

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies were received from Mr King

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were adopted as read and signed with the noted amendments

### 2. Matters Arising from those Minutes.

It was noted that the caravan to the north of Lower Road had gone

### 3. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with WC to consider the next formal step. An Application form was required with a description of the area to be designated and reasons for doing so, a Resolution to appoint a Steering Committee and Terms of Reference (ToR) for that Committee. The Clerk had drafted a description of the area which would be the entirety of the Parish and Resolution both of which were generally approved and are attached to these Minutes. It was acknowledged that the drafting of the ToR needed a special meeting and this was arranged for the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The final approval of the area to be designated and the draft Resolution would be confirmed with any necessary amendments when the ToR had been agreed and approved at a formal PC Meeting.

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

(i) 19/00316/FUL Remove 3 Sycamore trees H,J, I; Coppice Hazel tree K to low level; Crown raise Holly trees L & N to clear ground level cover; Coppice Willow tree M at 2m all at 3 Lower Road, Bratton for Mr Nicholas Goff

(ii) 19/00403/TCA Fell 2 Conifer trees at The Old Vicarage Westbury Road for Mr J D'Arcy

(c) The following decision had been received:-

(i) 18/10657/FUL Proposed dwelling Plot adjacent to 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone - approved.

(ii) 18/10658/FUL Proposed extensions and alterations at Tudor Cottage 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone – approved

(iii) 18/11018/FUL Proposed single storey side extension at 14 Greater Lane for Mr & Mrs P Hosking - approved

### 4. Policing.

(a) The Police Report for December had been received. There had been a report of Criminal damage to a car in Westbury Road but otherwise no particular issues for the village. The report did carry Police warnings about fraud, scams and cyber crime and the continuing need to be careful.

(b) Speedwatch. Mr Lupton had been concerned about speeding in Tinhead Road and had carried out a number of unofficial checks which had supported that concern. He had seen vehicles travelling in excess of 40mph and even as high as 60mph. It was agreed to ask the Police and CATG to have a count .

### 5. Playfield (PF).

(a) Trim Trail. Councillors were still giving consideration to this but there were issues of cost and use that needed to be checked. It was suggested that it could be included in a NP Questionnaire.

(c) Christmas arrangements. They had gone well, attended by about 55 people and had received a generally positive response. Thanks were again expressed to the Manager and staff at the Three Daggers.

#### 6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) B3098 Strategy/White lining. Mr Johns and Mr Wickham would arrange another meeting with Kirsty at WC.

Mr Wickham was also looking to see if there were ways of resolving highway problems incrementally

(b) Mr Johns would give a report about stiles at the next meeting

(c) Arrangements for the next Parish Steward visit were considered including some drainage issues. At his last session in December he had carried out everything he had been asked to do.

(d) It was agreed to consider at the next meeting arrangements for a Litter Pick.

(e) Mrs Pike reported that sales of Footpaths books were going so well that she wanted to order another 100. This was agreed.

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

Mr Wickham reported that WC was still needing to find savings but he was anxious to ensure that Highways was not overlooked. He was asking his PCs to think about various needs that could be added to the WC highways lists other than main roads.

8. Proposed Defibrillator. Defibrillator. The Chairman reported that the Grant application to the AB would be lodged in February. After discussions with the Three Daggers it would be sited on the Brewery Bar but precisely where had not yet been decided. It was agreed that Mr Pollard would check sources for defibrillators and prices.

#### 9. Finances.

(a) The PC needed to consider the Precept requirement for 2019/2020. This would be the PC levy under the Council Tax. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had met to prepare a Budget and Statement of Finances which had been copied to all Councillors. It was noted that the balance in hand taking into account expenses (including grants and donations referred to below) to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 would be in the region of £7000

(b) Once again, because of the extremely low Bank interest rates, interest on the Deposit Account would only be in the region of £7.50

(c) The PC considered Grants and Donations for the current year. It was reminded of its long standing policy of making grants and donations out of interest received. In view of the small amount received the PC needed to consider whether it was right to maintain its usual list of recipients and if so the amounts to be donated. After discussion it was agreed to continue to make grants especially where they would be of potential relevance to parishioners and their needs and it was therefore agreed that the following be made:-

- (i) £40 to the Independent Living Centre
- (ii) £50 to Dorothy House
- (iii) £40 to Bobby Van
- (iv) £40 to Splash
- (v) £40 to Youth Action

(vi) £45 to CAB

The PC agreed as Establishment expenses grants be made to:-

- (i) £100 to Parish News
- (ii) £50 to Four Villages Link
- (iii) £30 to Three Villages Minibus

(d) The Statement of Finances and Budget as proposed was then considered.

(i) The PC was unanimous in its view that it was essential that healthy reserves be maintained in order to provide the facilities that were from time to time identified for the village without having to borrow the money or raise the precept to a level that some may consider unacceptable. Resources needed to remain available to cover not only longstanding needs such as verge protection and a footpath between Monastery Road and the Three Daggers but also such matters as the NP. It was noted that the PC had been fortunate in the past for many projects to be covered by grants and donations received but these could never be guaranteed.

Nevertheless ordinary expenses were increasing and so it was suggested that the Precept be increased to £10000. This would make the Council Tax for a Band D property £30.63 compared with £29.06 for 2018/2019.

(ii) The Clerk's Salary would continue to be in accordance with NALC guidelines.

(iii) The Clerk then explained the proposed Budget and after discussion it was agreed that the Precept for the year 2019/2020 would increase to £10000.

(e) The following invoices had been received:-

- (i) Mrs Dorgan for additional Christmas lights £58.96
- (ii) Information Commissioner for Data Protection renewal fee £40.00
- (iii) Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG and village maintenance £429.00

(iv) Miles & Francis for CP, PF and general maintenance £420

(f) The PC noted that there was still a risk that the Government would impose capping of Precept increases unless in a referendum the Parish approved the Precept.

After further discussion it was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the Precept be made in the sum of £10000 and that the Grants and Donations listed above and the invoices referred to in paragraph (e) above be paid or payment confirmed.

10. Village Green and Pond. The pond was looking good and healthy. Mr Lupton had plans to cut back all the brambles from the road edge.

#### 11. Burial Ground.

The Clerk and Mrs Pike would meet to confirm to whom the letter approved by the PC would be sent.

#### 12. Correspondence.

- (a) WALC Newsletter – December 2018
- (b) CPRE Fieldwork and Countryside Voice – Winter 2018

13. News items. Consideration was given to items to be mentioned.

14. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Parvis, Edington Church at 7.30pm.

## **Annex**

### *Proposed Area to be designated and reasons*

The Parish Council has identified the whole of the Parish but recognizes that the area south of the B3098 is a visual amenity to the escarpment of Salisbury Plain and that the Plain itself is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest and also subject to MoD regulations.

The Land to the north of the village settlement is established farm land which is integral to the village.

It is anticipated that the focus of the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be the environs of the established settlement and the land immediately surrounding it.

The small business/commercial development at Fitzroy Farm on the western edge of the village is seen as self-contained and with an orientation to the adjoining village of Bratton viz. the Bratton Village road sign.

The 2 settlements of Edington and Tinhead whilst forming the totality of the village relish their individual identity, and community opinion (unverified by any formal means) suggests maintaining that position.

The intention is to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### *Draft Resolution to appoint Steering Committee*

It is proposed that the informal steering group created to manage the Edington Development Plan 2030 be now formally established, along with it's sub-groups, as the Edington Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group and sub-groups to lead the process and develop the Neighbourhood Development Plan under the Terms of Reference set out in the annex to this resolution.

The Steering Group will be chaired by Mr John Richardson and will collate the activities and recommendations of it's following sub-groups and their current membership:-

Housing

Environment including Footpaths

Business Development and Employment

Amenities, Facilities and Social Wellbeing

Highways, Traffic and Transport