

The Minutes of a Zoom Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held on Monday 8th February 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also in attendance for part of the meeting were D Forster, P Thomson and M Pettitt whom the Chairman welcomed to participate in the discussion on the Planning application at 3.b.1 below

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 11th January 2021 were adopted as read and signed
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - a. Monkswell. Mrs Pike had spoken to both Mr Killian who was planning a replanting scheme and Mr Gale who would arrange to have the ivy removed and was happy to have the cracks investigated. On that last point Mr Johns said he would speak to his son Matthew who might be able to advise
 - b. Coronavirus arrangements. A voucher had been given on behalf of Tubbs Charity to one person in need; and there had been no calls to the Helpline
3. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mr Burgess had circulated a note to the PC together with a revised Site Assessment Process (SAP) document dated 19th January and a further amendment to the SAP on page 4 (to define "Infill Land") and on page 10 (an additional sentence on prioritisation of any development proposals) dated 28th January – all of which are annexed to these Minutes. He had also spoken with Mrs Killian and Mrs Hayter of the Steering Group (SG) who were happy with the SAP as amended. Mr Burgess had suggested that when any sites had been submitted for potential inclusion as housing land in the NP there should be a joint group of appointees from the PC and the SG to evaluate the sites and make recommendations to the PC. There were two issues to be considered namely (i) to ensure that green spaces were an exclusionary factor in evaluating sites and (ii) the exclusionary condition as to the closeness of any site to the SSSI should be based on reducing the distance from 400m to 100m in view of the proximity of the SSSI and the Village. The PC agreed. He and the Chairman were due to meet with the nominated WC officer and subject to that the proposal was to proceed to request sites. A time limit for responding was considered and would be discussed at that meeting
 - b. The following applications had been received but :-
 - i. 20/11633/FUL Removal of existing outbuilding and the erection of 3 no. dwellings, with associated access, parking, turning, landscaping and private amenity space; erection of associated cartshed. Blocking up of existing access at Land at Greater Lane Farm, Westbury Road for I and D Smith. In explaining the application Mr King considered that the PC could support it, it fitting with the intentions and proposals in the nascent/anticipated NP. The Chairman invited Mrs Thompson to make her observations. She was concerned that it was a big development and would have an adverse impact on Greater Lane which was very narrow, creating a new drive onto a blind bend; that the character was not consistent with the local cottage style and

that it was close to their boundary and would overlook their house; and there would be the removal of various established trees. Mr Pettitt for the applicants explained the background to the access issues and felt that the application addressed these by slightly widening the road, moving the existing substandard access and suggesting improvements to the junction with Westbury Road. The PC then discussed the application and was satisfied that there were sufficient safeguards with the application detail and planning guidelines that it could be supported and that would fit the criteria for the proposed NP; and provide a highway benefit.

- ii. 21/00264/TCA T1 Walnut – prune all over by 2m to manage size next to highway and driveway; T2 Gingko – prune all laterals over the garage roof by 2m to minimise damage to garage at Edington Cottage 2 Inmead for Mr Phil Threlfall – there was no objection
- iii. 20/11615/VAR Variation of Condition 2 of 19/06212/FUL - to substitute the approved drawing numbers with new application drawings to reflect alterations at Ashton View 5 Longlands Close for Mr & Mrs Parmley. Again there was no objection though it was noted that it brought the window closer to overlooking Sandy Lane Cottage and the new house being constructed opposite.
- c. The following decision had been received namely 20/11660/ TCA Removal of small cherry blossom tree in front garden at 14 Tinhead Road for Mr Steve Forward – no objection

4. Policing. There was nothing to report and there had been no contact from the new PCSO

5. Playfield (PF)

- a. The PF was currently being well used
- b. The Tree works had been partially completed and it was agreed that a Crab Apple tree be planted in memory of Vi Hale
- c. Mrs Watts reported that one of the waste bins had slipped down its post
- d. The large gate put in by the Three Daggars needed some proper attention and Mrs Dorgan would be speaking to the manager

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG

- a. Salisbury Hollow. Mr Johns efforts to get things moving continued to be fruitless but it was understood that the 2nd stage of the Melksham Bypass should produce more planings which would hopefully be made available for the project. Mrs Wickham was sure that part of the problem in getting the project underway was that so many WC staff were heavily engaged with Covid-19 management. She said she would try and find out about the possibility of closing the road to 4x4s to allow the work when done to settle properly.
- b. Monastery Road Bend footpath to Churchyard wall. Notice had been received that reconstruction work would be carried out between 25th Feb and 3rd March.
- c. Mrs Pike confirmed that the access at the top of Long Hollow to Mr Peter Gale's barns had been gated to protect them.
- d. Parish Steward. He had been in the village on the 2nd February and was due again on the 1st March. Consideration was given for tasks that could be done and to see if the signs for the Parish Hall could be fixed. One area of concern

was the muddy state of the Footpaths and especially the steps at the footpath access at Greater Lane

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. Postal voting was being encouraged for the forthcoming County and PC elections
- b. A proposal at WC for PC's to contribute to election costs had been deferred but Mrs Wickham did say that many other County Councils did require PCs to pay
- c. Westbury Incinerator. The Environment Agency was reviewing the scientific criteria
- d. WC has developed a Carbon Reduction Team.
- e. It was noted that National Census Day would be on 21st March.

8. Finances

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed:-
 - i. Hiscock Engineers £300 for repairs to PF rocking swing
 - ii. Miles & Francis for Grounds maintenance to PF, CP and other work £300
 - iii. Refund Mr Pollard for Mirage Signs for CP notice £42
 - iv. Southern Trees Survey Invoice £245
 - v. Parish Hall Room hire £42
 - vi. CPRE Subscription £36
 - vii. Local Council Review Subscription £17
- b. The following had been received:-
 - i. AB grant for SID £2122.96
 - ii. BG fee of £50 for Burial of Gilbert Green

9. Burial Ground

- i. A request had been received for a Memorial for Sheila Gardiner. As this was an extension to the existing Memorial to William Gardiner it was agreed that subject to a site visit by the Clerk and Chairman, it be approved.
- ii. The Tree Survey report had been received and it was agreed to proceed as it recommended

10. Car Park

- a. Sign. This had been organized
- b. Planning re lighting. There had still been no contact from WC Planning. Mrs Wickham said she would try and encourage a response.

11. Correspondence

- a. WALC Circular - February 2021
- b. BKVC – CPRE seem reasonably confident that the competition will be run this year. That raised the question of a Litter Pick to be arranged after lockdown ended

12. News items.

Consideration was given to items to be included

13. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 8th March 2021.

