

**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 10th October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Lewis and Mr Johns

Also in attendance for part of the meeting were Mrs Glass and Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were adopted as read and signed

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning.

(a) The following applications had been received :-

(i) 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 W Harvey. The PC objected to this application. It was too large a development for the site out of keeping with and would not fit the street scene of Greatwoods, a close of bungalows. In addition there would likely be an adverse effect on the light to the adjoining property; and there were highway issues relating to the number of vehicles that a 4 bedroom house would generate both as to street parking and the narrowness of both Greatwoods and Greater Lane. Mr Wickham agreed to call it in for consideration by the WC Full Planning Committee.

(ii) 16/08233/FUL Two Storey Extension to Dwelling and Erection of Carport at Tudor Cottage 15 Westbury Road for Green Drake Ltd – there was no objection

(iii) 16/08693/TCA Fell Ash, Coppice at 12" Hazel, Prune regrowth and thin by 15% Apple tree at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mrs Garnett – no objection

(iv) 16/08875/TCA Fell Birch tree at 19 Lower Road Bratton for Mr John Fingleton – no objection

(v) 16/09310/TCA Coppice trees on bank – Ash, Elm, Hazel and Field Maple and 1 Spride at Brackenfell for Ms Sonia Heywood – no objection

(vi) 16/09287/FUL Demolition of existing garage and car port, erect new garage and side extension with new dormer in the roof to facilitate additional accommodation in the roof space at Orchardlea 22 Westbury Road for Mr Muir. The PC was concerned that the proposals would result in a building with significant mass on a small site which would impact near neighbours and the garage would be in front of the established building line

(vii) 16/09324/FUL Proposed two storey front extension and alterations (Resubmission of 15/09644/FUL) at 5 Long Hollow for Mr S Robbins. The PC had the same reservations as with the earlier application but acknowledged that permission had been given to that subject to the highways issue that had now been resolved

(b) The following decisions had been received:-

(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 – approved

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

(iii) 16/07597/TCA Reduce Eucalyptus by 30%, crown balance and deadwood at The Vicarage for Mr J D'Arcy – no objection

(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 – no objection

(c) Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mr Pollard confirmed that there would be a first meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the Parish Hall at 7.15pm for all those who had expressed an interest in being involved in the Local Development process. The intention was to create a number of groups who would meet separately to consider specific issues. The PC agreed.

#### 4. Policing.

(a) The Police Report for September said that there had been a dwellinghouse burglary in Edington while the owners were on holiday, but confirmed nonetheless that crime of all types was below average in the Westbury Rural area. There had been an increase of reports of incidences involving dogs and the Report contained a reminder of the provisions of the Dangerous Dogs Act.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton reported that there was a meeting fixed for the 13<sup>th</sup> October for a training session and that he was actively seeking volunteers.

(c) M Lupton was also in the process of arranging to put in place the necessary provisions for the potential reinstatement of a NW Scheme. Much would depend on the response from the public.

(d) Cold calling. Mr Swabey had met with Sue Wilkins (WC). There was scope for a zone around the green at Tinhead Road to include Charlton Hill, Berry Road, and Court Lane to Slades Farm.

(e) Mr Lupton had received complaints about parking at Downsview which would be referred to the Police.

#### 5. Playfield (PF).

(a) New PF Equipment. This was in the process of being installed. It was agreed to formally open the Woodland Tower on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

(b) Thanks were expressed to Mr Lupton for renovating the Tractor.

(c) A request had been received from the Three Daggers to be allowed to erect a small marquee on the PF for Weddings. The PC could not agree since it would restrict the available space for users of the PF.

(d) It was agreed to erect a Christmas tree with Bratton Silver Band leading Carol singing on the weekend of the 10/11 December. It would be discussed at the next ERLAC Meeting.

#### 6. Finances.

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

(i) £1291.20 for 2 New Notice Boards which had been ordered from Notice Board Company (UK) Ltd.

(ii) Society of Local Council Clerks annual Subscription £88

(iii) Playforce Ltd balance of cost of new PF equipment £4188

(iv) Mr Pollard refund cost of paper and posters for the NP meeting £8.49

(v) Mr Lupton refund cost of materials to repair the PF Tractor.

(b) The Audit had been completed. 2 points had been raised: (i) to ensure that there was one working day after the publishing of the Annual Governance Statement etc and the commencement date for the exercise of the public rights and (ii) that it should be clear that the PC approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement before the Accounting Statements.

(c) Threat of Precept Capping. It seemed that the Government was still considering that PC's should be subject to the 2% cap that applies to County and District Councils but would be

limited for 2016/17 to those with a Precept over £500,000. 2% on the current Precept of £8100 would be £162.

(d) Wessex Water Grid Community Fund was inviting applications for grants for environmental projects. It was thought that work to the Pond might fit the criteria and Mr Lupton would look into it.

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

(a) It was noted that the PC Car Park was again being misused. The PC would continue to monitor the situation

(b) Also there was parking on the Tinhead Road triangle and this with the Downsview problem would be mentioned in the News.

(c) White lining. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Mr Wickham asking for white lines to be extended on both sides of the B3098 from Downsview to Sandy Lane.

(d) Parish Steward. Mrs Greening would liaise with him for works to be done.

(e) An email had been received from Mr Perkins in connection with the continuing problem of street parking on the B3098 by customers of the Three Daggers and the latter's concern that PF users were using it's car park. Whilst the PC could not be certain of the Three Daggers concerns it did recognise that parking on the road was a continuing problem at certain times. If there were obstructions then the Police could be asked to investigate.

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

(a) The meeting of the AB had been inquorate and so no decisions could be made, but there had been input on Community Policing and the Community and Wellbeing scheme.

(b) Fracking. Mr Wickham had sent the Councillor Briefing Note which confirmed that South Western Energy would not be accepting the offer of licences in Wiltshire.

9. Health Matters – Bratton Surgery. A response had been received to the PC's concerns for the future of the Surgery. There were no plans to reduce, and there were hopes to increase services.

#### 10. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – October 2016

(b) Community First AGM had been fixed for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at Devizes.

(c) WALC September Newsletter

(d) WALC AGM Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – venue to be confirmed

(e) Email from the Environment Agency requesting information of any groundwater flood risks

11. News items. Consideration was given to items for the News and the possibility of an Edington News letter of some description.

12 Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.