

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Lewis and Mr Pollard

Also in attendance were Mrs Sarah Robbins and Mr Wickham (WC)

Before opening the meeting the Chairman expressed the PCs condolences to Sue Hunt and the family on the death of Simon Hunt who had been on the PC from 1999 to 2013 and for part of that time as Vice Chairman and Chairman. He had worked tirelessly for the village and would be sadly missed. A few moments of silence were observed.

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

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning.

(a) The following applications had been received since the July meeting :-

(i) 16/06384/FUL Extensions to East and West elevations and internal alterations to create new accommodation for multi purpose living space, four bedrooms, one with en-suite and a separate snug area at 13 Greater Lane for Mr & Mrs Neil Latham

(ii) 16/07366/FUL Erection of 2 storey rear extension at The Laurels 36 Westbury Road for Mr & Mrs P Hampson

(iii) 16/07597/TCA Reduce Eucalyptus by 30% , crown balance and deadwood at The Vicarage for Mr J D'Arcy

(iv) 16/07967/TCA Coppice 12 Hazel trees, reduce Prunus tree to prevent falling into stream, fell 4 Sycamore trees and pollard Willow tree at Brook Cottage 7 Lower Road Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton

(v) 16/08013/TCA Fell Leylandii tree at Edington Farm House Inmead for Mr Dave Sheridan

(vi) 16/08137/FUL Demolish an existing rear/side addition at first floor level and replace it with a new single storey extension, build a single storey ground floor side extension and a single storey rear extension at first floor level. Convert existing summerhouse into a new entrance hall/boot room with new roof finish and replace all existing windows and patio doors at Luccombe Mill, Imber Road, Bratton for Mr Henry Pelly. There was no objection to any of the above

(vii) 16/07348/FUL Alterations and extensions of existing dwelling. New roof structure with room in roof forming 4 bedrooms. Rebuilding existing garage and utility room – at 1 Greatwoods for Mr Harvey. No papers had yet been received but this application had appeared on the Weekly List just received. It was agreed to ask for an extension of time to consider the application.

(b) The following decisions have been received:-

(i) 16/03218/TCA T1- Apple tree, reduce and reshape crown by 20%, thin by 20% and reduce the 2 branches on the house side by up to 2m at 44 Westbury Road for Mr Cochrane – no objection

(ii) 16/05501/FUL Increasing height of existing fence (retrospective) for Mr Colin Tagg at 1 Lower Road, Bratton – approve

(c) Neighbourhood Plan (NP). In the absence of Mr Pollard it was understood that he would shortly be suggesting a date for those interested in preparing a Plan to meet.

(d) Three Daggers Garden Shelter. An investigation by WC Planning officer confirmed that it was being used in accordance with the permission granted. If residents did feel that fumes being emitted were unsafe then that could be raised with the Public Health team.

4. Policing.

(a) There were no reported crimes in the Village in August but Bratton had suffered Criminal damage to fencing as a result of poaching/hare coursing.

(b) The issue of speeding in Tinhead Road was again raised. The advice previously given did not allow Speed Watch there but it was assumed that the SID could be sited on the lower part of the Village Green. Mr Lupton said that he would see if Speed Watch could be resurrected for the main road.

(c) M Lupton said he would also liaise with Neighbourhood Watch to see if that too could be reinstated in the Village.

(d) It was hoped to have report on Cold calling for the next meeting.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) New PF Equipment. The deposit had been paid it should be installed by school half term.

(b) Mr Lupton said he was happy to renovate the Tractor at cost. It was considered that it was well liked by the children and the PC was happy to accept Mr Lupton's offer.

6. Finances.

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

(i) Playforce Ltd deposit for new PF equipment £4188

(ii) Miles & Francis for PF grounds maintenance and other areas £350

(iii) Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG and verges for June and July 2016 £212

(b) The AB grant of £3495.50 and Edington Fair donation of £250 had been received

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Stopping up of the Highway at 5 Long Hollow. An email had been received to the effect that following discussions the owners had agreed to reduce the area proposed to be stopped up. The footprint of the proposed extension would be reduced and would now match that of the previous front single storey porch albeit that the extension would be double storey. The farmers who had been concerned were now satisfied and the PC was pleased to confirm that it would withdraw its objection.

(b) Mr Johns expressed concern about HGVs using Tinhead Road

(c) It was noted that following the B3098 resurfacing in some places white lining had only been done on one side of the road. Mr Wickham said he would make enquiries.

(d) Mrs Greening was preparing for the reintroduction of the Parish Steward and would ask him to look at the willows in Little Court Lane and the backing up of the drainage ditch at Crossroads Farm.

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

Mr Wickham reported on the White Horse Health Centre and reports about delays in appointments. It was proposed to be used as a GP training centre. Health Watch required the Health and Wellbeing Board to investigate but was concerned that the villages were not properly represented. He would send Mrs Pike details in anticipation that she might agree to

be a village representative. The PC took the opportunity to express its concerns about the future of Bratton Surgery noting that no reply had yet been received to a letter sent some while ago asking about that. The Clerk would send Mr Wickham a copy of that letter.

9. BKVC. In the 2nd round the Village had come 3rd with 75 points as against the winner All Cannings with 80. Thanks were again expressed for all the effort that had been made in the Village.

10. Village Pond. Mr Lupton had noted that there was a lot of weed in the pond. The Clerk would let him have a copy of the report that had been commissioned in 2014. In addition it was noted that the bench on the triangle opposite the Lower part of the Village Green had been damaged

11. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – September 2016

(b) HMP Erlestoke Annual Report. It appeared that not everyone had received it and the Clerk would send it again.

(c) Dorothy House News – Summer 2016

12. News items. Consideration was given to items for the News

13. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 10th October 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.