

## **The Minutes of a Zoom Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies were received from Mr Swabey

1. The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mr Keith Rayward, Chairman of the Four Villages Link, who had come to give the PC an overview of the Link. His aim was to update the PC as to what the Link was doing for the villages and explain how it was managed. A copy of his presentation is attached to these Minutes. After a brief discussion at the end it was agreed that Miss O'Donoghue, the Data Protection Officer for the Link, would be the point of contact for the PC. The PC did make a regular annual grant to the work of the Link; and thanked Mr Rayward for his attendance.
2. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were adopted as read and would be signed shortly
3. **Matters Arising.**
  - a. Bins. Mrs Watts reported that at the moment they were being emptied on a weekly basis on Thursdays. She would keep an eye on the situation.
  - b. Monkswell. As a matter clarifying what could be done Mr Pollard had googled in turn both English Heritage (EH) and WC from which it appeared that it was the land owner's responsibility. Mrs Pike would make enquiries as to ownership.
  - c. Car Park Lighting. Mr Pollard reported that there were ongoing discussions with WC officers.
  - d. Burial Ground trees, The inspection had been carried out and the Survey Report should be received shortly.
4. **Precept and Finances**
  - a. The PC needed to consider the Precept requirement for 2021/2022. This would be the PC levy under the Council Tax. The Chairman and Clerk had met to prepare a Budget and Statement of Finances which had been copied to all Councillors. It was noted that the balance in hand to date was £16788 but there were other significant expenses yet to be invoiced to the PC for the current year which were noted in the consideration of the Statement of Finances in (g) below.
  - b. Once again, low Bank interest rates meant that interest on the Deposit Account would only be in the region of £3.50
  - c. The PC considered Grants and Donations for the current year. It's longstanding policy of making grants and donations out of interest received had not been possible in recent years due to the low interest received but as in previous years it was considered right to maintain its usual list of recipients on the basis that they would be of potential relevance to parishioners and their needs. It was therefore agreed that the following be made:-
    - i. £40 to the Independent Living Centre
    - ii. £50 to Dorothy House
    - iii. £40 to Bobby Van
    - iv. £40 to Splash
    - v. £40 to Youth Action
    - vi. £45 to CAB
    - vii. £45 to Bratton Youth Band

- d. The PC agreed as Establishment expenses the following grants be made:-
  - i. £100 to Parish News
  - ii. £50 to Four Villages Link
  - iii. £30 to Three Villages Minibus
- e. The following invoices had been received:-
  - i. WC £250 for CATG Contribution for B3098 Road Markings
- f. £12.50 had been received from the sale of Footpath Books
- g. The Statement of Finances and Budget as proposed was then considered.
  - i. The PC was unanimous in its view that it was essential that healthy reserves be maintained in order to provide the facilities that were from time to time identified for the village without having to borrow the money or raise the precept to levels that some may consider unacceptable. Resources needed to remain available to cover not only longstanding needs such as verge protection and a footpath between Monastery Road and the Three Daggars. It was noted that the PC had been fortunate in the past for many projects to be assisted by grants and donations received but these could never be guaranteed. Nevertheless ordinary expenses were increasing (such as the Clerk's hourly rate on which his salary was based which was due to increase following the Government's relaxation of its Public Services pay restraint) and so it was suggested that the Precept be increased to £15500. This would give for a Band D property a Council Tax of £46.91 compared with £39.35 for 2020/2021).
  - ii. The Clerk's Salary would continue to be in accordance with NALC guidelines and Local Government scales.
  - iii. After further discussion it was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the Precept be made in the sum of £15500 and that the Grants and Donations listed above and the invoice referred to in paragraph (e) above be paid.

**5. Coronavirus arrangements.**

One call had been received in connection with shopping

**6. Village Newsletter.** 110 were now being sent out. More articles would be welcome.

**7. Planning**

a. Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Burgess had, following on from the decision made at the December meeting, prepared a Briefing note to the PC together with a suggested draft Site Allocation Policy (SAP) to provide a criteria for the evaluation of sites that may be available for the development that the PC would wish to see under the eventual NP. He had also provided a plan showing the area within which sites may be identified. All 3 are annexed to these Minutes. The general feeling was that the plan was too restrictive and that it would be better to ask for sites on the periphery of the area delineated on the plan and brownfield land be included.

b. The following applications had been received and there was no objection to either of them:-

- i. 20/10618/LBC demolition of substandard single storey lean-to at rear and erection of replacement. Internal alterations. Demolition of Porch at Funtingdon House 10 Tinhead Road for Mrs Emily Roberts
- ii. 20/11660/TCA Removal of small cherry blossom tree in front garden. The tree is directly on top of a sewer line and the owner is worried the roots are going

to compromise the sewer and it is also quite close to the house at 14 Tinhead Road for Mr Steve Forward

- c. The following decisions 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 – no objection
  - ii. 20/09645/TCA Fell T1 Cherry due to root plate rotting and tree has heaved at The Priory, Inmead for Mr Dan Butler – no objection
  - iii. 20/09698/TCA Fell T1 Apple due to roots damaging drain at Edington Brewhouse for Mr Dan Butler – no objection
  - 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 – no objection

## **8. Policing**

- a. Speedwatch. This was currently on hold due to the lockdown
- b. There had been a change in PCSO. Luke George had been moved to other duties and been replaced by Alice Moore.

## **9. Playfield.**

- a. Mrs Dorgan reported that the Christmas tree had been successfully erected and good comments had been received. New lights would be needed for next year.
- b. The Climbing frame net had been ordered

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

- a. Northacre site Incinerator. There was no major update but a lot of work was being done of a technical nature re emissions and also the Environment Agency was consulting.
- b. Wiltshire Local Plan. This was the review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and there were to be Zoom meetings on at 7pm on 26<sup>th</sup> January for Westbury and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February for Rural Areas

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

- a. A request had been received to have a sign at the CP entrance to advise people using the Parish Hall to get to and from it by using the pavements. There was a safety concern that users were at risk in getting to and from the Parish Hall. After discussion it was agreed to proceed.
- b. Parking at Tinhead. A yellow lines request had been submitted but interestingly in recent weeks the parking situation had not been quite so bad.
- c. Salisbury Hollow. The anticipated work had not yet started although machinery was being used to clear the banks; and Mr Johns was concerned that the WC Footpaths officer had not responded to his emails. Mrs Wickham said that he was currently on Covid duties as were so many WC officers
- d. The Parish Steward had visited the previous week and Mrs Greening noted things to be done on his next visit

## **12. Correspondence**

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2021.
- b. WALC January 2021 Circular

## **13. News items**

Consideration was given to items to be included.

## **14. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021