

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 12th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Johns

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

1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan, seconded by Miss O'Donogue and carried unanimously that, Mr Mitchell having resigned, Mr Swabey be appointed Chairman; and it was proposed by Mrs Pike, seconded by Mrs Watts and also carried unanimously that Mr Pollard be appointed Vice Chairman.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th September 2015 were adopted as read and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

(a) Housing Associations and 'Right to Buy'. Andrew Murrison MP had written to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government expressing his support for the PC's view to protect small communities from the proposed extension to the Right to Buy provisions.

(b) Unauthorised parking in the CP. 'Steeple Rock' Choir had written asking for permission to make use of the CP on Monday nights as there was insufficient room in the Church CP for all their cars. After discussion this was agreed on the understanding that Village functions would take priority. In addition there was one other resident parking a vehicle overnight. Mrs Dorgan had spoken to her and she or another Parish Councillor would do so again noting that such parking was not 'of necessity'.

4. Planning.

(a) The following applications had been received:-

(i) 15/05934/TCA T1 Ash – crown raise to 4m and remove deadwood at Edington Farmhouse Inmead for Mr Chad Pike. There was no objection,

(ii) 15/09435/FUL Proposed Garden Shelter at The Three Daggers for Three Daggers Ltd. The PC although not objecting considered that the proposed roofing material was not in keeping with the nearby buildings.

(iii) 15/09644/FUL Proposed two storey front extension and alterations at 5 Long Hollow for Mr S Robbins. The PC objected to this application. It was too big and intrusive; not in accordance with the street scene and had the potential to obstruct the highway at a narrow part of the lane which it was noted was used regularly by MOD Traffic and large farm vehicles

(iv) 15/10006/TPO Fell Sycamore at Winton Lodge 17 Westbury Road for Mrs Jane Rich. The PC could understand the reason but was concerned that it was a tree the subject of a TPO and wondered if there was something that could be done rather than simply fell it

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 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 – approved

(ii) 15/08338/TCA Fell one leylandii at Pond House, Tinhead Road for Mrs Sherene Jefferies – no objection

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

(iv) 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 – approved

(v) 15/08002/TCA Fell dead ornamental garden tree at Little Ashton House 2A Lower Road for Mr Paul Mountford – no objection

(c) Neighbourhood Plans and Housing Needs Survey (HNS). There had been no response yet from the WC. Mr Johns had asked if any plan could be developed jointly with Coulston and Erlestoke. It was agreed to explore that when the WC response had been received.

5. Policing.

(a) There was no report for September but Mr King said that he understood that there had been some dwelling house burglaries in Bratton of people who had been away.

(b) Mr Hinton also reported that there was still another session to go of the current Speedwatch sessions. So far there had been some 63 speeders over 9 sessions going between 37 and 48 mph representing 44% of those checked. An interesting statistic was that the majority of speeders were female.

6. Playfield (PF).

(a) The Three Dagers beer and music event on the 3rd October 2015 had been successful with the clearing way being done as requested.

(b) ERLAC had proposed that there should be a Christmas tree again and this was agreed. It would be erected on the 12th December with lighting up and carols starting at 5pm.

(c) Bench in memory of Bill Foss. Mr Hinton had quoted the Foss family £60 to site it and it was understood that funds were available to cover that.

(d) On the footpath side of the PF wire strands were coming away and it was agreed to ask Miles & Francis to carry out repairs.

(e) The Tractor steering wheel. Contact would be made with Alex Macintosh to see if a better material and fixing could be provided.

(f) Arrangements would be made for the Walnut tree to be planted to replace the Horse chestnut at the north western corner.

(g) Mr King would speak to Mr Sheridan about the dog proof netting that was to go on the gate from the Pub

7. Finances.

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

(i) Society of Local Council Clerks Subscription £77

(ii) Bratton General Maintenance Services for Village maintenance in August £106 and September £106

(iii) Miles & Francis for Tree works on the Village Green £275 and grass cutting £175

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) B3098. Mr Wickham reported that repairs would be carried out in 2016

(b) Tinhead Road. He also confirmed that that the metrocount was in progress.

(c) 'The Weir' sign had been damaged by the Army earlier in the year and Mrs Greening would raise it with the AHE. Mr Wickham also reported that requests for

schemes under CATG would in future have to be submitted via PCs who would have to provide 25% of the evaluation costs. Any issues should be referred to Mrs Greening.

(d) The ERLAC meeting held on the 8th October had suggested that rather than reactivate a modified EVES the Village could have occasional 'Activity Days' which would be notified in the News. This was agreed.

9. Village Green and Pond.

(a) It had become apparent that the second Willow had significant and serious cracks in it and Mrs Dorgan having consulted other Parish Councillors had arranged for Miles & Francis to carry out emergency works to fell it and also to trim back the Rowan tree which had grown through electricity cables serving adjacent properties. .

(b) Mrs Greening confirmed that she would be clearing and cleaning the Pond on Sunday 18th October at 11am. There were 3 fish and Mr King would speak to Mr Sheridan to see if Priory Farm could care for them.

10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

(a) Mr Wickham reported on the Area Board Meeting held on the 8th October. The Police would be piloting a new neighbourhood Policing Scheme which would centre on Warminster. There would be a continuing involvement with the Parishes through PCSO attendances and the Police and Crime Commissioner wanted to maintain Neighbourhood Policing in some form. Youth provision funding would be available to the Parishes on application rather than being controlled from the AB

(b) A letter and Guide had been received from WC with advice on Flood risks

11. Burial Ground. Mrs Pike said that she had been gradually laying the untended graves to grass as was intended when the BG was first developed. The PC thanked her for this. In addition she considered that the hedge adjoining the Coal Path needed trimming and it was agreed that she ask Bratton General Maintenance Services to do it as part of their general work there.

12. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – October 2015

(b) WALC Newsletter – October 2015

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

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 9th November 2015 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.