

## **The Minutes of a Zoom Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

The death of Gilbert Green who had been a past Councillor and Chairman had been received and the PC held a minutes silence in respect of his contribution to the PC and the village.

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were adopted as read and would be signed shortly
2. There were no **Matters Arising**.
3. **Coronavirus arrangements.**
  - a. No calls had been made to the hotline and the Chairman had renewed the phone contract with another supplier at the cost of £1 for 6 months.
  - b. The Lord Lieutenant had sent a card expressing her appreciation of “the imaginative ideas, collaboration and generosity shown by many groups and individuals” and thanked the PC, its friends and colleagues for the “wonderful and important contribution that had been made to the community at large” during the pandemic
  - c. Mr Johns suggested that the Notice Boards posters reminding people of the lock down provisions be refreshed
4. **Village Newsletter.** The latest issue had also been favourably received and Mrs Wickham was very impressed with it. Mrs Dorgan asked for ideas for future articles.
5. **Planning**
  - a. Neighbourhood Plan

As was noted at the September meeting the Chairman and Mr Burgess would meet to consider the way forward in the light of the report from the Steering Group. They had done so and on looking at other NPs they had felt that the groups had provided a great deal of information and that it was worth trying to draft a version of a NP which in the process would identify what more work was needed by or from any one of the groups. Mr Burgess was preparing the draft and would send it out to the PC very shortly and it was suggested that with the renewed momentum for the project the Councillors let him have any comments by the 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Mrs Pike expressed her concern that as the PC Liaison Councillor to the Steering Group she should have been involved. It was suggested that she and the Chairman spoke together about that.
  - b. The following applications had been received and there was no objection to any of them:-
    - i. 20/04188/TCA20/07929/LBC and 20/07481/FUL proposed restoration of existing outbuilding at Font House, 2 Coulston for Mr Hicks
    - ii. 20/07825/TCA T1 Beech, T2 Sycamore. Reduce by 2-3m all round to remove branches from the adjoining property and gain more light to the small garden at 3 Salisbury Hollow for Mr John Swain
    - iii. 20/08684/TCA Remove Liquidamber at Parsonage Farm 27 Westbury Road for Mrs Anita Ronn
    - iv. 20/08700/TCA Walnut – remove; Beech Tree – crown reduce 3m at Rhencullen 15 Lower Road for Mr Stewart Jenkinson

- c. The following decisions had been received:-
  - i. 20/07091/TCA 38 trees to be coppiced, pollarded, trimmed back and a few removed to give more light to mature trees at 7 Lower Road, Bratton for Mr Paul Skelton – no objection
  - ii. 20/06658/TCA remove to ground level 8 prunus in hedge line G1 at Cowleaze, 13 Tinhead Road for Mr John Peterson – no objection
  - iii. 20/07033/TCA Fell Hornbeam Tree at 14 Tinhead Road for Steve Forward – no objection
  - iv. 20/07006/TCA T1 – crown reduce copper tree by 2m; T2 – fell bay tree; T3 and T4 – fell conifers at Funtingdon Hpuse for Owner/occupier – no objection
- d. A response was still awaited from WC as to the pre- planning application for lighting the Car Park
- e. WC Briefing note re Proposals for reform of the planning system. Mrs Wickham reported on these latest Government plans. She felt strongly that planning should be in the hands of local people who knew their areas and needs and the PC agreed

## **6. Policing**

- a. Speedwatch. This was currently being carried out
- b. SID report. This had been circulated.
- c. Inconsiderate parking. The Clerk had referred this to the Sergeant at Warminster. His response had been, that although he understood the problem, he thought the best way forward was for the PC to consider with WC road layout design or some form of localised parking restrictions. Currently all the police could do was to advise unless it constituted a dangerous obstruction such that would prevent a fire engine getting through.
- d. Mr Johns wondered if getting a second SID would assist with preventing speeding along the B3098

## **7. Playfield.**

- a. As a result of a recent case of a tree causing the death of a child in Kent the Chairman had made enquiries to have the PF trees inspected on a regular basis. He had received a quote from Southern Tree Surveys in the sum of £225 which had been circulated to the PC and all Councillors were happy to approve and proceed.
- b. Mrs Dorgan reported that the Christmas tree had been ordered. Consideration would need to be given as to the usual celebrations in the light of Covid-19
- c. The AB grant for the Climbing frame net had been approved
- d. New football nets were needed and Mrs Dorgan proposed, seconded by Mr Johns that these be ordered and this was carried unanimously
- e. Mrs Watts reported on the non-emptying of the bins on the PF. This led to a general discussion regarding emptying and also that the Inmead bin had been removed but it was not known by whom. In addition some bins had lost their lids. Mrs Watts had liaised with the Chairman who had and would continue to liaise with WC. The Clerk confirmed that no invoice had ever been received for bin emptying.

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

- a. Area Board Boundary Review. No change was proposed for Ethandun
- b. Northacre site Incinerator. Over 1000 comments had been received

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

- a. B3098. CATG was suggesting that to have a 40mph between Bratton and Edington would cost £2918 with 50% being shared between the villages. This would amount to £729.50 but Mr Pollard pointed out that as a small village it could be less and Mrs Wickham would raise that at the next CATG meeting.
- b. Overhanging trees in Lower Road. The Clerk reported that he had written to the owners concerned. Two had responded, one querying the reason, the other confirming that arrangements would be put in hand.
- c. Parking at Tinhead. This seemed clearer at the moment possibly as a result of peer pressure and the Tinhead WhatsApp. WC had suggested providing verge markers at a cost of £878, white lines - which could also go in front of the Bus Shelter, or even double yellow lines which would cost in the region of £1000. It was agreed to keep all options under review
- d. A Tesco Van had got stuck trying to come down Salisbury Hollow. Mr Johns said he would contact the WC Footpaths officer
- e. The Parish Steward had visited a couple of weeks previously and should be due again at the end of October

#### **10. Finances**

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
  - i. Refund Mr Pollard £45.48 fee for Website Host
  - ii. Refund the Clerk £109 the Annual subscription 2020/2021 to the Society of Local Council Clerks
- b. The following had been received:-
  - i. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Precept £6500
  - ii. £50 for the Burial of Ashes of Sheila Gardner
  - iii. £1305.29 VAT refund for period up to 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

**11. Burial Ground Paddock.** This was that part of the Burial Ground that was not yet needed. There had been a hiccup this year in its maintenance and this had led to the Chairman circulating suggestions for making it an area for public use such as managing it as a wildlife area. Access could be gained from the Coal Path and so it was initially agreed that the existing gate there be cleared by the village working party and then further review how the concept might proceed.

**12. Tubbs Charity.** It was agreed that the Chairman Mr Pollard be appointed a trustee to replace the late Michael Jones.

#### **13. Correspondence**

- a. To commemorate Linda Burbidge's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She had lived in the village all her life and it was suggested that a bench be erected at the Playfield, Car Park or Burial ground paddock.
- b. WALC October Circular

#### **14. News items**

Consideration was given to items to be included.

#### **15. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020