

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

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

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th March 2018 were adopted with one amendment and signed

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning.

(a) (i) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. The DP had been completed and Mr Pollard did a PowerPoint presentation of the Plan outlining the background to the PC decision to proceed with it; and the forward programme to an eventual NP. Although there were some reservations about the need for a NP it was agreed after discussion that the project would go forward for presentation at the APM with a recommendation to proceed.

(ii) It was understood that the options on the fields at Little Court Lane and below the PF had expired, and the question arose as to what the next step might be. It was agreed that Mr Swabey would try and have an informal discussion with the owner.

(b) The following application had been received :-

(i) 18/01744/FUL Retrospective permission for replacement woodshed at 7 Lower Road, Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton – no comment

(c) The following decisions had been received:-

(i) 16/10515/FUL Single storey side extension at Mill House, 1a Lower Road, Bratton – approved

(ii) 18/00278/FUL 2 storey side extension at 12 Inmead for Mr Philip Davies – this was an application for retrospective permission and an objection had been submitted - approved

(iii) 18/00801/TPO T2 Hornbeam tree – reduce canopy by 20% and 18/00803/TCA T1 Hornbeam tree - reduce canopy by 20%; T3 Ash tree – reduce by 50% at Highbank 6 Court Lane for Mrs Pippa Dawkins – approved

(iv) 18/01234/TCA Cherry tree (C1) – 10% crown thinning; willow (W1) – Fell; Apple (A1) 20% crown thinning and dead wood of crown; Plum (P1&P2) – Fell; at May Cottage 12 Tinhead Road for Mr Peter Davies – no objection

(v) 18/01442/TCA Walnut tree - crown reduce 30% and crown raise to 4m; Beech tree – crown reduce 30% and crown raise to 5m; Cypress tree – cut back overhang; at Rhencullen 15 Lower Road for Mr Stewart Jenkinson – no objection

(vi) 18/01459/TCA Fell Cherry tree adjacent to village pond for Mr David May – no objection

(vii) 18/01767/TCA T1 remove Cherry tree; T2 remove damaged Manna Ash; T3 reduce the small Beech tree and prune to an aesthetically well balanced shape (reduce by 2-4 feet) at 1-2 Charlton Hill for Mrs Anne Ilsley – no objection

4. Policing.

(a) Speed Watch. The next session was fixed for later in April.

(c) Cold calling. There had been some progress with the new leaflets but Mrs Lewis would continue to press for more.

5. Playfield (PF).

The Tractor. Mr Lupton explained that a new design had been agreed to be made out of stainless steel tubing at a cost estimated at £800 plus labour. It was agreed to get a formal quote to be available for a grant application.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) The litter pick had been fixed for Saturday the 14th April.

(b) There had been an incident involving a vehicle not stopping and a pedestrian at the junction of Baynton Way and Court Lane. The issue seemed to be the absence of any "Give

Way” or “Pedestrians in Road “signage. It was agreed to report this through CATG. It was noted however that since the chicken farm and scaffolding had gone there had been a decrease in traffic on the road there.

(c) The Local Highways April Newsletter had been received

(d) B3098 Strategy. Mr Wickham was extremely concerned and upset that officer’s decisions had led to the proposed Freight Strategy Survey being deferred thereby putting back any plans for a Strategy. He therefore intended with the help of Mr Johns to write his own.

(e) Mrs Greening noted various matters that she would refer to the Parish Steward including general tidying for the BKVC.

(f) The work at Long Hollow had only been the first stage and further work would be carried out.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

The next AB was on the 12th April, otherwise nothing specific to report.

8. Village Green and Pond.

(a) Mr Lupton reported that work was ongoing and there had been an increase of water flowing into the pond.

(b) The Clerk and Mrs Dorgan had been considering the presently unfenced lower part of the Village Green. It was agreed to explore the possibility of post and chain or rope fencing

9. Finances.

(a) The following invoices had been received and it was proposed by Miss O’Donoghue seconded by Mrs Watts and agreed unanimously that they be paid namely:-

Refund Mr Pollard £968.29 being the cost from Davies’ Westbury of Storage Box the Projector, £220 for the Vision Wireless Kit, £11 for the HDMI Cable and £155.40 VAT.

(b) A donation of £1200 had been received from Edington Fair towards the cost of a defibrillator.

10. Best Kept Village Competition. The application forms had been submitted and residents were encouraged to do all they could to keep the village in good shape.

11. Annual Parish Meeting (APM). Final arrangements were confirmed and refreshments organised.

12. Burial Ground. A request had been received to allow a marquee to be erected for the Music Festival in August. This was agreed on the usual terms that they provided their own water and electricity and grass cutting if that was deemed necessary

13. Correspondence.

(a) WALC Newsletter – March 2018

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

15. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 14th May 2018 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting .