

## **The Minutes of a Zoom Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies were received from Mr King

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were adopted as read and signed
2. **Matters Arising.** PF gate. Mrs Dorgan would speak to the Three Daggers as soon as possible.
3. **Corona Virus Update.** No calls had been received and the PC was not aware of any problems.
4. **Planning**
  - a. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mr Burgess explained that all was now ready to launch the request for possible sites which would go out in the Newsletter about to be issued and the News for April. The deadline for responses would be the 10<sup>th</sup> May and the small group of appointees from the PC and the NP Steering Group would assess them. He and Mr Pollard had met with representatives of WC and there were no concerns with the NP so far. They offered to arrange for guidance re affordable housing from WC Housing Department, but this had not yet been received. Mr Pollard and Mr Burgess had both attended a virtual Homes of our Own seminar involving WC, Community First, Wilts Community Land Trust, Swindon Borough Council and the White Horse Housing Association (formerly the Wiltshire Rural Housing Association). The objects were to identify and acquire land for affordable housing. If sites were identified a separate Community Land Trust (CLT) could be set up which would be separate from PCs. Mr Pollard suggested that a representative of Homes of our Own could be invited to the July Meeting and explain it in more detail.
  - b. The following planning applications had been received:-
    - i. 21/01265/TCA Removal of one self seeded, young Walnut tree at Pond House Tinhead Road for Mercedes Henning. There was no objection.
    - ii. 21/01361/FUL and 21/02154/LBC Construct new outbuilding and convert existing barn into residential annex at Beckett's House 19 Tinhead Road for Mr T Ridd. There was some uncertainty as to the intentions behind this application: was it intended as additional accommodation for family and friends or to provide for rental accommodation, holiday or otherwise? The Barn conversion Ground floor had, apart from a large kitchen with adjoining Cloakroom and WC, the rest being divided into 3 spaces the purposes for which were not given. The First floor an ensuite Master bedroom, a second bedroom with access to a shower room and WC, again with the rest being divided into 3 being a 6 seater lounge, a 6 seater dining area and what looks remarkably like a kitchen. The PC was given the impression that this was

potentially providing for 2 self-contained luxury flats. There were 2 issues that concerned the PC. First that, if granted, there should be a condition that the barn could not be sold separately from Becketts House and secondly the potential of the level of vehicular traffic that would be generated out onto a narrow and potentially hazardous part of Tinhead Road. Subject to those 2 points being adequately covered the PC, by a majority of 9 to1 (Mr Swabey wished his objection to the application to be noted), would raise no objection. As to the outbuilding the PC questioned the reason for a chimney being shown.

- c. The following decision had been received namely:-  
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 - approved

## **5. Policing**

- a. There was no police report.
- b. Speed Watch. This would be restarting with effect from the 29<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Pollard said that he had 2 more volunteers.

## **6. Playfield (PF)**

- a. Mrs Dorgan reported that it was being well used, but a number of people had been there with their dogs.
- b. It was agreed that the temporary signs could be removed.
- c. Edington Fair. Mrs Pike reported that it was hoped that a reduced Fair might be held on the 12 June. The PC was prepared to grant permission provided all lockdown rules were strictly applied
- d. The Chairman, Mrs Dorgan and Messrs King and Swabey and the Clerk would oversee ongoing discussions about the field between the PF and Funtingdon House

## **7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG**

- a. Monastery Road Bend. The tarmacking of the path and edging had been completed. It was narrower than had been anticipated but was nonetheless an improvement.
- b. Salisbury Hollow. There was still no change and Mr Johns had asked WC for a site meeting. It was getting into a dangerous condition and some 4x4s were still using it.
- c. Litter Pick. A resident from Tinhead had done her own Litter Pick in Salisbury Hollow and Long Hollow for which the PC was grateful. This led to a discussion as to how a Litter Pick could be carried out under the present lockdown provisions and Mrs Dorgan suggested that the PC bought 10 Pickers which could be made available to residents to borrow and carry out their own picking arrangements. Mr Pollard had sourced Pickers and they could be obtained for £7.45 each. It was agreed to purchase 10.
- d. The bin at the bottom of Inmead was overflowing. It was agreed to report it on the mywiltshire app.
- e. Footpath 42/36 watercress beds and paradise pool. An easy closing gate had

been installed and steps provided

f. The Parish Steward had been, painted bollards, dealt with some drains and cleared the Greater Lane Footpath steps and would clear the entrance. Mr Johns had shown him the dead trees in Smelly Lane but it appeared he was not able to deal with them. Mr Johns would try and speak to the Footpaths officer

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

a. WC and PC elections in May. Mrs Wickham said that WC was keen to promote postal voting although polling stations would be open as usual. WC had sent details regarding the arrangements for nominations

b. Census 2021. All residents should have received a leaflet confirming what had to be done for the 21<sup>st</sup> March

**9. Finances**

a. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed:-

i. Sutcliffe Play South West £1692.05 being the cost of the PF Net and accessories

ii. To pay the Charities as agreed at the Budget Meeting

iii. Clerks Salary and Expenses as per statement annexed

b. £100 had been received being the Burial Ground fee re Edward Emerson decd

**10. Tree Planting.** The Gardening Club had suggested tree planting in the village. It was agreed that the Club be asked to suggest sites for the PC to consider. It was noted that there were conditions by WC in relation to areas of highway verge.

**11. Car Park.** WC had confirmed that Planning Permission was not required and the Chairman had applied for an AB grant. It was agreed that Miss O'Donoghue would notify nearby residents of the lighting proposals

**12. Burial Ground.** A request from the Edington Music Festival to make use of the BG paddock for a reduced Festival was agreed.

**13. Best Kept Village Competition.**

Competition forms and instructions had been received. In view of the difficulties with lockdown it was agreed not to enter this year.

**14. Newcomers Coffee Morning.** It was agreed to defer this to consider changing the format of it.

**15. Correspondence**

a. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2021 – being circulated

a. WALC Newsletter – March 2021

**16 News items.**

Consideration was given to items to be included

**17. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021