

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Pike, Lewis, Watts, Dorgan and Greening and Messrs Swabey, Johns, Pollard and Lupton. Mr Wickham (WC) was also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mr King

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

3. Casual Vacancy. As there had been only 10 nominations for the PC at the recent election the PC was able to Co-opt. It was proposed by Mrs Lewis seconded by Mr Lupton that Mr Johns be co-opted. There being no other nominations before the PC he was duly co-opted.

4. 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 – Mr Lupton
- (f) Website – Mr Pollard
- (g) Playfield – Mrs Dorgan
- (h) Westbury Area Board and CATG – Mr Swabey. Miss O'Donoghue agreed to deputise for him as and when necessary
- (i) Newcomers – Mrs Watts. She expressed her thanks to all who had made the Newcomers Coffee morning on the 6th May a success
- (j) News Contact – Mrs Pike
- (k) Burial Ground – Mrs Pike
- (l) Civil Emergency Plan – Miss O' Donoghue
- (m) BA13+Partnership and Health matters - Mrs Lewis

5. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April 2017 were adopted with one noted amendment and signed

6. There were no Matters Arising.

7. Planning.

- (a) The following applications had been received and there were no objections to them:-
 - (i) 17/03583/PNTL Removal of existing 10m high telecommunications pole with shrouded antenna and external 300mm diameter dish and installation of new 12.5m high monopole with shrouded antennas and external 300mm dish together with 1 no. equipment cabinet and development ancillary thereto at Reservoir Sandy Lane for PN Telecommunications
 - (ii) 17/03619/FUL Demolition of existing garage and rebuild new garage, kitchen and utility attached to existing dwelling with new porch at 1 Greatwoods

(b) The following decisions have been received:-

(i) 17/02570/TCA T1-oak tree – overall reduction of 2-3m; T2 - Norway Maple tree – overall reduction of 2m; T3 – Willow tree – repollard; T4 – Walnut tree – remove to ground level; T5 – Ash tree – crown raise to 3m; T6 – Elder tree – prune; all at 3 Lower Road, Bratton for Mr Nick Goff – granted

(ii) 17/00800/FUL Demolition of existing garage and car port, erection of side extension with new dormer roof to facilitate additional accommodation in the roof space (resubmission of 16/09287/FUL) at Orchardlea, 22 Westbury Road for Mr Muir Stirling - approved

(c) Neighbourhood Plan (NP)/ Development Plan. There was nothing further to report following the presentations at the APM which were considered to have been very useful.

8. Policing.

(a) No formal report had been received. The PC missed even the occasional visit by the Police. Mr Wickham said he would try and see if some presence could be arranged. He did confirm that a number of people had been interviewed in connection with fly tipping.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton confirmed that the arrangements were in hand for a session in the following few weeks.

(c) Cold Calling. Mrs Wilkinson (WC) was currently liaising with Mr Swabey re the provision of signage

9. Playfield (PF).

(a) The goal mouth was in a bad condition and needed repair.

(b) Badger damage was now being noted, possibly as a result of the recent dry weather.

(c) The 'rocking chickens' needed new bark in 2 places but it was also noted that they were now past their best anyway

(d) Mrs Dorgan was arranging inspection but needed authority if payment was required up front. It was proposed by her seconded by Mrs Pike and carried unanimously to make payment if necessary.

10. Finances.

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

(i) WALC Subscription £280.55

(ii) AON UK Ltd for the PC Insurance £348.98.

(b) The Precept of £8500 had been received

11. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Additional Waste bins. It was agreed that 4 bins should be purchased. They would be capable of taking dog waste. The cost of emptying would be £2.50 each time it was necessary. The suggested sites were School Bus Stop, field from the Three Daggers, Greater Lane and Monastery Road at the Priory footpath. Prices would be obtained.

(b) The Parish Steward had not been since the end of March. His next date had not been confirmed but Mrs Greening was hopeful that it would be at the end of May.

(c) Car Parking in Tinhead. This was again discussed and it was agreed that Mr Lupton would refer it to the Police.

(d) Grass Cutting at Longlands Close. A resident had written asking for the PC to provide a cutting/maintenance service of the bank between 1 Longlands Close and the road. WC had told her that it was not its responsibility. Notwithstanding the suggestion that she would be prepared to see a review of the Precept to cover the additional cost the PC was not prepared to accede to this request

(e) B3098 Strategy. Mr Wickham said he would begin the arrangements for a first meeting of all the PCs involved.

12. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. Mr Wickham confirmed that he had been re-elected and would continue his Cabinet position responsible for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection.

13. Village Green and Pond. Mr Lupton was still awaiting a date for the cheque presentation the delay being because all personnel were engaged in water management due to the recent dry weather.

14. Burial Ground. An application for a headstone for the late Jonathan Garnett was approved.

15. Correspondence.

(a) SPTA News Sheet – May 2017

(b) WALC April 2017 Newsletter

(c) Bobby Van News 2017 - being circulated

16. News items. Consideration was given to items to be included.

17. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 12th June 2017 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm