

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames Watts and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard, Johns, King and Lupton

Apologies were received from Mesdames Pike, Greening and O'Donoghue and Mr Swabey.

Also in attendance for part of the meeting were Mr Richardson (NP) and Mrs Suzanne Wickham.

1. **The Minutes** of the Meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were adopted as read and signed
2. **Matters Arising.** It was noted that glasses had again been found on the PF and the Manager of the Three Daggers had been spoken to
3. **Planning**
  - a. Development Plan(DP)/Neighbourhood Plan(NP).
    - i. NP. Mr Richardson had tendered his resignation as Chairman of the NP Steering Group. The Group had progressed very well and would soon be issuing the Housing Needs Survey and the Village Questionnaire. A dummy run of the latter would be made with a view to the Questionnaire going out early in 2020. He had been fully involved with the DP and with other personal priorities felt a fresh Chairman would be more suited to heading up the NP. He would sound out other members of the Steering Group and notify the Clerk of anyone prepared to take on that role. He would continue his work maintaining village benches as necessary. The PC expressed its thanks to him for all he had done to further the DP/NP process.
    - ii. DP. The Chairman reminded the PC that it had been agreed to have 6 monthly reviews of the DP and had asked the groups to provide an update:-
      - Amenities and Facilities. The Parish Hall had been improved and more was scheduled; the Farm Shop and Pub appeared to be running well; the PF inspection was due and consideration needed to be made for more fundraising to improve, maintain and consider new equipment; the Post Office was still running; and the Minibus needed more drivers
      - Business and Employment. No report was available.
      - Environment and Footpaths. Some works had been done to Footpaths and a new stile installed; Mr Lupton had been maintaining the pond, pond life was in good order and water flow was reasonable; Dog mess was still a problem despite the additional bins that the PC had provided.
      - Highways, Traffic and Transport. Some white lining had been carried out, 30mph roundels installed; the PC had been instrumental with Jerry Wickham (WC) and CATG in promoting the B3098 Strategy looking at signage to dissuade HGVs, speed reviews to 40mph between villages, speed limits in other parts of the villages, more white lining, but for some proposals WC would be looking to the PC to provide financial contributions and that Devizes CATG would be involved as well.
      - Housing. The new Housing Needs Survey was being planned; the consensus appeared to focus on affordable housing rather than social housing; that smaller houses were in short supply but it was noted that younger families seemed to be buying larger houses.

- Social Well Being. This would be reviewed at the next PC meeting
- b. The following applications had been received and there were no objections to any of them:-
    - i. 19/07807/FUL Construction of a Garden Building in wood at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mr Oliver Gordon
    - ii. 19/08223/TCA Pollard 19x Hazel; 2x Alder; 6xElder; and 2x Cherry trees. Reduce 2x Elder and 2x Cherry trees. Fell 12x Sycamore trees at 7 Lower Road Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton.
    - iii. 19/07840/FUL New single storey extension, re-ordering of side and rear elevations, rebuild existing garage and associated landscaping (Resubmission of 19/00743/FUL) at 6A Stradbroke Bratton for Mr James Neale
  - c. The following decisions had been received:-
    - i. 19/03587/FUL proposed dwelling (amended design) at Plot adjacent to 15 Westbury Road from Bigglestone. – approved
    - 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 - approved.
    - iii. 19/06333/TCA Fell Beech tree at Bonshommes Cottage 2 Monastery Road for Ms Victoria Fiander – no objection
    - iv. 19/05102/CLP proposed rear dormer, roof lights on front and rear roof planes and flue on front elevation to serve log burner at 4 Tinhead Road – Certificate of Lawfulness issued
    - v. 19/00571/ENF Priory Farm – breach of Condition 5 of 14/03613/FUL regarding erection of structures – owner’s agent advised of breach but had indicated that it was not intended to pursue the permission for the future. It was understood that permission would have to be obtained if at any time it was proposed to erect a structure within the curtilage of the listed building

#### **4. Policing**

- a. The Police report for August 2019 had been received
- b. The Police and Crime Commissioners report for 2018/19 had been received
- c. Speed Watch. Mr Lupton would be contacting the Speed Watch Co-ordinator as to alternative sites. He also said that they were still short of volunteers although he was in discussion with one person who had shown interest.
- d. Neighbourhood Watch (NW). Mr Lupton also reported that the current thinking, where there was no formal NW, was for a more informal arrangement whereby residents notified neighbours of any suspicious activity and the Police on 101. It would also be helpful for residents to be advised on security issues by the Bobby Van Trust.

#### **5. Playfield (PF)**

- a. Levelling arrangements. A quote was still awaited from Id Verde.
- b. PF Inspection. This had taken place and the report was awaited..

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

- a. Highway Safety. A letter from Mr Oliver Gordon confirmed his concerns about safety issues that had been raised at the July meeting regarding Lower Road. This would be considered in common with the development of the B3098 Strategy.
- b. The Monastery Road Bend. In the absence of Mrs Greening an update report was not available

- c. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). The Chairman reported. It would be necessary to decide on locations so that the SID could be moved from site to site with each site being provided with a spigot. The cost of a SID would be in the region of £3500 and the spigots £200. With a 50% AB grant the PC would need to find roughly £1850
- d. There were traffic priority issues at the junction of Cowleaze Lane and Court Lane by Sunnycroft Farm. This would be referred to the AHE.
- e. B3098 Strategy. This had been noted in 3.a.ii above
- f. Inappropriate parking. There had again been inconsiderate parking outside the Three Daggers in connection with a Wedding party. Also there had been a car parked on the triangle to the east of the Pub. It was agreed to refer this to the Police.
- g. Notification had been received of the temporary closure of the B3098 on the 16<sup>th</sup> October between Greater Lane and Downsvew.
- h. The PC had not received any information about the closures of the A350 in Westbury

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

Mrs Wickham was one of two candidates for election to the Ethandun Ward for WC following the death of her husband. She explained her reasons for standing and her hopes for the division in the event of her being elected.

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

a. There was nothing of particular note to report.

- 9. Parish Hall Car Park.** Following the meeting the Chairman had had with the Parish Hall Committee he proposed that occasional parking be limited to 3 hours and would only be available when the CP was not required for Parish Hall use. Commercial vehicles and overnight parking would not be allowed. When the CP was required for Parish Hall use a notice to that effect would be displayed at the entrance. This arrangement would be reviewed at the end of 6 months with a view to it being made permanent if it had not been abused during the trial period. The PC agreed unanimously to this.

- 10. Defibrillator.** It was confirmed that there was to be a training at Erlestoke Church on the 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm

#### **11. Finances .**

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mr Lupton and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed
  - i. Mrs Dorgan refund for PF 'No Dogs' sign £35.98
  - ii. Mr Hailstone £30 for fixing 'No Dogs' sign
  - iii. Miles & Francis for grounds maintenance at the PF, CP and other work £375.

#### **12. Boundary Changes**

The Chairman had been approached by the Chairman of Bratton PC seeking the PC's views on a suggestion that the boundary between the 2 villages be moved from the stream to the top of The Bash. This was not agreed.

- 13. Casual Vacancy.** No candidate had yet been identified other than one who had decided to defer a decision on joining

#### **14. Correspondence**

- a. WALC Circulars – August 2019
- b. Invitation to a networking lunch with Crosspoint Westbury on the 4<sup>th</sup> October
- c. The Wiltshire Bee and Honey Show, 5<sup>th</sup> October at the Corn Exchange, Devizes

**15. News items**

Consideration was given to items to be included.

**16. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 21st October 2019 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm