

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Greening, Watts, Pike, O'Donoghue and Dorgan and Messrs Johns, Pollard, Swabey and King; and Mr John Richardson (NP).

Apologies were received from Mr Lupton and Mr Wickham (WC)

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th March 2019 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising. Mrs Dorgan proposed that the Bratton Training Band be given a grant of £30 for playing at the Christmas Lights light up. This was seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously.

3. Planning.

(a) Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. WC had indicated that the proposed wording for Section 6 of the Application Form seemed fine and it was therefore proposed by Mr Johns seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and carried unanimously to proceed with the application and submit it to WC. Mr Richardson asked for a copy of the ToR and would now go back to the groups with a view to preparing a Questionnaire for the Village.

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

- (i) 19/03069/TCA Remove Japanese Red Cypress; Bay tree – reduce crown by approximately 75%; Holly tree – thin crown by approximately 25%; Walnut tree – remove; Sycamore – remove, at 18 Lower Road, Bratton for Dr John Fingleton
- (ii) 18/11931/FUL Retrospective application: a change of use to mixed use C1 (B&B)/ Sui Generis (Beautician massage) parking and associated operational development, access and landscaping at Hillside Cottage 45 Westbury Road for Hillside Cottage Ltd. The PC was however of the view that the facilities should be for residents only and that there were still parking and access issues.
- (iii) 19/02886/TCA T1 Conifer – remove; T2 Blue Atlas Cedar – remove and ground out both stumps, at Springfields 7A Inmead for Kath Flowers
- (iv) 19/02906/TCA T1 Horse Chestnut – remove to ground level; T2 Yew tree – prune back from the Beech hedge by one to two meters at Silverwell House, Long Hollow for Bob

(c) The following decisions had been received:-

- (i) 19/00743/FUL new single storey extension, re-ordering of rear and side elevations, relay existing drive, rebuild existing garage and associated landscaping at 6a Stradbrook, Bratton for Mr James Neale - approved

4. Policing.

The Police report for March had been received. There was nothing of significance relating to the village. The current priority for West Wiltshire was poaching and hare coursing and proactive patrols were being carried out to reduce that type of crime.

5. Playfield (PF).

(a) It was noted that the posts had gone from the double gate at the Brewery entrance to the PF and again there had been glasses in the PF. Mrs Dorgan would take up both these matters with the Manager. The question was raised as to putting 'No Glasses' signs up.

(b) Edington Fair had asked if the PF could be used for the Fair on the 8th June 2019. This was agreed

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

(a) Mr Johns suggested that a footpath sign be installed for the path leading to and past the Parish Hall.

(b) Stiles. Mr Johns was waiting to hear from the Footpaths Officer as to when the Kissing gates were to be installed at the footpaths in The Weir field.

(c) Mrs Greening was impressed with the work carried out recently by the Parish Steward and if he was able to continue especially with verges and triangles Bob Miles would only need to help out in the height of the summer. She again noted various matters for his next visit.

(d) B3098 Strategy. The AB had agreed that the money left over from the 2018/2019 budget would go towards the strategy.

(e) The White lining list had been completed but it did not include the length from Downsview to the field gate opposite Sandy Lane.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

In the absence of Mr Wickham there was no report.

8. Village Green and Pond. The pipe had been inserted and it was hoped that the flow into the pond would be improved. Mr Lupton would look at the Beech tree in Sept/Oct with a view to reducing it.

9. Defibrillator. The AB grant application had been approved. Mrs Dorgan would speak to the Three Dagers as to siting. Volunteers would need to be trained as first responders and it was agreed to put a note in the News.

10. Finances.

(a) Insurance and trees. The PC insurers had written giving advice about the need for trees on PC land to be regularly inspected to reduce the risk of liability in the event someone being injured as a result of falling branches or even the tree itself.

(b) Notice of Audit had been received

11. Newcomers Coffee Morning. This was agreed for the 11th May.

12. Best Kept Village Competition (BKVC). Mrs Taylor who had recently moved to the village had offered to help with the paperwork and co-ordination. The formal application forms had been received. It was agreed to mention it in the PC report for the News.

13. Annual Parish Meeting. Final arrangements were made with the focus on the NP. Miss O'Donoghue agreed to arrange the refreshments.

14. Correspondence.

(a) WALC Circulars for March and April

(b) Clerks & Councils Direct for March

15. News items. Consideration was given to items to be included. The Chairman would speak to Mr Millard with a view to meeting with the Chairmen of Coulston and Erlestoke PCs.

16.. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 13th May 2019 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting

