

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Lewis and Mr Wickham (WC)

Before starting the meeting the PC held a few moments of silence in memory of Michael Jones and his time as a Parish and District Councillor

1. Election of Chairman for the ensuing year. Having been duly proposed and seconded and there being no other nominations Mr Swabey was appointed.

2. Election of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Pollard did not wish to stand. Mrs Pike was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mr Lupton and in the absence of any other nominations was duly elected

3. 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 with back up from Miss O'Donoghue if necessary
- (i) Newcomers – Mrs Watts
- (j) News Contact and Burial Ground – Mrs Pike
- (k) Civil Emergency Plan – Miss O'Donoghue
- (l) BA13+ and Health Liaison and BKVC – Mrs Lewis
- (m) Mr Lupton would maintain a watching brief on the Village Pond

4. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th April 2018 were adopted as read and signed

5. Matters Arising. PF Tractor. Mr Lupton was expecting a quote shortly. It was also agreed to get catalogue prices for comparison.

6. Planning.

- (a) No applications had been received
- (b) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. For personal reasons Mr Pollard did not feel able to continue to front this. Miss O'Donoghue on behalf of the PC expressed thanks to him for all that he had achieved to date. No other Councillor was able to take over and so it was agreed that the PC would review it at the next meeting possibly with a view to employing outside consultants.

7. Policing.

- (a) Mr Lupton reported that it seemed there had been a slight increase in crime in the Westbury area and there had been a break in locally
- (b) Speed Watch. He hoped to be having a session within the next week or so

8. Playfield (PF).

The Bollard for the entrance was still awaited.

9. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

- (a) The litter pick had been very successful and thanks were expressed to all who had taken part.
- (b) White lining. This was on the Agenda for the June CATG meeting.
- (c) The Local Highways May Newsletter had been received
- (d) It was noted that some Footpaths stiles had become overgrown
- (e) Mrs Greening had recently attended a Highways meeting which was proposing a gully clearance programme and was asking Parishes to consider a 'Snow Plan' to identify risk areas. Also the Parish Stewards would be concentrating on verge cutting in May but back to normal in June.
- (f) A resident had volunteered to keep Tinhead Road triangles trimmed
- (g) A temporary repair had been carried out to the footpath between the Three Daggers and the Post Office

10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

The AB on the 12th April did not discuss anything specific to the Village.

11. Village Green and Pond.

Mr Lupton said that some complaints and concerns had been reported to him about the state of the pond. He was keeping it under review and some local residents had offered their help. It was agreed that he would put a report in the News.

12. 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:-
 - (i) WALC Subscription £288.43
 - (ii) BHIB Ltd for PC Insurance ££300.48. This would be reduced to £266.44 if the PC agreed to stay with BHIB for 3 years. This was agreed to.
 - (iii) Parish Mag. Printers for the Development Plan Booklets £227
- (b) The Precept of £9500 had been received
- (c) Notice of Audit had been received. The PC would deal with the Accounts and Annual Return (now known as the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)) at the June meeting.

13. Best Kept Village Competition. Judging would be taking place shortly and it was hoped that residents would try and keep their locality tidy and free of rubbish.

14. Annual Parish Meeting (APM) debrief. It was felt that there had been a good turnout and general support for the DP/NP project.

15. Data Protection. The Clerk had attended a WALC seminar in preparation for the start date of the new regime on the 25th May 2018. The PC did not hold data other than correspondence and emails. The Clerk would be putting a Statement on the Website

16. Correspondence.

- (a) WALC Newsletter – April 2018

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

18. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 11th June 2018 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.