

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

Present: Mesdames Dorgan, O'Donoghue, Greening, Watts and Pike and Messrs King, Swabey, Johns, Lupton and Pollard. Mr John Richardson was also in attendance as the lead of the NP project.

Apologies were received from Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th November 2018 were adopted as read and signed

2. There were no Matters Arising from those Minutes.

3. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. The Vice Chairman reported on a meeting that had taken place at County Hall when the officer involved had been impressed with the DP and suggested that the Parish could go down the "NP light" process. This was a more streamlined way of proceeding which it was thought would be more appropriate for the village and the aspirations identified in the DP. It would still be necessary to define the area to be the subject of the NP but the advice given was to include the whole Parish. There would be a meeting in January of the groups to review the NP process in the light of this.

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

(i) 18/10655/FUL Erection of small rear extension to hall at Edington Parish Hall for Edington Parish Hall Charity

(ii) 18/10657/FUL Proposed dwelling Plot adjacent to 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone. After discussion it was agreed that the building should if possible be maintained as a 3 bedroom property.

(iii) 18/10658/FUL Proposed extensions and alterations at Tudor Cottage 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone. It was agreed to request that the extensions be thatched to match the main roof.

(c) The following decision had been received:-

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 - Refused.

(d) Greater Lane Farm. At the meeting referred to in (a) above Mrs Pike understood that it might be possible for infill in specific cases to be not necessarily limited to one dwelling; but the PC would need to be very clear in supporting any application.

4. Policing.

(a) There was no Police Report for November.

(b) Mr Lupton said there would be no Speedwatch until at least the end of January 2019

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Mr Swabey reported that he had had a meeting with Mr Hills and understood that negotiations with the Three Dagers were being revived. He also suggested that the NP could possibly address the question of the land being designated as a Community Asset.

(b) Tractor update. It was now in situ and looked really good.

(c) Christmas arrangements. The tree was being erected on the 11th December. Mrs Dorgan had purchased 90 metres of lights and all other arrangements had been made. Thanks were expressed to the Manager at the Three Daggers for all its support for this Village event.

6. Highway Matts/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) B3098 Strategy/White lining. Mr Johns reported on a meeting that he and Mr Wickham had had with Kirsty at WC. Among the issues discussed were:-

- (i) the B3098 field footpath and the possibility of it being treated as a permissive path and be upgraded
- (ii) gates at the entrances to the village.
- (iii) the white lining and faded signs to be collated for the next CATG meeting
- (iv) potentially having yellow lines to alleviate the parking issues that the PC had considered on a number of occasions. Some forms would be sent by WC and the PC would identify areas at the January meeting.

(b) Speeding on Tinhead Road. The present owners of Becketts House were concerned that vehicles were travelling far too fast past their property and would be prepared to contribute to road safety measures. It was agreed that they should log the issue with WC and Mr Swabey said he would raise it at the next CATG meeting. It led to a discussion about having 20mph zones in the village.

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

(d) Participants and supporters of the Avon Valley Runners annual half marathon had caused traffic hold ups due to parking in Monastery Road and Tinhead Road instead of by arrangement with The Station Yard. They had phoned to apologise that there appeared to have been some misunderstanding between them and the Station Yard. The PC did note that cars in any event had not parked on the Monastery Road verge at right angles which would have significantly alleviated the problems.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

(a) In the absence of Mr Wickham there was no report.

(b) It was noted that there was an AB meeting to be held on the 13TH December.

(c) WC had written in connection with Concessionary Bus Passes. A large number of people receiving passes never actually used them and so renewals were going to only be sent out to users. Others would need to apply if they wanted them.

8. Proposed Defibrillator. 2 possible sites were being assessed and Mr Swabey would be speaking to the AB about financing.

9. Finances.

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

- (i) £144 to the Parish Hall for Room Hire 2018.
- (ii) £95 to A M Print & Copy for Edington Footpaths Book
- (iii) £666 to Acer Tree Surgeons for works to BG, Coal Path and VG trees.
- (iv) £318 to Peter Hailstone for providing a socket in the PF for the Christmas tree

(b) The sum of £100 had been received from CPRE being the prize for the BKVC, £70 from the Three Daggers for Footpath books and £500 from the May Ball towards the Tractor and further £16 cash for books.

10. Village Green and Pond. Mr Lupton reported that although it had been too wet and cold to carry out anything other than tidying up the pond was clear and the plants were thriving.

11. Burial Ground.

(a) The PC approved the proposed letter re grave decorations and agreed that it be sent out after Christmas.

(b) A drain in the Church Car Park was blocked and water was running into the BG. It was agreed to ask the PCC to deal with the clearing of the drain

12. Correspondence.

(a) WALC Newsletter – December 2018

(b) CPRE Fieldwork and Countryside Voice – Winter 2018

13. News items. There was no News until the New Year. It was now understood that Mr Millard was in discussion with the present Editor on the future arrangements for the News.

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 14th January 2019 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Budget meeting.