

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 11th June 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Greening, Watts, Lewis and Pike and Messrs Johns, Swabey, King and Lupton and Mr Wickham (WC)

Apologies were received from Mrs Dorgan and Mr Pollard.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th May 2018 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising.

(a) In preparing for the Internal Audit the Clerk had noted that the refund to Mrs Watts of £8.95 on the 18th May 2017 of the expenses for the Newcomers Coffee Morning had not been Minuted. The PC unanimously confirmed that payment.

(b) The Minute of the April meeting of the refund to Mr Pollard re the Projector was not complete and should have read: "Refund Mr Pollard £968.29 being £14.87 the cost from Davies' Westbury of the Storage Box, £546 for the Projector, £220 for the Vision Wireless Kit, £11 for the HDMI cable, £15.03 for the Extension Reel and £161.39 VAT. This also was agreed unanimously.

(c) The Clerk had put a Data Protection Privacy Notice on the Website.

3. Planning.

(a) One application had been received namely 18/04761/FUL Proposed Porch at Monks Well 4 Greatwoods for Mrs Regelous. There was no objection

(b) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. The PC needed to decide how it proposed to implement the programme outlined at the APM by Mr Pollard. In discussion the question was raised as to whether there was real enthusiasm in the village at the moment and its potential value in view of the current status as a 'small village'. To proceed it would need someone with enthusiasm and drive; and it would give the village the element of control of its future. The consensus was to proceed and after further discussion Mrs Lewis offered to see if she could take on the role to take the project forward. This would involve an initial meeting with the group leaders and reporting back to the PC.

4. Policing.

(a) Cold Calling. Mrs Lewis reported that she would be having a meeting in September with Mrs Wilkinson (WC). To set it up was more complicated than had previously been thought but the principle had been agreed. She would report at the October meeting.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton reported on 2 sessions. Some 110 vehicles had been checked but no one had been caught speeding.

5. Playfield (PF).

(i) Mr Swabey reported that the Bollard for the entrance would be installed over the next few days.

(ii) Tractor. Mr Lupton confirmed a verbal quote of £2200. Checking PF equipment suppliers catalogue for similar but not like for like gave prices ranging from £2010 to £6000. On balance it was agreed to proceed on the basis of the quote given. Mr Lupton would arrange for a written quote and to apply for an AB grant. Other donations would also be sought. It was also agreed that the existing tractor would be dismantled and removed.

(iii) Ground maintenance for PF and generally. The Parish Steward for various reasons had not always been able to do the work requested. It was agreed that Miles

& Francis, in liaison with Mrs Greening and Mrs Dorgan, be given a specific list of work that needed doing to avoid the risk of duplication and the consequential cost. Mr Wickham would check the Parish Stewards availability.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) CATG. Mr Swabey had raised the issues of the Court Lane/Baynton Way junction and the pavement repairs between the Post Office and the Three Dagers

(b) B3098 Strategy/White lining. Mr Wickham had the strategy in hand and would liaise with Mr Johns. The white lining was problematic it being suggested to Mr Wickham that the contractor was under no obligation to white line where there had not been lines before the resurfacing. He suggested that the PC check if there might be some indication on the road.

(c) The Local Highways June Newsletter had been received

(d) Footpaths Booklet. Mrs Pike said that it should be available very soon. A sale price of £2.50 was agreed.

(e) It was noted that Coach Hollow needed clearing

(f) Mrs Watts was concerned that many footpaths in the village were becoming overgrown. It was the responsibility of adjoining land owners to keep hedges trimmed back and it was agreed to put a note in the News.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

There was nothing specific to report.

8. Village Green and Pond.

Further concerns had been expressed regarding the state of the pond. Mr Lupton said it was not toxic and he explained, and the PC endorsed, all that he was doing. It was unfortunate that a local resident had been topping up the pond with tap water resulting in it overflowing.

9. Finances.

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

(i) John Richardson for Benches maintenance £34.45

(ii) Denis Hurn fee for Internal Audit £25

(iii) Community First Subscription £40

(iv) Mr Lupton refund for plants for Pond £46.88

(b) The Precept of £9500 had been received

(c) Audit 2017/2018. The Internal Audit had been completed and all was in order. Under the new Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) regime it was necessary for the PC to follow a prescribed process in approving it.

The Register of Assets had been updated to include the Waste/Dog bins installed at the end of the year.

The AGAR for the year 2017/18 having been prepared for approval was discussed in 3 parts:-

(i) Certificate of Exemption. The PC complied with the requirements enabling it to certify that it was exempt from a limited assurance review and did so at 2045.

(ii) The Annual Governance Statement. The PC went through each of the numbered points and was satisfied that the answer for each was 'Yes'. It was agreed that the notice for 2017/18 would be posted on the PC Website on the 14th June to commence on the 15th June through to the 26th July. The PC unanimously approved the Annual Governance Statement at 2106.

(iii) Accounting Statements 2017/18. The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, certified that the accounting statements in the Annual Return presented fairly the financial position of the PC and its receipts and payments for the year. These had all

been circulated and were explained by the Clerk including the 'Explanation of Variances'. The PC unanimously agreed that the accounts be adopted and approved and they were signed at 2111.

10. Best Kept Village Competition. No decision had yet been received but it was hoped that residents would continue to try and keep their locality tidy and free of rubbish.

11. Burial Ground. The tree needed some work being done to it and it was agreed to get a couple of quotes to include any need for Planning permission.

12. Newcomers Coffee Morning. This had been successful with a good turnout. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Watts for organising it

13. Correspondence.

(a) WALC Newsletter – May 2018

14. 5ews items. Consideration was given to items to be included.

18. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 9th July 2018 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.