

The Minutes of a Zoom Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Swabey

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 9th November 2020 were adopted as read and signed
2. There were no **Matters Arising**
3. **Coronavirus Arrangements.** Only 2 calls had been received to the helpline, but neither were of concern
4. **Village Newsletter.** The latest addition had been sent out. Invitations were offered to anyone who had an article of interest and thanks were expressed to those who had contributed. Mr Johns asked if details of vaccinations could be included but Mr Pollard confirmed all he was able to do was to download the latest bulletin from each of the local surgeries
5. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mr Burgess had prepared an Update and Points for Decision for the PC to consider and which is annexed to these Minutes. After discussion the PC voted, with one abstention, to proceed on the basis of the suggestions he had put forward in the Update. Mrs Pike, in abstaining, expressed concern that the risk identified by WC was that invitations to the public at large would lead potentially to an increase in land prices and more land than was needed being put forward.
 - b. The following applications had been received:-
 - i. 20/09644/TCA Fell G1 Sycamore due to poor condition and proximity to house at Edington Brewhouse, Inmead for Dan Butler. The PC had no objection to this or the following 3
 - ii. 20/09645/TCA Fell T1 Cherry due to root plate rotting and tree has heaved at The Priory, Inmead for Mr Dan Butler
 - iii. 20/09646/TCA Fell T1 Apple due to roots damaging drain at Edington Brewhouse for Mr Dan Butler
 - iv. 20/10918/TCA Pollard 1 Sycamore tree to previous points, remove all overhanging branches from 1 Acer, 2x Walnut trees, 1 Beech tree and 1 Cypress tree at Mulberry House 11 Tinhead Road for Mr Peter Sawyer
 - v. 20/09737/FUL Change of use of land and buildings from Class 3 (residential) to holiday accommodation at Priory Farm for Mr Chad Pike. The PC noted that the previous application 14/01613/FUL which had been granted with conditions was said not to have been implemented. This was a new application also for 180 days but this time for multiple occupancy rather than single household occupancy. However the detail of the application indicated that there would be full time staff, and by implication the provision of catering. The PC had the distinct impression that what was envisaged was more like a hotel albeit limited to 180 days not unlike seasonal hotels found throughout the country. The whole application raised a number of issues. 1. Potential traffic and noise were of concern. Complaints had been received of traffic

using Inmead rather than the Monastery Road entrance and, though currently infrequent, of helicopters approaching the application site. If permission were to be granted then the PC would wish to see strict and enforceable conditions to ensure that all access is from Monastery Road. 2. Similarly concern was expressed as to the potential use of the grounds and the tennis Court area for outdoor parties and the consequential noise intrusion to local residents. 3. The PC would wish to see the same conditions as were imposed on the 2014 application consistent with the change (if approved) to multi occupancy and to ensure that functions such as weddings could not take place or that any such functions be limited in number and time.

- c. The following decisions had been received:-
- i. 20/07929/LBC and 20/07481/FUL proposed restoration of existing outbuilding at Font House, 2 Coulston for Mr Hicks – no objection
 - ii. 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 - approved.
 - iii. 20/08534/FUL Extensions and alterations to dwelling including creation of first floor at 14 Court Lane for Mr and Mrs W & I Dunbar – granted

6. Playfield

- a. Climbing frame netting. This had been ordered via Mr Hollburn-Thorburn who would install it. The new bark would be laid in the New Year

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG

- a. CATG and the B3098. The cost to the PC for reducing the 50mph to a 40mph limit would be 25% amounting to £364.75. It would not be due for payment until after April 2021. This was unanimously agreed.
- b. Salisbury Hollow Mr Johns had put in a request for the work to be carried out and again had sought to encourage the idea of there being a temporary closure to enable the planings, when laid, to consolidate. The necessary work had been frustrated as it was understood that the planings expected to be used had not been delivered because the WC officer had not been available, for whatever reason, to be on site to organise delivery. The PC expressed its concern and Mrs Wickham agreed to pursue it to find out what had gone wrong and get the work done
- c. Inconsiderate parking in the village. Mrs Wickham reported on the correspondence she had had with the Warminster Police Sergeant. The Police did not agree that the Volvo was causing an obstruction but was suggesting applying for double yellow lines. Mr Pollard had noted that WC had an Annual Parking Review when consideration was given to requests for such lines. If agreed there would be no cost to the PC. He had prepared a plan showing suggested lines from the corner of Silverstone House in Long Hollow and round to just beyond but not including the bus stop. Parking evidence would be needed to support an application.
- d. Parish Steward. Mrs Greening noted various jobs including the removal of a dead elder which she would discuss with him.
- e. Emptying litter bins. This was still haphazard and Mrs Watts advised that Councillors continued to be vigilant in ensuring that they were emptied regularly

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

Mrs Wickham reported that at the AB Meeting on the 10th December it had been noted that there were considerable monies as yet unused in the Health & Wellbeing Fund and bids were being sought as to ideas how they could be used. One idea was to improve digital literacy for the elderly

9. **Monks Well.** Mrs Pike had recently inspected it and was shocked at its present state of disrepair. It was a Grade 1 Listed Building and she urged Councillors to go and inspect it. In the meantime Mr Pollard said he would raise it with English Heritage
10. **Car Park Lighting.** Discussions were ongoing with Planners and it was hoped there might be something positive to report at the next PC meeting
11. **Burial Ground Paddock.**
 - a. A quote had been received from Southern Trees Surveys to inspect the trees in the Burial Ground paddock and the lower end of the Village Green in the sum of £245. This was approved
 - b. The Chairman reported on the work done by the Village working party It's next session would be to finish the hedge tidying and start on the slope for the access from the Coal Path.
12. **Village Green.**
 - a. Pond and Insurance. The PC's insurers were requiring that the PC should put up a notice stating: 'No unauthorized fishing or swimming'. The PC whilst accepting that health and safety was important considered this OTT but it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate appropriate signage.
 - b. Fencing the lower part of the Green. This was now becoming relatively important as workers at Funtingdon House were parking their vehicles on it . It would be necessary to contact the new owners to tell their builders. As to fencing this could be a simple posts and chain with the ability to remove part for access to the field
13. **Finances .**
 - a. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mr Johns and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed
 - i. Data Protection Renewal fee £40
 - ii. Refund Mr Pollard the cost of the new bins from Heyn Handling Solutions £148.80
 - iii. Invoice from Ask Grounds and Property Maintenance for PF monthly inspections (Oct, Nov, Dec) + Play Equipment parts £147.60
 - b. The following have been received
 - i. Cash totalling £20 for the sale of tea towels
 - ii. A donation of £400 from Edington Station Yard
 - c. The Chairman had circulated details of both planned and proposed expenditure to be considered at the Budget meeting in January; and he and the Clerk would meet to prepare the Statement of Finances and Budget for that meeting.
14. **Correspondence**
 - a. WALC Circular – December 2020
 - b. CPRE Fieldwork and Countryside Voices – Autumn/Winter 2020
 - c. SPTA Update
 - d. 4 Villages Link. Keith Rayward, Chairman of the Link would be coming to the January PC Meeting to give a presentation on behalf of the Link

15. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30pm and would be the Budget meeting