

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Dorgan and Mr King

Also in attendance was Mr Lupton who had indicated a willingness to be co-opted onto the PC.

1. Election of the Chairman for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Watts, and in the absence of any other nominations, that Mr Swabey be elected Chairman.

2. Election of the Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Mr Swabey seconded by Mrs Greening, and in the absence of any other nominations that Mr Pollard be elected Vice Chairman.

3. Appointments. The following were agreed:-

- (a) Cheque signatories. Mrs Dorgan and Messrs Swabey, Pollard and King
- (b) Planning Liaison – Mr King
- (c) Highways Liaison – Mrs Greening
- (d) Footpaths – Mr Johns
- (e) Police Liaison, Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch
- (f) Website – Mr Pollard
- (g) Playfield – Mrs Dorgan
- (h) Westbury AB and CATG – Mr Swabey
- (i) News Contact – Mrs Pike
- (j) Civil Emergency Plan – Miss O'Donoghue
- (k) Chairman of ERLAC – Mr Pollard
- (l) Burial Ground – Mrs Pike
- (m) Newcomers – Mrs Watts

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th April 2016 were adopted as read and signed

5. Matters Arising.

(a) Newcomers Coffee morning. This had been successful and thanks were expressed to all who had participated

(b) Cold calling. Some stickers had been investigated. Mr Swabey had been in contact with WC and was anticipating its observations on exclusion zones being available at the next meeting

(c) Dialogue with WC re Highways needs. It was hoped that this could be considered with Mr Wickham (WC) at a future meeting

(d) The raised manhole in The Weir had been dealt with

6. Casual Vacancy. Mr Lupton explained his background and the reasons for his seeking to be co-opted. The PC was happy to endorse that. There remained one further vacancy to be filled.

7. Planning.

(a) The following application had been received and there was no objection:-

(i) 16/04159/TCA Fell 3 conifer trees at Rhencullen 15 Lower Road for Mr S Jenkinson

(b) Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and Housing Needs Survey (HNS). Following on from the APM a pre NP 'Local Development Plan' Questionnaire had been drafted. Some clarifications and amendments were agreed and also arrangements for delivering them in the week commencing 13th June and collecting them w/c 27th June. The responses would form the basis of a new 'Edington Development Plan' and any proposed NP.

8. Policing.

PCSO Wright had sent her April/May reports which confirmed that again crime was low. There were no noted incidents for the village but other rural areas were showing an increase in Non Dwelling Burglaries to sheds and garages where power tools had been stolen. The PC endorsed the Police advice to ensure that outbuildings were kept secure. Current priorities were in connection with victims of crime.

9. Playfield (PF).

(a) The issue of dogs being brought into the PF was a continuing problem.

(b) New PF Equipment. It was agreed that something for the under 5's would be most appropriate and a number of designs including a small slide by Playdale were considered. It was suggested that other catalogues be checked out for comparative ideas and costs but that the PC would be looking to a figure of about £10000 being funded by the PC, grants, donations and fund raising. It was suggested that proposals be on display at the Edington Fair on the 11th June.

10. Finances.

(a) It was proposed by Mr Pollard seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-

- (i) Peter Hailstone for repairs to PF concrete tree bench £72
 - (ii) WALC Subscription £274.67
 - (iii) John Richardson for Village benches repairs £16.17
 - (iv) AON UK for Insurance premium £341.20 a discounted figure if the PC was prepared to commit to another 3 years with AON which it was happy to do
 - (v) Chloe Watts for refreshments for the Newcomers Coffee morning £19.07
- (b) The PC Precept of £8100 had been received

11. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) B3098 and use of Car Park (CP). Contractors had tried to use the CP but had been prevented. In addition a resident had expressed concern that the PC was restricting the use of the CP. The Clerk confirmed that PC had the full power to issue conditions for the use of the CP. It had not been acquired to provide off street parking for residents but for users of the Parish Hall and occasional parking for visitors to the village. Consideration was given to having a 'Parish Hall Car Park' sign erected.

(b) Mrs Greening explained the new arrangements being made regarding the Parish Steward with projects being properly listed.

12. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

(a) The Bus Consultation. It seemed that there had been some 11000 responses to WC.

(b) A meeting of the BA13+Partnership had been fixed for the 19th May at The Laverton, Westbury.

13 APM Debrief. Those attending were broadly in favour of proceeding with the concept of a new Development Plan as considered by the PC in the Minute 7 (b) above. In addition concern had been expressed regarding the water in Little Court Lane. Mrs Greening confirmed this was something she regularly raised with WC Highways Officer.

14. Licensing Hours at The Three Daggers. The PC had received a copy of an application to extend the opening hours and to include the sale of alcohol outdoors. After discussion the PC did not consider there were any grounds to object

15. Correspondence.

- (a) SPTA News Sheet – May 2016
- (b) WALC Newsletters – April and May 2016
- (c) Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2106
- (d) CPRE Wiltshire Voice and Countryside Voice – being circulated

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

17. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 13th June 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.