

**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies were received from Messre Johns and King; and Mr Wickham (WC)

1. **Election of Chairman** for the ensuing year. Mr Swabey kindly offered to stand down in favour of Mr Pollard and so Mrs Dorgan proposed and Mr Swabey seconded and in the absence of any other nominations Mr Pollard was duly elected. He thanked the PC for his appointment and led the PC in its thanks to Mr Swabey for his time as Chairman who in turn expressed his appreciation for the support of the PC during that time.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman** for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded My Mr Lupton and carried unanimously that Mrs Pike be appointed and in the absence if any other nominations she was duly elected.
3. **Appointments.** The following were agreed
  - a. Cheque signatories – Mrs Dorgan and Messrs King and Pollard
  - b. Planning Liaison – Mr King
  - c. Highways Liaison- Mrs Greening
  - d. Footpaths and B3098 Strategy– Mr Johns
  - e. Police Liaison, Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch – Mr Lupton
  - f. Website – Mr Pollard
  - g. Playfield – Mrs Dorgan
  - h. Westbury Area Board and CATG – Mr Swabey and Mr Pollard
  - i. Newcomers – Mrs Watts and Miss O'Donoghue
  - j. Burial Ground – Mrs Pike
  - k. News Contact – Mrs Pike
  - l. Civil Emergency Plan – Miss O'Donoghue
  - m. BA13+ and Health Liaison. It was hoped that whoever replaced Mrs Lewis would be prepared to take on this role
  - n. Taylor Trust representative - Mrs Pike
4. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were adopted as read and signed
5. **Matters Arising.** 9 out of 19 had attended the Newcomers Coffee Morning and it was felt to have been very successful. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Watts for organising it.
6. **Planning**
  - a. Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Richardson reported that the groups' representatives had had a very successful meeting and the next one was fixed on for the 13<sup>th</sup> June. Consideration had been given to the preparation of a new Housing Needs Survey (HNS) and it had also been agreed to have a table at the Edington Fair to publicize the NP programme and seek the views of people attending. This was agreed.
  - b. The following application had been received:-
    - i. 19/03587/FUL Proposed dwelling (amended design) at Plot adjacent to 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone. The PC objected to this amendment. Whilst it accepted that the principle of development had been established it did consider that the new access proposals had a significant effect on highway safety at that point. It was not dissimilar to the access from the development at Hillside Cottage and would involve 2 sharp left turns for vehicles wanting to go towards Bratton. There would be the danger of having to drift over the middle of the road to complete the manoeuvre and this in the light of vehicles regularly speeding in both directions. In addition it would mean that the access would be available for vehicles going to and from both the proposed dwelling and Tudor Cottage and potentially visitors and delivery vehicles. Overflow parking would be dangerous on the B3098 due to narrowness and traffic including significantly large vehicles. In addition the PC was concerned at the increased visual impact of the proposal and feared that it would be too dominant due to the topography of the landscape there. Both Tudor Cottage and Sandy Lane Cottage do not impact the general lay of the land. In considering the application it might be useful to take an east/west section to check this point. It was considered essential that the road side trees be retained
  - c. The following decisions have been received:-

- 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 – no objection
- 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 - approved.
- iii. 19/02886/TCA T1 Conifer – remove; T2 Blue Atlas Cedar – remove and ground out both stumps, at Springfields 7A Inmead for Kath Flowers - no objection
- 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 - no objection

## **7. Policing**

- a. Police Report. The report for April had been received. There was nothing specific for the Village. It was noted that for the County as a whole there had been a drop of recorded crime of 3% but increases in incidents of robbery, harassment and stalking. The priority in West Wiltshire remained hare coursing and poaching. The PC considered that it was well served by PCSO Caroline Wright and agreed that a letter be sent to the Chief Inspector expressing that. It was understood that her beat area was going to be increased but the PC still hoped that she might be able to occasionally attend PC Meetings.  
Mr Lupton would investigate Neighbourhood Watch.
- b. Speed Watch. Mr Lujpton reported that he had just received the Speed Camera and would be undertaking checks shortly.

## **8. Playfield (PF)**

- a. The question of the provision of a basketball net or multi use games area was mooted and it was agreed that Mrs Dorgan would mention it at the next PF inspection
- b. PF Inspection. Mrs Dorgan would arrange the inspection

## **9. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG**

- a. Stiles. Mrs Greening reported that her Weir field stiles were to be installed shortly; and it was noted that the barrier at the foot of Parsonage/Smelly Lane had been re-installed
- b. Parish Steward. Mrs Greening reported that his next visits were on the 3-4 June and 1-2 July and she noted various matters for him.
- c. B3098 Strategy. The next CATG meeting was on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.
- d. There was concern that a motor cycle had been left locked and parked on the path outside Shepherd's Cottage. Mrs Dorgan would speak to the owner on his return.

## **10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.** In the absence of Mr Wickham there was no report

## **11. Village Green and Pond**

Mr Lupton reported that the water flow had improved and that the surface of the pond would need clearing.

## **12. Defibrillator**

Mrs Dorgan had spoken to the Manager at the Three Daggars who had agreed that the Defibrillator could be fixed to the wall adjoining the Brewery door. The order would now be made to buy the machine.

## **13. Finances**

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid
  - i. BHIB Insurance renewal £275.92
  - ii. WALC Subscription £284.18
  - iii. Miss O'Donoghue £24 refund APM refreshments
  - iv. Miles & Francis £240 for Village Maintenance
  - v. A&M Print & Copy £190 for 100 Footpath Books
  - vi. Mr G Lupton £49.99 for hose and £4.65 for rope for Pond
- b. The Precept of £10000 had been received and £30 cash for Footpath Books.

## **14. Best Kept Village Competition (BKVC)**

The application form had been completed and submitted. Mr Pollard said the judging was likely to be taking place within the following 2 weeks. This led to a discussion about moving the waste bin at the

Bus shelter to a lower position; and that the bins had not been emptied regularly or recently. Mrs Dorgan had phoned WC to organize. There was an ensuing discussion about bin emptying arrangements generally which would be kept under review. The Clerk confirmed that the PC had not received any bills for emptying the bins.

**15. Correspondence**

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct for May 2019
- b. CPRE AGM 20<sup>th</sup> June at Bowood House
- c. CPRE #Clean Planet re returns systems for drinks bottles and cans

**16. News items**

Consideration was given to items to be included.

Mr Swabey had spoken to Mr Millard about the News but there appeared to be no resolution to the problems that the PC noted in relation to missed or incomplete items. The PC again considered alternative arrangements and Mr Pollard agreed to make contact with the Chairman of Coulston PC.

**17. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm