

The Minutes of a Zoom Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held on Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Johns

Mr Richardson was also in attendance.

- 1. The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 12th October 2020 were adopted as read and signed
- 2. Matters Arising.**
 - a. Overhanging trees in Lower Road. These had all been cut back.
 - b. Parking at Tinhead. There were no current issues and a number of cars had gone
 - c. Linda Burbidge. The Chairman was in correspondence with her daughter
- 3. Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mr Burgess reported that he had collated the views of Councillors who had responded and the updated draft would be ready to be sent to the members of the steering group and their teams. It was clear that the major section to be reviewed was that of Housing and Design. His suggestion that it would be necessary to advertise for landowners to allocate land that they might be prepared to offer for the NPs objectives was countered by Mrs Pike who explained that in the initial discussion with WC to embark on the NP project it had recommend not to go down that route; and so it was agreed that any approaches would be limited to plot owners in the existing built up area. A further suggestion was that references to “low cost housing” be amended to “affordable housing”. This would need to be considered carefully as there should be no confusion of terms with those in the WC Core Strategy, the NP becoming if accepted an integral part of that Strategy. With those caveats it was agreed to continue the NP project to the next stage. Thanks were expressed to Mr Burgess for all he had and was doing to further the project.
 - b. The following applications had been received:-
 - i. 20/08543/FUL Extensions and alterations to dwelling including creation of first floor at 14 Court Lane for Mr and Mrs W & I Dunbar. The PC felt that there were no planning reasons against this application but was concerned that the size of the extension was not in keeping with the street scene. It was saddened too to be losing yet another small dwelling from the village housing stock. One parishioner had written expressing similar views while another had supported the application
 - ii. 20/08786/TCA up to 2m crown reduction of 2 Maple trees (T1 & T2) at 14 Orchard House 2A Lower Road for Mr David Pike – there was no objection
 - iii. 20/08784/VAR Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans), 3 & 9 of 19/03587/FUL to allow for design improvements at land west of 15 Westbury Road for Bigglestone. The PC was concerned that the visual impact from the east would be greater than in the original application; and the increased visual intrusion of both the large windows and the new garage arrangement from the SSSI, It was noted that the new arrangements proposed for the drive no longer provided for an appropriate and clear turning area to ensure that

vehicles leaving the property would not have to reverse on to the B3098 – a part of that road where vehicles were consistently passing at speed. In addition the proposed amendment was providing for a drive gradient of 1:15 steepening to 1:6 compared with the original application providing for 1:15 steepening to 1:10 which meant there was an additional road safety concern onto the main road

c. The following decisions had been received:-

- i. 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 – no objection
- ii. 20/08684/TCA Remove Liquidamber at Parsonage Farm 27 Westbury Road for Mrs Anita Ronn – no objection
- iii. 20/08700/TCA Walnut – remove; Beech Tree – crown reduce 3m at Rhencullen 15 Lower Road for Mr Stewart Jenkinson – no objection

4. Coronavirus.

In view of the latest lockdown Miss O'Donoghue and Mr Swabey had agreed to resume their roles of co-ordinators for those who may need assistance; and the hotline would be open from 0900 to 1800 daily.

5. Village Newsletter.

The latest edition was offering a Christmas Card competition and an invitation for villagers to have bright Christmas decorations to brighten the village this lockdown Christmas season. To the question; should the PC continue with the Newsletter the sense was that it was generally appreciated and should do so.

6. Playfield.

- a. Trees. The tree survey report had been received which showed that the majority of the trees were in good or reasonable condition. However there was concern for 2 Horse Chestnuts. One, T6 on the plan accompanying the report, should be felled and the other, T2, be reduced and shaped. It was agreed to get a quote for these works and for 2 trees in the Car Park. Mrs Dorgan had been in touch with Wessex Tree Care which had agreed to carry out the work for £684. She had approached 2 others for quotes but they were unable to do anything until early 2021. The PC agreed unanimously to proceed with the Wessex Tree Care quote.
- b. Football nets. Mrs Dorgan had also been able to source nets at a cost of approximately £80. This too was agreed.
- c. She had also received a complaint from a resident to the effect that Football training was going on and that this was contrary to Covid-19 lockdown rules. She had checked and discovered that it was nothing more than a couple of Dads with their children and not some form of formal training. It was agreed that no further action was necessary.
- d. Climbing frame net. A revised quote had been received from Playforce which was some £247 more than the original and upon which the application for an AB grant had been made and received. The Chairman/Mrs Dorgan were in contact with Playforce to try and resolve the difference. Mrs Dorgan would also see if Edington Station Yard would be in a position to make a grant in any event.
- e. Christmas Tree. It was unclear if lock down would prevent a community switch on but the lights would be on for at least 2 weeks from the 13th December to offer cheer for the village.

7. Policing.

- a. Hare coursing. This was continuing and there had been an incident involving a culprit deliberately ramming a residents car and driving off at speed. It seemed the police were aware of suspects but they needed to be caught in the act.
- b. SpeedWatch was currently suspended because of the lockdown

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG.

- a. The latest SID report circulated by the Chairman indicated that there were still plenty of vehicles breaching the speed limit and especially early morning and later in the evening
- b. An email had been received from Keevil PC suggesting PCs co-operate with one another in the maintenance of Footpaths across parish boundaries in view of the current limitations in what the Public Rights of Way team at WC was able to do. The PC would await comment/advice from Chris Johns
- c. Salisbury Hollow. It was hoped that the work would be started in early February with planings from roadworks on the A350 which are starting in early December. Mr. Johns has asked if there could be a temporary closure over the winter
- d. Although there is the sign directing people to the Parish Hall it was suggested that there should also be a Footpath sign to encourage walkers to use the path rather than walking down Monastery Road.
- e. The recent CATG meeting had discussed the issue of, and would continue to investigate, the feasibility of a 40mph limit between the villages. It was unlikely that the funding for the 20mph proposals would be available this year but hopefully in the next financial year.
- f. Various works for the Parish Steward were discussed for Mrs Greening to arrange with him

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. Mrs Wickham reported that the Covid arrangements were very well prepared, that the Wellbeing Hub was in place and working, and that it was important to note that the main transmissions of the virus were in peoples' homes. Currently the R rate for Wiltshire was 1.3/1.4
- b. Westbury Incinerator. Over 1000 submissions had been made and a decision was probably expected in early 2021.

10. Litter Bins. All the bins had been emptied. The Chairman had sourced replacement bins from Heyn Environmental Solutions for the ones that had lost their lids. They would cost £55 each plus VAT. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously to proceed to order them

11. Finances .

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Greening and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed
 - i. Southern Tree Surveys Invoice £225
 - ii. Refund Mr Pollard £48.90 for the Inmead Litter bin post
- b. AB grant towards Climbing frame net £861 had been received

12. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2020
- b. CPRE Wiltshire Voice – October 2020
- c. Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2020

13. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

14. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

