

The Minutes of a Webinar Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held on Monday 27th April 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Greening, Watts, Pike and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard, Johns and King, and Mrs Wickham (WC),

Apologies were received from Miss O'Donoghue and Mr Swabey

Although notice of the meeting had been put on the Village Website inviting members of the public to ask to attend the meeting none had

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 9th March 2020 were adopted as read and signed
2. There were **no Matters Arising**.
3. **Coronavirus.**
 - a. The Chairman outlined the arrangements that had been made following the lockdown imposed by the Government. These included the setting up of a volunteer support scheme to assist those in the village, who were unable or discouraged from going out, with shopping and prescriptions; the provision of a helpline (to which there had been 21 calls to date), and the suggested provision of an online newsletter. The Chairman had produced a draft. The proposal was generally approved though there was some concern that it may duplicate information in The News. It would be able to provide updates as and when necessary and would also be on the Website. It was suggested that it be issued 2 weeks after The News. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mrs Dorgan and Mr Johns would collaborate to set up the Newsletter: Mr Johns checking with local businesses which might want to offer their services during the lockdown and to ascertain the extent to which the WI would wish to be involved. The Chairman would prepare a letter inviting residents to receive the Newsletter and pass it to the rest of the Parish Council to forward on to their various contacts. It was proposed that the 1st issue be sent out around the 7 - 10th May.
 - b. The Chairman was delighted to report that 3 residents had made donations to the PC to assist in the provision of necessities to people in the village who were by virtue of the lockdown in financial straits. The Clerk suggested that this was a situation that the Tubbs Charity could be able to make grants and it was agreed to review that and, if appropriate, also transfer the monies received to date to the Charity
4. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. Mrs Pike reported that the Questionnaire had been collated and that the Steering Group would be drawing up some objectives based on the results.
 - b. The following applications had been received and there were no objections to either of them:-
 - i. 20/02368/FUL Alterations and extension works including demolition of lean-to building at 25 Westbury Road for Mr and Mrs Andrew Trigg
 - ii. 20/03146/PNCOU (Prior Notifications on Change of Use) Prior Approval under Class Q for a proposed change of use and conversion of Barn to form a two storey dwelling (Use Class 3) at Barn at Sunnycroft Farm Cowleaze Lane for Mr and Mrs David Callaway
5. **Policing**
 - a. Speed Watch. In view of Lockdown this was not happening for the time being.
 - b. There was no Police report.
6. **Playfield (PF)**

- a. No report or invoice had been received about the PF and its' equipment but the Chairman confirmed that at present the PF equipment was closed due to the Lockdown.
- b. Mrs Dorgan reported that the Horse Chestnut had fallen. There had been no obvious problem with it but it raised the question of whether a professional tree specialist should be the one to carry out the 6 monthly tree checks as per the PC Risk Assessment.
- c. Edington Fair was to be cancelled
- d. Footpath woodchip. Mr King was intending to do this within the next couple of days

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG

- a. HGV Signage. This had been ordered by WC.
- b. Parish Steward. Mrs Greening would send a list but a lot would depend on his availability.
- c. The Greater Lane triangle had been damaged and the AHE had been contacted to see what could be done to reinstate it.
- d. 20 mph limits. Kirsty Rose had confirmed that the cost would be in the region of £13000 and she was anticipating to put in a bid to CATG in July.
- e. Salisbury Hollow. It was still being used by 4x4s and motor cycles but apparently travelling at 30/40 mph and late at night. The PC considered this was a potential danger to residents, especially children. It was suggested that residents should write to the PC with details.

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. Mrs Pike was concerned that there had been problems with the new Refuse Collection arrangements. Mrs Wickham wondered if this may have been due to work schedules and staff availability as a result of the Coronavirus.
- b. Mrs Wickham explained that practically the whole of the WC concentration was on Covid-19. Some 4700 businesses had been supported at a cost of £55m; good work was being carried out on issues of Wellbeing - hundreds of food parcels had been delivered and steps were being taken to alleviate bed blocking and provide support to get people out of hospital whenever possible.

9. Finances .

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed
 - i. Refund Mr Pollard £43.45 for the mobile phone and top up re Covid-19 volunteers and helpline
 - ii. Hire of Parish Hall for PC Meetings 2019 £144
- b. Audit 2019/2020. The deadlines had been eased for this year because of the Lockdown but the Clerk still hoped that it might be ready for approval at the June meeting.
- c. Bratton PC had paid its share of the cost of the SIDs

10. Best Kept Village Competition (BKVC) This had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic

11. APM. This could be deferred to later in the year or wait to next year.

12. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

13. Date of next Meeting – to be arranged