

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 21st October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Pike, Greening, O'Donoghue, Watts and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard, Johns, Swabey and Lupton; and Mrs Wickham (WC)

Apologies were received from Mr King

Also in attendance for part of the meeting was Mr Richardson (NP)

In opening the meeting the Chairman, Mr Pollard, welcomed Mrs Wickham as the new Ethandun County Councillor

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 9th September 2019 were adopted as read and signed subject to the noted amendment
2. There were no **Matters Arising**.
3. **Planning**
 - a. Development Plan(DP)/Neighbourhood Plan(NP).
 - i. NP. Mr Richardson confirmed that Sarah Killian would take over from him in the New Year as Chairman of the NP Steering Group. He reported on the Group meeting that had taken place the previous week. The Housing Needs Survey had been delivered to all houses and the results were expected in December. The Village Questionnaire would be going out in January and it was intended to collect them personally.
 - ii. DP. Mr Swabey and Miss O'Donoghue gave an update on:-
 - Health and Social Well Being. Mrs Lewis had been leading on this. To some extent it was duplicating the AB's own plans and it would be good to see how they progressed. Consideration was being given to the way groups could be supported; some had initiated their own schemes. There was still a disconnect in catering for younger people but there was also looking at the potential needs for older men e.g 'The Shed'.
 - b. The following applications had been received and there were no objections to any of them:-
 - i. 19/08983/TCA Fell Cypress Tree at The Grange 4 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton
 - ii. 19/08730/LBC Replacement of ground floor north elevation window, timber framed windows on west elevation and general repointing of west elevation at Becketts House 19 Tinhead Road for Mr & Mrs Tim Ridd
 - iii. 19/06285/FUL New Velux roof windows at Orchard House 2B Lower Road for Mr David Pike
 - iv. 19/09142/TCA Fell Cherry tree at Hallgarth for Mr Chris Johns
 - v. 19/09144/TCA Fell Liquidamber tree at The Vines 4A Inmead for Mrs Elizabeth Windo
 - vi. 19/01925/PNCOU Prior approval of proposed change of use of Agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) and for associated operational

development at Barn at Sunnycroft Farm Cowleaze Lane for Mr & Mrs David Callaway

- vii. 19/09003/TCA Fell 2 Sycamore trees (T1 & T2) at 19 Lower Road for Mr John Fingleton
- c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. 19/07807/FUL Construction of a Garden Building in wood at The Filberts 5 Lower Road for Mr Oliver Gordon – approved
 - 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– no objection
 - 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 - approved

4. Policing

- a. The Police report for September 2019 had been received
- b. Mrs Dorgan had spoken to PCSO Caroline Wright about the car that had been parked on the triangle next to the Pub.

5. Playfield (PF)

- a. Levelling arrangements were in hand.
- b. The Inspection Report had been received and there were no major safety issues raised and no equipment had been condemned. It was agreed to employ someone to carry out maintenance and repair as necessary and there was a possibility of grants being available to help cover that. It was necessary to carry out trimming of overhang by the side path

6. Village Green and Pond. It was agreed to deal with the tree, that needed a crown reduction, in January. Mrs Pike would get some quotes

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG

- a. CATG had approved White lining and Roundels from Greater Lane to Parsonage Lane, Monastery Road and at the Three Daggers. 25% of the cost would be payable by the PC in the sums of £462.50 and £232 respectively and this was agreed unanimously on a proposal by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mr Lupton
- b. B3098 Strategy. This was ongoing. It involved Westbury's end of the B3098 and the Town Council's confirmation was awaited
- c. The Monastery Road Bend. A meeting had taken place with Kirsty (WC Highways) and the AHE as to the pavement. They would refer it to their Budget next April. Repairs to the wall would be carried out.
- d. Monastery Road HGVs. The meeting also considered installing signs at Station Yard and Monastery Road : 'Not suitable for HGVs'. It was also suggested that WC contact Network Rail and advise it of these proposals.
- e. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). A 'smiley face' SID would cost £2874, the solar panels to power it £570 plus the cost and installation of 2 spigots. The suggested

siting of the spigots was the verges at the top of Greater Lane and at a point the west side of the Three Daggers. It was agreed in principle to proceed and to put in an application for a 50% AB grant.

- f. Parish Steward. Mrs Greening would speak to him about hedge overhang at the Parish Hall FP and the Pond FP; and it was noted that garden refuse and prunings had been left in Smelly Lane from the adjoining property.

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. The Boundary Review had been published. Ethandune would lose Coulston and gain part of Westbury including The Ham.

- 9. Bus Shelter.** The dog/waste bin had been moved and Mrs Dorgan was suggesting that the shelter be cleaned up and decorated possibly with a mural on the back wall. The PC agreed to make available £30 to cover the cost of paint etc

10. Finances .

- a. It was proposed by Mr Lupton seconded by Mr Johns and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed
 - i. Bratton General Maintenance Services Feb – August: BG and verges £482
 - ii. Mr Pollard refund Website Hosting and Domain renewal by TSO host £52.67
- b. To review Precept and discussion on projected expenditure 2020-2025. The Chairman had prepared a paper to facilitate discussion well in advance of the PC's normal Budget meeting in January. The PC had traditionally sought to minimize Council Tax increases by tight budgeting and seeking to cover the cost of projects with grants and donations and modest sums for contingencies. On occasions needs had arisen that meant dipping into reserves. The Chairman felt that now was the time to review that policy especially in the light of it's limiting the PC's planning for the future and the new regime whereby e.g. road safety issues, traditionally covered in full by WC, could now only be achieved by parishes making a contribution to the cost. It was essential too to maintain the PF and its' equipment to a high standard and this meant the need from time to time to replace or renew the same. The legal position re reserves had also to be borne in mind including the Government threats to include PCs in a capping process which would require a Parish poll to agree precepts beyond percentages it might set. After discussion it was agreed in principle that the PC would look to an increase of £2500 to cover various road safety improvements, a SID and the potential for PF improvements. Grants and donations could never be guaranteed although the PC record in that regard had been to date successful. But matched funding was always required. It was agreed to a further review at the December meeting and to offer the Parish a full explanation at a Parish Meeting to be held on the 12th January immediately before the PC Budget meeting that evening

11. Correspondence

- a. WALC Circulars – September and October 2019
- b. HMP Annual Report for Erlestoke Prison 2018/19 had been published.

12. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

13. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 11th November 2019 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm