

**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies were received from Mr Lupton

1. The meeting had been called primarily to deal with one Planning application to which the Applicant had been invited but the Chairman raised a couple of Matters Arising from the previous meeting namely:-

(i) White lining. It now appeared that a road closure notice was needed and that would be considered at the next CATG meeting. The PC was surprised at this news and concerned that it would render the cost prohibitive.

(ii) Tree on the green triangle at the corner of Tinhead Road and Court Lane. The Chairman had raised this with WC but had been told this was the responsibility of the PC. This again was a surprise. Nevertheless it was agreed to make enquiries as to the work that would be needed.

2. Footpaths. Mr Johns raised the need to have the bollard at the bottom of Parsonage Lane that had been placed there by the Parish Steward removed and replaced with posts and rail as before. Mr Wickham agreed to take this up with the WC officer concerned.

3. Planning.

The PC considered the Planning Application that had been notified just before the last meeting 18/06119/FUL Proposed dwelling on plot adjoining 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone. The application had considered in some detail the current WC planning policy and was aware of the recently completed Edington Development Plan and its assessment of the Village's housing needs. The PC, after a wide ranging discussion expressed unanimously that it was minded to support the application but at the same time to raise several issues relevant to the site and application generally namely:-

(a) Highway safety. It was noted that this would be a new access onto the B3098 at a narrow part of the road and along which traffic in both directions often travelled in excess of the speed limit.

(b) Whether the Core Strategy had completely done away with the long standing planning policy of not permitting new development on the south side of the B3098 and its intention of protecting the integrity of the Salisbury Plain escarpment and its status as an SSSI.

(c) If so it could set a precedent

(d) The application (at Planning Support Statement 2.13) had sought to pray in aid the Edington Development Plan "EDP" (and potentially its Neighbourhood Plan "NP") as providing the sort of small property that the Village clearly wanted. The PC acknowledged that the plans provided for a small dwelling, and at 3 bedrooms would be an appropriate size for residents seeking to downsize. The concern was that to maintain at least some measure of compliance with the DP (NP) aspirations "that the majority of houses proposed should be affordable to younger people", (and the findings of the 2014 Housing Needs Survey which showed a clear preference for 1 and 2 bed houses), there should be a condition attached, or s106 Agreement, not to extend the property or indeed, were the application to be granted not to permit an application to build anything larger such as a 4 or 5 bedroom dwelling.

On that last point the Clerk did wonder if WC could not or would not impose any such condition then the PC could ask the current owner of Tudor Cottage and the site to impose a covenant on sale to like effect for say 10 years.

It was acknowledged that the Clerk as neighbouring owner had an interest and it was agreed that the draft letter to WC would be circulated to the PC for approval.

4. Finances.

One invoice had been received namely from Hiscock Engineers for the PF entrance bollard in the sum of £234 being £195 + VAT £39. It was noted that the original figure had been £150 + VAT. Mrs Dorgan confirmed that it had originally been intended to be installed by PC members but in the event it was decided not to and that was the reason for the increase. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Mr Johns and carried unanimously that the invoice be paid.

5. Date of next Meeting. This had been fixed at the last meeting for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.