

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also in attendance was Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th February 2016 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising.

(i) The Litter Pick had gone very well and it was agreed to have another one later in the year

(ii) Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Mr Wickham now had the SID and batteries etc and had asked that the 5 villages appoint a contact for managing the deployment of the SID. The Chairman Mr Swabey was happy to be Edington's representative. Mr Wickham believed that a member of Bratton PC was prepared to manage the practicality of setting up and removing the SID for at least Bratton and Edington and in the light of that it was suggested that Bratton might also manage the finances. Mr Wickham would speak to Bratton PC about that.

3. Casual Vacancy. No request had been received for an election and it was open for the PC to co-opt. It was agreed that a note be put in the News to that effect and inviting applications.

4. Planning.

(a) The following applications had been received:-

(i) 16/01202/FUL Installation of a blind dormer and internal alterations to create a granny annex (accommodation ancillary to the main house) at land adjoining 11 Inmead for Mr Rob Hart. There was no objection but it was considered that the usual link provision be attached and to reiterate the condition on the last application that the dormer windows remain blind

(ii) 16/01792/TPO Fell Conifer T1-T3; Fell Lime tree T4; Reduce crown 20% and thin by 20% Yew T5; Beech T6 remove limb to west and crown reduction to match adjoining tree; fell conifer G1; at the Manor House 11 Lower Road for Mr A Edwards. There was no objection

(b) The following decision had been received:-

(i) 15/12234/FUL Demolition of an integral garage and construction of a two storey side extension and single storey extensions at 2 The Weir for Mr & Mrs P Whiffen - approved

(c) Neighbourhood Plans and Housing Needs Survey (HNS). Mr Pollard had arranged to attend a seminar on the 15th March.

5. Policing.

(a) PCSO Wright had sent the March report of the Community Policing Team (CPT). There was concern about door to door sales people and the advice was to phone the Police if such people were operating in the village. The Police welcomed feedback generally and had also established a community messaging website providing local communities with information about matters affecting their area.

(b) Neighbourhood Watch had stagnated and it was agreed to ask the CPT inspector to review it for the Village.

6. Playfield (PF).

(a) The mole catcher had made 2 visits, set traps and removed 3 moles.

(b) Mrs Dorgan had spoken with Alex Mackintosh who would look at the tractor and report back to her.

(c) Miles & Francis had repaired the fence posts at the West end of the PF

7. Finances.

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

- (i) ASW Pest Control Specialists Ltd for Mole trapping £138
- (ii) Clerk's Salary and expenses as per statement attached
- (iii) Grants and Donations as agreed at the Budget meeting
- (iv) Miles & Francis for repairing PF fence posts £185

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) CATG was meeting on Friday. The Chairman said he would raise the repainting of the 'slow' signs in The Weir and a raised manhole cover there

(b) A further Notice had been received that the temporary closure of the B3098 would be from 21 March to 10 May

(c) Provision of Traffic Cones. Mrs Watts had discussed these with the Manager of the Three Daggers with a view to it providing them

(d) Edington Footpaths Booklet. Mrs Pike had been reviewing this with a view to republishing it with revisions and updated maps. This was agreed.

(e) Milestone at Long Hollow. Mrs Pike had been able to speak with Mr Fraser. The wording had been identified and she was suggesting that the Milestone could be relettered. This was agreed. There was a possibility that a grant to that effect might be available from the May Ball.

(f) Tinhead Road. Mr Wickham reported on an exchange of emails he had had with Mrs Hull regarding her concerns about speeding and road markings. A survey had been carried out but he would again raise it at the CATG meeting on the 18th March. He had explained that any improvements carried out at the request of the PC would require the PC to contribute 25% of the cost.

(g) Dead branches overhanging the highway. This was the initial responsibility of the land owner.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

(a) There was a 2% increase in the WC Council Tax for 2016/2017

(b) The Public Transport Strategy Review – Bus Services. It was agreed that bus services needed to be fully integrated. Mr Johns said he would draft a response to WC and circulate it to all Councillors for approval.

10. BKVC – detail and entry requirements have been received. Mr Pollard would ask Mr Fraser if he was again prepared to complete the application form.

11. Burial Ground. A request had been received from the Edington Music Festival Committee for permission to erect a marquee on the unused part of the BG. This was agreed on the basis that any extra grass cutting be its responsibility.

12. Emergency Plan. Miss O'Donoghue had circulated a draft.

13. Newcomers Coffee Morning. This had been fixed for the 7th May between 1030 and 1200

14. Correspondence.

- (a) SPTA News Sheet – March 2016
- (b) WALC Newsletter – March 2016

15. News Items. Consideration was given to items to be included in The News.

16. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 11th April 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

