bin adjoining the Pub. It was agreed to ask the Pub to put their own bin since most of the rubbish was now from the Pub.

(b) Land Adjoining the PF (the PF land) and at Little Court Lane (the Court Lane land). The owners had written to the effect that they would be offering to sell parcels of land to owners of adjoining properties and who had expressed an interest and a small portion of the Court Lane land to a local builder. This seemed to be at odds with letters sent to others but nonetheless negotiations seemed to have made no progress and there was no suggestion of land being available for the PC. It was agreed that there was no further action that the PC could take until such time as the owners were willing to enter into meaningful discussions. It would keep a watching brief on the situation generally.

Mr Swabey reported that he had spoken to WC who would undertake a housing needs survey.

7. Finances.

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

(i) Local Council Review Annual Subscription £17.00

(ii) Callaway Grass Maintenance for grounds maintenance in March £60. This was more than the normal £30 that had been charged hitherto and the Clerk would check it. In addition a letter had been received from David Callaway dated 5th April saying that his company had ceased trading with immediate effect.

(iii) WALC Subscription £266.72

(b) The following had been received: 0.01p representing an underpayment of the closing balance in the Edington Village Pond Restoration Project Bank a/c (see Minutes of 11th November 2013); £50 Burial of Ashes fee re Sarah Guscott; and £100 Burial fee re Peter Pike.

(c) Notice of Audit had been received.

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths.

(a) The missing Waste Bin on the B3098. WC could not track it down but would provide a replacement and empty it.

(b) Handrail along the path to the Parish Hall. Mrs Bromhead had discussed it with the Footpaths Officer and prices were awaited.

(c) Mrs Greening reported on the Community Day arrangements and also on a proposed work programme for the Parish Steward. She had sent the AHE a map showing areas to be cut. Miss O'Donoghue was concerned that this be finalised as soon as possible as the PC still needed to know what areas would still be the responsibility of the PC.

(d) Repairs to the Monastery Road path to the bend and the bend itself. This was to be further considered – it would be a major job and be potentially expensive.

(e) The progress at the Monastery Road/Lower Road junction was noted. It would also be an opportunity to provide a sign to the Parish Hall.

(f) Mr King mentioned a leaking drain in Cowleaze Lane; and felt that more dog bins were needed to encourage dog walkers not to leave their dog's mess on the paths or fields.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report :-

(a) Mr Swabey reported on the last AB meeting. Much of what had been discussed was reported in the White Horse News with a number of projects being considered.

(b) Mr Wickham mentioned the latest housing requirements to come out of the WC Core Strategy. Potentially Wiltshire would need to provide 42 thousand homes of which 1615 would be in the Westbury AB area. Of these 1500 would be in Westbury itself and 115 from the villages. He encouraged the pursuing of the Housing Needs survey

10. BKVC. The arrangements for the public meeting on the 16th April were considered.

11. APM. The arrangements for this were also considered with the focus being on the 2 fields for sale and the Housing Needs Survey.

12. News Items. Consideration was given to items to be passed to Mrs Pike for The News

13. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – April 2014

(b) WALC Circular – April 2014

(c) Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2014 – being circulated

(d) Community First newsletter - - April 2014

(e) Notification of plans by the MOD for relocating some 4000 soldiers and their families to the area. This area seemed to be located around Bulford and Tidworth.

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 12th May 2014 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Annual PC Meeting.