

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames Greening, Watts, Pike, and O'Donoghue and Messrs Johns, King, Lupton and Swabey

Apologies were received from Mrs Dorgan and Mr Pollard; and Mr Wickham (WC), and Mr Richardson (NP).

Here were 2 members of the public in attendance for part of the meeting.

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were adopted as read and signed subject to the noted amendments
2. There were **no Matters Arising**.
3. **Planning**
  - a. Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. Mrs Pike reported that the draft questionnaire had been prepared for consideration and approval and she would copy it to all the PC. It would include a Housing Needs Survey. She and others would be attending a NP meeting at County Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> July.
  - b. The following applications had been received:-
    - i. 19/06333/TCA Fell Beech tree at Bonshommes Cottage 2 Monastery Road for Ms Victoria Fiander – no objection
    - ii. 19/06212/FUL Replacement 2 storey dwelling in place of existing dormer bungalow at High Sands 5 Longlands Close for Mr and Mrs Parmley. It was agreed to liaise with the Chairman Mr Pollard to arrange a special meeting to consider this application as it had only just been received
4. **Policing**
  - a. Speed Watch. Mr Lupton confirmed that there had been 2 sessions as reported last month involving 98 vehicles each time and one driver had been reported. The sessions had been between 0900 and 1000 rather than 0800 -0900 on the basis that fewer vehicles went through at the earlier time. The next sessions were due in August.
  - b. Neighbourhood Watch. The County AGM was to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July and Mr Lupton would attend and report back at the next meeting.
  - c. On policing generally reports from the Police suggested that things were quiet at present.
5. **Playfield (PF)**
  - a. Levelling arrangements were in hand and a donation of £500 had been received from the Edington Fair towards the cost. Thanks were expressed. It was suggested that the notices to be put up warning of present unevenness should be laminated.
  - b. PF Inspection. This had been ordered.
  - c. Dogs. Mr Lupton had spoken to 3 people who had gone into the PF with their dogs and who seemed unaware that they were not allowed. It was agreed to mention it again in the News.
  - d. Glasses. 5 glasses had recently been left in the PF. This was not acceptable and it was agreed that Mr Lupton and/or Mrs Dorgan would speak to the Pub manager.
6. **Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG**

- a. The 2 members of the public had come to raise issues about highway safety especially in Lower Road, Westbury Road and Greater Lane. Signage was not good in various places and vehicles did exceed the 30mph limits. They were aware of one young family for whom the walk to Bratton school was dangerous. Also some of the footpaths were impassable in particular the path to Bratton from Greater Lane. Mr Johns explained what the PC was trying to do by way of the B3098 Strategy which was intended to extend to all roads in the village and their safety needs. He would ask the WC Footpaths Officer to write to landowners. He also recommended that they, and any others, write to the PC with full details of highway concerns that could be use as evidence in the Strategy discussions.
- b. Stiles. Progress was slow but the Monastery Road stile would be treated as a priority.
- c. Parish Steward. Mrs Greening had not been able to see him but he had been to the village and carried out work as expected. He was next due in September.
- d. The Monastery Road Bend. Mrs Greening hoped to be able to report on this at the next meeting.
- e. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). There would be a report at the next meeting. The Chairman had ascertained that AB grants up to 50% were available.
- f. B3098 Strategy.
  - i. Mr Johns confirmed that he and Mr Wickham had agreed to release a copy of the draft strategy to Westbury Town Council, and that CATG had endorsed the strategy. Kennett CATG had agreed to share the cost
  - ii. Discussions were ongoing with a view to a constant 40mph speed limit along the whole of the B3098
  - iii. Each of the villages would need to formulate its own priorities; for Edington it is currently white lining. There would be a 25% contribution to be paid which in this case would be £462.50.
  - iv. The proposed metric count in Tinhead Road. Timing of this would depend on availability – there was only one team for the whole of the County.
  - v. Arrangements had been made for the Chairman to meet Bratton PC on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.
  - vi. There was a possibility that variable speed cameras could be deployed for the B3098.

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

The Clerk reported on an issue of fly tipping that had been the subject of an email exchange between Mr Thorne of Housecroft Farm and Mr Wickham regarding the verge 'layby' just to the south of the farm. The Clerk had investigated and found that 2 wheelie bins had clearly been left there by fly tippers attracting more waste. He had reported that to Mr Thorne and Mr Wickham and the site had been cleared.

## **8. Village Green and Pond**

- a. Mr Lupton had cleared the blanket weed but disposal would be an issue. Apart from that the pond was very much alive: 4 bulrushes and some lilies. However rats had been seen.
- b. He had been approached by some residents asking if they could put ducks on the pond. This was not agreed.
- c. Miles & Francis would be strimming the pond edges shortly.
- d. Mrs Dorgan had proposed to have a village tea party in August on the Green.

- 9. Parish Hall Car Park.** The Chairman would be meeting the Parish Hall Committee with a view to coming up with ideas for authorizing use of the CP when the Hall was not being used.
- 10. Finances .**
- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mr Lupton and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed
    - i. Playforce Ltd for PF inspection £180
    - ii. SLCC Subscription £84 (Bank errors had meant that the cheque previously authorized had not been paid)
    - iii. Miles & Francis for grounds maintenance at the PF, CP and other work £510.
- 11. Best Kept Village Competition (BKVC)**  
The Judges report had been received. It stated that *“their only sadness was the lack of a good map for this end of Tinhead”*. That was strange since the Village map was in the Pub car park. Their other concerns seemed to be the state of some of the footpaths.
- 12. Casual Vacancy.** The deadline for any demand for an election was the 11<sup>th</sup> July
- 13. Correspondence**
- a. WALC Circulars – June and July 2019
- 14. News items**  
Consideration was given to items to be included.  
Future arrangements for the News. Mrs Pike had been able to speak to the Editor who was in negotiation with the printer but there was some uncertainty as to how they were progressing. It was agreed to again to review the position at the September meeting.
- 15. Date of next Meeting**  
This was fixed for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm