

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Dorgan, O'Donoghue, Greening, Watts and Pike and Messrs King, Swabey, Pollard and Lupton and Wickham (WC) and one member of the public. PCSO Caroline Wright was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr Johns

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th September 2018 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising from those Minutes.

(a) Burial Ground Grave decorations. The Clerk and Vice Chairman Mrs Pike had reflected on what the PC was seeking to achieve in the first instance and would consider the wording of an appropriate letter. Initial concern was with regard to the decorative gravel and fencing that had been put round some graves .

(b) Finances. Miss O'Donoghue raised the question of the PC making a specific grant to the Parish Hall over and above the passing on of the £250 agreed at the last meeting. It was agreed to consider this at the November meeting.

3. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. No report had yet been received of the meeting referred by Mrs Lewis in her report to the last PC meeting. Mrs Pike would make enquiries.

(b) The following applications had been received and there were no objections to the first two:-

(i) 18/08565/FUL Extend/convert existing bungalow to a one and a half storey building at 22a Westbury Road for Mrs Bridget Roberts

(ii) 18/09310/TCA Beech tree (BG) – crown raise to 3m and thin by 15% and sever ivy at base; T2 Hawthorn tree (VG) – fell; T3 Ash tree (VG) – prune 1m-2m overall to shape for the PC

(iii) 18/09186/FUL Demolition of part of the existing dormer bungalow and garage. Alterations and extensions to provide 2 storey dwelling and integral garage at High Sands 5 Longlands Close for Mr and Mrs Parmley. The PC objected to this application taking the view that it was overdevelopment contravening Core Policy 51 and 57. It would create an extremely large building at an elevated position out of keeping with, and at the end of a cul de sac of established bungalows at the very edge of the village and be visible from a considerable distance from the northwest quadrant. Mr Wickham was asked if he would call in the application.

(c) The following decision had been received:-

(i) 18/07766/TCA Fell 2 Ash trees at Merrilea 39 Westbury Road for Mrs Karen Hardman – no objection

(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 – no objection

(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 – no objection

(iv) 18/06119/FUL Proposed dwelling on plot adjoining 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone – approved with conditions. These were noted.

4. Policing.

(a) The Police Report had been received and circulated. PCSO Wright highlighted concern about the elderly being conned in various ways and family and friends should be alert to these risks. In addition the report referred to low level drug users or vulnerable persons being targeted by out of county drug dealers to “cuckoo” their address to operate from for a while. The Police were being pro-active in dealing with this problem.

(b) Speed Watch. Mr Lupton and the team had been out. One vehicle at 38mph had been reported to the Police for action.

(c) It was noted that there was a caravan parked in the field opposite the end of Greater Lane which appeared to be lived in and could be the subject of Planning Enforcement.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Mr King had received further details and a plan of the Three Daggers proposals for the suggested land exchange were it able to acquire the land to the north of the PF. In principle the PC was interested and it was agreed to have a full discussion at the November meeting.

(b) Tractor update. Apart from the steering wheel it was practically ready. There would be a site meeting on the 9th October to decide where to locate it. Miss O’Donoghue would check the final cost with Peter Hailstone

(c) Trim Trail. The PC would consider this at the next meeting. A Trim Trail or similar would offer activities to adults. There was one at Steeple Ashton and Mrs Dorgan suggested that Councillors should go and view it.

6. Highway Matts/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) B3098 Strategy/White lining. Mr Swabey had made enquiries and understood that the white lining would require traffic management. This would be going to CATG to consider covering the additional expense that would be incurred. The issue of faded signs would also be referred to CATG

(b) Notice had been received of closure of part of B3098 from Great Cheverell to West Lavington on 29th October for resurfacing

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

(d) Junction at Court Lane and Baynton Way. Better defining of the junction had been referred by Mr Swabey to WC Highways and the advice given had been to leave it as it was.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

(a) Boundary Review. Mr Wickham explained the proposals that changes were suggested to his division namely that he would lose Coulston and gain Hawkeridge Park, Westbury.

(b) WC had circulated Briefing Note 368 on Wiltshire Local Plan Review Update and invited Rural Parishes to a meeting at County Hall on 18th October 6.30pm

8. Village Green and Pond.

Mr Lupton reported that although there was a lot of duckweed this was preventing blanket weed. The pond was full of life and offers of various plants had been made for which he expressed his thanks.

9. Finances.

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

(i) Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Subscription £84

(ii) A M Print and Copy for printing 100 copies of the updated Edington Footpaths Booklet £160 (discounted from £190). Mrs Pike said that more were required as they had been selling well at the Farm shop and Church which had passed £85 to the PC. The cost would not be discounted again. It was agreed to get another 50.

10. Emergency Plan. Miss O'Donoghue suggested a process of 'cascading' information in the event of an emergency and this was agreed together with a reference to snow and salt bins.

11. Burial Ground.

Grave decorations. The September decision was reviewed and it was agreed that floral tributes be limited to annuals and not little bushes; as well as what was minuted under Matters Arising.

12. Correspondence.

- (a) WALC Newsletter – September and October 2018
- (b) WALC Annual Report and Accounts for AGM on 22 October

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

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 12th November 2018 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.