

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Dorgan, O'Donoghue, Greening, Watts and Pike and Messrs King, Swabey, Johns and Pollard and Mr Wickham (WC) and five members of the public and Mr Mike Manson, Project Officer for CPRE

Apologies were received from Mr Lupton

Before commencing the business of the Meeting the Chairman welcomed Mr Manson who had attended to formally present the award to the Village for winning the District round of the BKVC and the award for coming second in the County round. These were accepted with thanks.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th October 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 would provide a suggested draft letter for the PC to consider at the December meeting.

(b) Miss O'Donoghue confirmed that the Emergency Plan for the Village had been updated.

3. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were able to report that Mrs Lewis would be meeting Mr John Richardson (who was willing to take the lead in progressing the NP). She would then give a report to the PC.

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

(i) 18/10118/FUL Proposed single storey side extension at 14 Greater Lane for Mr and Mrs P Hosking

(ii) 18/09596/TCA Walnut tree – all round reduction to just below previous points. Ginkgo tree – remove one limb at The Lodge, Lower Road for Mr Peter Brown. It was noted that this application had been approved.

(c) The following decision had been received:-

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

(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 - approved

(iii) 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 – approved

(iv) 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 - approved

(d) Greater Lane Farm. Ian and Debbie Smith had attended the meeting to ask the PC's advice in connection with their desire to develop on the land at Greater Lane Farm. They explained that they would like to build 2 or 3 houses in the Orchard and convert the barn into a dwelling. The PC could not give direct advice as to the

merits of their proposals and explained that the current Core Plan policy limited development to infill which generally meant only one dwelling. It was pointed out that CP44 offered a rural exception provided that certain criteria were met and they were urged to seek the advice of the appropriate Planning Officer at WC. The PC would consider any application that was received and take into account its DP recommendations (which were not binding on WC) and Housing Needs Survey results.

4. Policing.

(a) The Police Report for October had been received and circulated. It was highlighting Domestic Abuse in all its forms.

(b) In the absence of Mr Lupton there was no Speedwatch report

(c) There had been an incident of sheep worrying in the field at the top of Long Hollow resulting in the death of one and the injuring of another.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Mr King reported that negotiations between the Three Daggers and the Elliott family had broken down and that the suggestion of a subsequent land exchange was therefore not able to proceed. One member of the public present said he would have been opposed to such an exchange. The question arose as to whether the land could be treated as a Community Asset and the Chairman would raise that with WALC

(b) Tractor update. All had been completed and the final account had been received. The AB Grant was anticipated in December.

(c) Trim Trail. Mrs Pike suggested that the NP group looking at Leisure and Wellbeing could include this in its deliberations. Mr Johns said that his son might be willing to offer advice to the PC.

(d) Christmas Tree. This would be larger than before and would require a new socket and lighting connection. This was agreed.

6. Highway Matts/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) B3098 Strategy/White lining. Mr Swabey reported that the issue of faded road signs needed to be logged with CATG. On signage and highway issues generally, Mr Johns considered WC should be much more proactive and he would discuss B3098 issues with Mr Wickham.

(b) One of the drains at the edge of the Church Car Park was blocked and in heavy rain water was running across the Car Park and the PC was concerned that the BG was at risk of flooding.

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

(d) Mr Johns reported that the Footpaths Officer was going to try and get funds for Kissing Gates for the Pepler's Weir field.

(e) It was noted that the Public Inquiry into the disputed footpath at Bratton, part of which was within Edington Parish, had decided in favour of the Path being a public right of way.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

(a) There was to be a Wiltshire Resilience Day to consider Flooding issues on Wed 14th November.

(b) WC had circulated Briefing Note 370 on Council Tax Single Person Discount Review and 371 on Social Housing Green Paper – WC Response.

(c) Mr Wickham reported on a seminar to be held to consider challenges ahead facing WC particularly on the cost of adult social care which was constantly rising

(d) Proposed incinerator at Westbury. Reservations were being expressed regarding emissions.

8. Proposed Defibrillator. A decision was awaited from The Three Daggers and the Farm shop as to where the Defibrillator was to be sited

9. Finances.

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

(i) Peter Hailstone £1314 for the final instalment for the Tractor.

(ii) Refund Mr Pollard £45.48 for the Website Host renewal.

(b) The PC considered the question of making a Grant to the Parish Hall towards its proposed improvements. Its Treasurer had emailed details of the project and its financing. Miss O'Donoghue and Mrs Dorgan both declared their interests as members of the Parish Hall committee. The PC was satisfied that this was an important asset to the village and needed to pursue the improvement project and after discussion Mrs Watts and Mrs Pike both proposed and seconded the suggestion that a grant be made of £500. This too was carried unanimously.

10. Burial Ground.

Mrs Pike reported that the tree works were going to be carried out on the 20th November.

11. Correspondence.

(a) WALC Newsletter – November 2018

(b) Community First Headlines – Autumn 2018

(c) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2018

12. News items. There was no News now until the New Year. However it was understood that the present Editor was seeking someone to take over that role. It was suggested that the PC and those of Coulston and Erlestoke get together to form a management group to oversee the News. The Chairman agreed to sound out those PCs.

13. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 10th December 2018 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.