

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

4 members of the public were in attendance. Apologies had been received from Mr Russell

1. **The Minutes** of the Meetings held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 were adopted as read and signed

2. There were no **Matters Arising**.

3. **Playfield.**

This item was particularly to consider the offer of a land swap made by the Three Dagers (3D) and the representations for and against made at the Parish Meeting (PM) on the 13<sup>th</sup> September and those also made in writing to the PC.

All Councillors had attended the PM and had reviewed the written representations. The Chairman then asked each Councillor to express their views on the proposal from the 3D. All agreed in principle, but all in their various ways expressed the need to ensure that such agreement was to be subject to detailed negotiations, that looked at the observations that had been made by the village and mitigate as far as possible concerns that had been expressed.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mrs Dorgan that the PC vote on the proposal: "that the PC agree in principle to the 3D land swap subject to the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations on all matters that would be raised by the PC via a working group that would be set up to look at all issues that had been raised". This was carried unanimously.

Mr Johns raised the question that in the correspondence and at the PM other land options had been mentioned. The PC was strongly of the view that any other negotiations between the land owner and any other person had clearly not reached any point of fruition and that the only one that the PC could consider was the one put forward by 3D. Other suggestions involving the land on offer would be a part of the working group's remit.

It was agreed that there would be regular updates to the village via the newsletter and the website.

The Chairman then proposed that the Working Group consist of himself, the Vice Chairman Mrs Greening, Mrs Dorgan, Mr King, Mr Burgess and the Clerk, the latter 2 being retired Solicitors. The PC would instruct independent Solicitors to act for the PC in the event of the negotiations being successful

4. **Planning**

a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). There was to be a meeting with WC Officers on Tuesday but apart from that there was nothing to report.

b. The following applications had been received:-

i. PL/2021/07371/FUL Proposed pool with adjacent natural stone paths at Shore Hall Tinhead Road for Mr Dean Davies. There was no objection

ii. PL/2021/08025 proposed conversion of part of existing garage to create domestic accommodation (Granny Flat) at 46A Westbury Road for Anne Klonowski. There was no objection but it was decided to ask that the usual condition be attached to prevent the garage being sold separately from the house.

c. The following decisions had been received:-

- i. PL/2021/07665 Prune back the (mid tier canopy) branches overhanging conservatory and flat roof by 3 to 4 m, back to appropriate pruning points at 9 Charlton Hill for Acer Tree Surgeons - no objection

## **5. Policing.**

- a. The Chairman said that at the AB meeting he had raised the point that the new PCSO had not been to any PC meeting. Mrs Wickham confirmed that she had been to Dilton Marsh and Bratton PCs. It was noted that she had been at the Drop in. The Police and Crime Commissioner wanted the Police to engage with the public.
- b. SpeedWatch. The sessions in the last week in August had produced 28 vehicles over 30, 7 between 40/45 and 2 over 45mph

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

- a. Update on Speed limits. The 20mph limits would be going to the Strategic Bid Panel in October. The 40 mph between Bratton and Edington was awaiting any observations as to objection or otherwise
- b. The White Lining had been agreed and would be carried out shortly
- c. Salisbury Hollow. The work had been done and then had been washed away by heavy rain, It would now be going in to the Capital programme via CATG for 2023/2024. Mr Johns again suggested that there should be a winter closure but this would have to go be referred to Mr Millard at WC

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

- a. Mrs Wickham reported that WC had published its Consultation on draft Climate Strategy and Our Natural Environment Plan; all designed to help shape the next 5 years of WC's fight against climate change. Public participation would run to the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021. In addition Bratton PC was inviting Ethandun PCs along with Westbury TC to establish a Steering Committee to discuss these issues and for a representative from each to be a part of the Committee. Mrs Pike agreed to be the PC's nominee
- b. Westbury Incinerator. There was no further news on its being called in
- c. Electric car charging centres. This would be going to WC Cabinet for consideration

8. The AB was changing and would now have its' meetings with themes. The first on the 12<sup>th</sup> October would be on Environment and Climate and there would be special speakers to inform the meeting

## **9. Finances .**

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Greening and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed
  - i. Solar Illuminations Ltd for replacement Solar Panel for the CP £140
- b. A legacy of £5000 had been received from the estate of the late Mrs Margaret Barker and was acknowledged with thanks.

## **10. Car Park.**

One of the Solar Panels had been damaged and now replaced.

## **11. Correspondence**

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2021
- b. CPRE Country Voices and Fieldwork – Summer 2021
- c. Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2021

## **12. News items**

Consideration was given to items to be included.

## **13. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

