

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Also in attendance was Mr Wickham (WC) and one member of the public

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 were adopted as read and signed.

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning:-

(a) 14/06255/TCA Yew Tree – 25% Crown reduction, reshape. 10% thin and raise crown 2 metres because tree overhanging buildings and out of shape at 4 The Grange Inmead for Mr Charles Atterton. There were no objections

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 14/04900/LBC Replacement Windows at Whites Farm 6 Inmead for Mr Robert Arnold – approved

(ii) 14/036130/FUL Change of use of land and buildings from Class 3 (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 – approved with conditions

(iii) 14/04857/FUL First floor extension at Hurst House 57 Westbury Road for Mr and Mrs K Marshall – approved

(c) Neighbourhood Planning/Housing Needs Survey.

(i) The questionnaires had been issued. Mr Swabey had been in touch with WC understood it would be 6 to 8 weeks for the 1<sup>st</sup> draft report to be ready.

(ii) Notification had also been received that WC was developing a plan to support the emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy to identify site allocations to deliver new homes up to 2026 and to review existing 'settlement boundaries'. Information packs would be sent out to Town and PCs but it did not appear that Edington was included in the list of Councils affected by the review although Bratton was.

(d) Little Court Lane land. The Chairman had circulated reports of meetings that he had had with Mr Elliott and builders that Mr Elliott had asked to prepare plans for this land. There were several options one of which included the provision of a village green and pond. The Chairman had advised them that they should submit plans to WC. Miss O'Donoghue felt strongly that until a planning application had been made there was no need for the PC to be involved.

4. Policing.

(a) The Police report for June had been received. The only matter of concern in the village had been a neighbourhood dispute which had been resolved.

A further note was that there had been information received of the possibility of raves taking place during summer weekends in the general area of Salisbury Plain/White Horse.

(a) Speed Watch. Mr Hinton reported that 4 more volunteers had been trained and that the next sessions would be 2 weeks from the end of July. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Hinton.

(b) Police and Crime Commissioner awards. Unfortunately the PC's nomination of the NPT had not been shortlisted.

#### 5. Playfield (PF).

(a) A request had been received from Elias Barnham of the Weir proposing a 5 a-side football tournament. Unfortunately due to work commitments he was unable to attend the meeting to explain his proposals and although several councillors were aware of his plans none had sufficient information for the PC to make an informed decision. Mrs Watts would try and speak to him. One issue that was discussed was the question of insurance for the event and the Clerk would contact the PC insurers for advice.

(b) No further information had yet been received about the Three Daggers functions on the 27<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> September.

(c) The surface on the PF side of the gate from the Pub was in need of attention. The problem also affected the Pub side and it was agreed to see what the Pub would propose before making any final decision.

(d) Mr Swabey reported that he had had occasion to remove beer glasses from the PF. These were a potential danger and it was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the Three Daggers.

#### 6. Finances.

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

(i) Refund Mr Mitchell £60 for West Wilts Micros invoice for printing Housing Needs Survey letter

(ii) Miles & Francis for Grounds maintenance around the village to June £415

(iii) Hailstone Workshop for repairing PF Bench as per quote £120

(iv) Playforce balance for PF Inspection £88.80

(v) Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG £194. This covered significant extra work which led to a general discussion about the state of the BG and the removal of grass cuttings. It was agreed that Mrs Pike would be the liaison Councillor and she would discuss with the contractor what needed to be done.

The PC also considered the arrangements for emptying the waste bin at the BG. Mrs Dorgan had made further enquiries. WC would be cheaper than Voelia (the company that emptied the Parish Hall bin) but it was agreed that no commitment be made but to remove the existing bin and see whether a bin was needed in any event.

#### 7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The missing litter bin. It had now been acknowledged that the bin had been removed by WC contractors.

(b) Repairs to the Monastery Road path to the bend and the bend itself. There was no further news but the kerb stone on the corner had been reinstated.

(c) Several councillors expressed concern in the delays in carrying out highway repairs especially the short stretch of Westbury Road east of Monastery Road. Mr Wickham was able to explain WC policy on repair priorities which were the A350 and the B3097. The B3098 was not destined for significant repairs for several years. He was very concerned and considered the delays to be unacceptable. He would be pressing Highways to review essential repairs.

#### 8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report :-

(a) Miss O'Donoghue had attended the Area Board meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. There was nothing of significance to report.

(b) The Mobile Library Timetable to 31 December 2014 had been received. There were no changes to times or location. It was agreed to try and encourage the use of this facility.

(c) WC Kerbside Garden Waste Consultation. WC was reviewing the arrangements making 3 suggestions for the future. Mr Wickham explained the reasons and the proposals – a 3 month suspension, a 5 month suspension or a charge of £35 per annum per bin. The PC considered the 3 month suspension to be appropriate.

(d) WC had commissioned a comprehensive Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment and was asking all PC's for their views. The PC went through a series of questions but felt that Bonnie Park was so close to Bratton that its views would be of more relevance.

9. BKVC. Edington had come 2<sup>nd</sup> with 66 points to Sutton Veny with 71. It was a really good result and thanks were expressed to Mr Fraser and his team for their efforts. The Judges comments included 'a pity that the toilet block cannot be open for visitors'. It had been made clear that the block was for the church and the PC had no control over its being opened other than for church services and functions. It was hoped that this had not lost the village valuable points and was merely a wish on the part of the Judges.

In addition Hills Group had sent a voucher for the PC to collect 10 bags of its Warrior Compost. This was passed to Mr King who agreed to collect them.

10. Historical Archive. Mr Hinton explained his idea. He had suggested at a PC meeting some while ago that some people would have photos of village interest. There was currently no database and he was proposing the creation of a digital photo library. Mrs Pike had a number of old village photos and Mr Tyler and others could be approached. It was agreed that further enquiries be made.

#### 11. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – July 2014

(b) WALC Newsletters for June and July 2014

12. News Items. There was no News until September but mention would be made of matters of interest on the website

13. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.