

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies were received from Messrs Swabey, Pollard and Wickham (WC)

In the absence of the Chairman, Mrs Pike (Vice Chairman) Chaired the meeting

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were adopted as read and signed with the noted amendment

### 2. Matters Arising from those Minutes.

(a) Bonfire at Station Yard. It was confirmed that the letter had been sent, acknowledged and the tenant written to.

(b) Defibrillator. Mr Swabey was due to have a meeting at the Three Dagers later during the week when the resiting of the Defibrillator would be confirmed. Mrs Dorgan would also discuss with him the application for an AB grant. The PC was reminded that a donation of £1200 had been received from Edington Fair in May towards the cost

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 were adopted as read and signed.

### 4. Matters Arising from those Minutes.

(a) Triangle at corner of Tinhead Road and Court Lane. WC confirmed that it was not Highways. It was agreed to treat it in the same way as the triangle opposite with a view to incorporating it as all part of the Village Green. In any event it would involve the PC in the cost of the anticipated work to the Hawthorn tree.

(b) Parsonage Lane bollard. Mr Johns had met with the Footpaths officer who had agreed that the work minuted would be done. They had also visited some stiles 2 of which would be replaced.

(c) Land adjoining Tudor Cottage. No decision had yet been made.

### 5. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan.

(i) Mrs Lewis, in anticipation of her impending resignation from the PC due to her shortly moving from the village, had prepared a progress report on the NP to date. This is attached to these minutes. In the following discussion it was agreed that the momentum for the NP needed to be maintained, and in the absence of any Parish Councillor currently being able to front the NP there might be someone from the groups in a position to do so. Mrs Pike agreed to act as PC liaison to facilitate that momentum. Mrs Lewis would set up and if possible attend the meeting in October suggested in her report.

(ii) There was to be a Community Led Housing stand at The Atrium at County Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. This was a new approach to providing permanently affordable homes in communities and the Government was making funding available. Mrs Lewis had notified the Housing sub group of this new initiative.

(b) The following applications had been received and there were no objections to any of them:-

(i) 18/07766/TCA Fell 2 Ash trees at Merrilea 39 Westbury Road for Mrs Karen Hardman

(ii) 18/07905/TCA T1 Ash – remove 5 lower limbs, T2 Ash - remove 2 lower

limbs, T3 Sycamore – remove 2 lower stems, T4 Sycamore – remove large stem, T5 Ash – remove lowest lateral stem at The Orchard opposite 4 Inmead for Richard Banner

(iii) 18/08247/TCA Coppice 18x Hazel trees and 1Alder tree; pollard 3x Willow trees and 1 Alder tree; Fell 4x Sycamore and thin one; thin Elder tree; fell Blue Western Cedar tree all at Brook Cottage, 7 Lower Road Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton

(iv) 18/07923/LBC Repoint chimney, construct French drain along frontage at ground level, reinstate damp proof course in part of ground floor, create corridor to give access from bed 3 to landing and stairs, create new shower room in bed 2; at 5 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton

(v) 18/08248/FUL Single storey side extension with roof terrace and new boundary treatment to front byway boundary at Cleeve House for Mr John Matthews

(c) The following decision had been received:-

(i) 18/04761/FUL Proposed porch at Monkswell 4 Greatwoods for Mrs Regelous – approved

(d) Garages opposite 2 & 2a Little Court Lane. A land surveyor had recently visited the site presumably to assess it. The PC noted the position and would await any planning application,

## 6. Policing.

(a) Police Reports had been circulated and were noted. Generally, the situation remained quiet in the village. The September report highlighted issues of Modern Slavery and Exploitation in its various forms.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton was awaiting his turn for the Speed gun.

(c) Speed Indication Device (SID). Mr Lupton reported that a particular piece of cabling was missing which affected the electronic memory and he was seeking a replacement.

(d) Cold Calling. In view of the legal issues relating to displaying notices and that the perceived problem had gone quiet it was agreed to let the matter stand unless and until the problem resurfaced.

## 7. Playfield (PF).

(a) Mr King reported that he understood that Mr Elliott and the Three Dagers were in discussion with regard to the land to the north of the PF and that if that reached fruition with the Three Dagers acquiring it the PC were likely to be approached with a view to doing a land exchange. The PC agreed to keep this under review but could see a number of advantages to the proposal.

(b) Tractor update. As the work had progressed a couple of improvements had been suggested namely a source for acquiring 4 old/original tractor wheels and tyres and to replace plywood panelling with metal. Although this would mean additional cost it was agreed since it would provide a significantly improved and robust piece of equipment. Mrs Dorgan would also speak to the Chairman to proceed with applying for an AB grant.

(c) Christmas Tree. Mrs Dorgan had spoken with the Three Dagers with a view to the provision of a tree and had arranged for the 'switch on' for the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1800. Bratton junior Band had been booked and she was suggesting light refreshments. She confirmed that lights would need to be renewed and it was noted that £100 had been provided for in the budget.

(d) It was agreed to ask Miles & Francis to prepare the ground for the winter activities on the PF by filling and levelling the badger and mole holes.

## 8. Highway Matts/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) B3098 Strategy/White lining. It was now understood that the white lining would not proceed because it would require the road being closed. The PC considered this to be totally unacceptable. It led to a discussion regarding the general state of painted road signs and markings which had faded. These were there as safety measures and should for Highway safety be properly maintained. It was agreed that Mr Johns would prepare a note for Mr Swabey to take up at the next CATG meeting.

(b) Parking issues at B3098/Tinhead Road/ Charlton Hill. There had been problems of inconsiderate parking which had been discussed with PCSO Caroline Wright.

(c) Arrangements for the next Parish Steward visit were considered.

(d) The Long Hollow Milestone. Mr Fraser had emailed to confirm that the Plaque was ready and it was noted that it had been fixed. The PC thanked him for his work in that respect.

(e) Mrs Robertson had raised concerns that 2 trees on the bank just beyond her fence had been the subject of tree works by WC who had said they were on highway land. She had maintained the bank for years and was surprised that she had not been notified. It was confirmed that the PC had been notified by email which had been forwarded to all Councillors for comment. It was agreed that in future the PC would notify adjoining owners to ensure that they had an opportunity to make representations if they wished.

#### 9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

WC had circulated Briefing notes on the Green Paper relating to Social Housing and re Electoral Review of WC and Consultation on new Division Boundary Review.

#### 10. Village Green and Pond.

Mr Lupton said the pond was clear and the lilies had been very successful. It was agreed to ask Miles & Francis to clear the brambles.

#### 11. Finances.

(a) The following invoices had been received and it was proposed by Mr King seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that they be paid or payment confirmed:-

- (i) Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG and verge mowing £212
- (ii) Peter Hailstone for materials for the new tractor £861.60 and as per the earlier minute re the PF materials and labour to the 7<sup>th</sup> September £1987.40
- (iii) Miles & Francis £510 for Grounds maintenance at PF, CP and as directed
- (iv) Howard & Sons Export Ltd £120 for the Tractor wheels and tyres

(b) Memorial fees of £130 each had been received for Mrs Corp and Mr Radice and £136 for Valerie Smith and the donation from Mr Hampson re the CP £250. On the latter sum it was agreed unanimously as an addition to the earlier resolution that it be donated in full to the Parish Hall.

12. Best Kept Village Competition. The Village had come second in the County Round behind Biddestone. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Lewis for her efforts in this years competition.

#### 13. Burial Ground. Mrs Pike raised two matters:-

(a) Trees. Work needed to be done to the tree in the centre of the BG and to the trees overhanging the Coal Path. She had obtained quotes from Wessex Trees £450, Acers £426 and Hale £880 all of which included the trimming of the Lime tree in the churchyard and overhanging the BG and the work required to the Hawthorn on the

Tinhead Road/Court Lane triangle. It was agreed to go with the Acers quote but to exclude the Lime tree the PC taking the view that that was the responsibility of the PCC which would be asked to carry out the necessary work.

(b) Grave decorations. Several graves had had significantly more decorations than simple floral tributes. The PC recognised that this was a very sensitive matter and did not wish to caused distress to the bereaved families but was conscious of its longstanding policy that with the passage of time the graves would be level and grassed for ease of maintenance and tidiness. It was agreed that the Clerk would write appropriately to all families affected with a view to the policy being reactivated and allowing a period of 6 months for compliance.

#### 14. Correspondence.

- (a) WALC Newsletter – July 2018
- (b) Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2018 – being circulated
- (c) WC Independent Visitor Scheme. A flyer had been put on the Notice Boards asking for volunteers to ‘befriend children in care’.
- (d) Community First AGM 11 October 2018

15. Mrs Lewis formally tendered her resignation due to her impending move from the village. The PC unanimously thanked her for all she had done for the PC and the village during her time as a councillor.

16. News items. Matters to be mentioned were discussed.

17. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.