

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 18th December 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Lewis, Greening, Watts, Pike and Dorgan and Messrs Johns, Swabey, King and Lupton and Mr Wickham (WC) and 1 member of the public

Apologies were received from Mr Pollard

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th November 2017 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising. Bratton Footpath Dispute. The Planning Committee had decided in favour of the Footpath being registered but it was understood that the objectors would be appealing.

3. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Pollard had circulated by email completed sections for the Development Plan but it seemed that several councillors had been unable to open it and as a result had not responded. It was agreed that they would do so to enable those sections to be finalised at the January meeting. The only outstanding section was that concerned with Housing which Mr King then presented. It was clear that there was no appetite for any form of larger development in the village and that no more than 7 houses were needed to fulfil the findings of the Housing Needs Survey most of which could, with the landowners consent, be achieved by infill with the rest from limited development of Greenfield sites which would need to be identified. It was agreed that WC Core Policy 44 should be mentioned which granted an exception to allow housing for local need to be permitted under the Core Strategy. Mr King agreed to send the report to Mr Pollard.

It was understood that Bratton PC had mooted the idea of a joint NP.

(b) The following application had been received:-

17/11501/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and rebuild kitchen dining room extension. Replace widows with door in side extension at Bay Cottage 62 Westbury Road for Mr Austin Main – the PC had no objection

(c) The following decisions had been received:-

17/09285/FUL Demolish existing Conservatory and erection of new single storey extension at 4 Greater Lane for Mr A M B and Ms P Freer & Thompson - permission

4. Policing.

(a) The Police area report had been received and it was known that there had been, possibly opportunist, thefts of strimmers and metal detectors from 2 properties. The report also gave advice as to ways to protect property in the December and New Year festive season.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton anticipated that next session would be early in the New Year.

(c) Cold calling. It was agreed that if no further progress had been made by the New Year the PC would contact WC Trading Standards.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) The Christmas tree arrangements were seen as having been successful but the PC considered that the more appropriate site was the Village Green. It was agreed that rather than deal with the Christmas tree expenditure as part of the Contingencies element of the annual budget that it should be a specific item for consideration at the Budget meeting each year. The PC would consider in more detail the possibility of planting a rooted tree.

(b) A detachable bollard had been ordered for the PF entrance.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The Additional Waste bins had been received.

(b) The white lines between Longlands Close and Sandy Lane had not yet been painted despite many requests and it was agreed to raise it at the next CATG meeting.

(c) The Local Highways December Newsletter had been received

(d) A number of things were raised for the Parish Steward's next visit including painting the bollards at the end of the Weir to Tinhead Road and at the bottom of Smelly Lane; and to deal with the trees in Monastery Road.

(e) It was agreed to investigate the siting of the Notice Board at the entrance to the footpath to the Parish Hall

(f) B3098 Milestone. Mr Fraser had written concerning this Milestone which had been moved from the verge just outside the village and re-sited at the corner of Long Hollow and Westbury Road. The writing on it was illegible and he was asking if the PC would cover the cost of a commemorative plaque to be fixed to it. This was agreed unanimously.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

At the AB meeting on the 7th December the application for a grant to cover the cost of the Video Projector had been successful.

8. Village Green and Pond. Mr Lupton was still awaiting the 3rd quote for the pollarding of the trees. The pond was very clear at present, the plants were growing well, but there had been a decrease in the flow from the spring possibly as a result of a crack in the feeder pipe which he was investigating.

9. Data Protection and appointment of a Data Protection Officer. It was agreed to defer discussion of this as WALC had arranged a Seminar for the 25th January which the Clerk had booked to attend.

10. Finances. The following invoices had been received and it was proposed by Mrs Greening seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that they be paid:-

- (i) Bratton General Maintenance Services for July to December Grass cutting £492
- (ii) Information Commissioner for Data Protection Registration fee £35
- (iii) Broxap Ltd for Bins £609.60
- (iv) Miles and Francis for general grounds maintenance and clearing, weeding, renewing, edging and replacing bark at the PF £1170
- (v) Refund Mrs Dorgan cost of Christmas lights £17.05

11. Car Park. It was agreed to proceed with signs on the gate and inside the CP.

12. Review of The News. This would be the 1st item on the Agenda for the January Meeting.

13. Correspondence.

- (a) WALC November 2017 Newsletter

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 8th January 2018 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. This would be the Budget Meeting.