

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

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

Apologies were received from Messrs Harding, Burgess and Swabey

- 1. The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 11th October 2021 were adopted as read and signed
- 2.** There were no **Matters Arising.**
- 3.** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Playfield Land Swap Working Group held on the 21st September 2021 were formally received and noted
- 4. Planning**
 - a. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP). This was currently on hold awaiting the further discussions with WC which had had to be deferred owing to Mr Burgess contracting Covid-19.
 - b. The following planning applications had been received and there was no objection to any of them:-
 - i. PL/2021/09422/FUL Demolition of the existing garage building and erection of a larger replacement garage with matching materials at Luccombe Mill for Mr Henry Pelly
 - ii. PL/2021/09634/FUL 2 storey extension to detached dwelling at Dairy House Farm, Lambourn Lane for the Brooks
 - iii. PL/2021/09773/FUL Alterations to existing timber decking and provision of timber Garden Room at Box Cottage 5 Tinhead Road for Mr Theo Taylor
 - c. The following decisions had been received namely:-
 - i. PL/2021/07252 Erection of Garden room and storage building at Highbank 6 Court Lane for Mrs Pippa Dawkins – approved
 - ii. PL/2021/08742/TCA 30% reduction of Beech tree in rear garden. Tree has become too wide and is now overgrowing the roof of the Manor House with the potential to cause damage. Removal of Redwood fir tree. Tree is causing excessive shading to rear garden; at The Manor House 11 Lower Road for Mr Matthew Brown – no objection
 - iii. PL/2021/09148/TCA T1 to remove Multi stem Holly to ground level. T2 Clematis covered tree remove to 3ft stump. T3. Maple reduce by 2-3 meters to a frame work pollard. T4. Oak tree to reduce by 2-3meters to a frame work pollard. T5. Apple tree to reduce the top down to the old pruning point on main stem: All to allow more light in small courtyard garden at 3 Lower Road, Bratton for Mr Nick Goff – no objection
- 5. Policing**
 - a. There was no police report but there had been a series of thefts from cars which was concerning. The PCSO would be invited to the next PC meeting.

- b. Speed Watch. This was now finished for the year. It was agreed that when he was able to the Chairman would arrange to turn the SID round to face east.
- c. Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Greening had made some initial enquiries with a view to re-establishing a scheme. Guidance suggested the setting up of a Whats App group. Mrs Greening would continue to pursue her enquiries

6. Playfield (PF)

- a. Christmas tree and lights. The switch on would be on the 10th December at 1830 with the Bratton Junior Band leading carols.
- b. Land Swap. A response was still awaited from the Three Daggers. In the meantime a letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Lewis in The City expressing concern that the proposals might lead to an increased use of the B3098 which was already suffering from an extraordinary volume of traffic and for which there was no speed retarding measures. The letter would be added to the comments and observations already received.

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG

- a. Mr Johns raised the question of the painting of the verge railings at Monks Well. These had been made by Reeves of Bratton and were part of the village heritage. It was agreed to refer them to the Parish Steward.
- b. The wooden finger post at Cowleaze was in need of repair. It was agreed to see if a donation could be sought to cover the cost
- c. Clearance of dead tree in Smelly Lane. It was agreed to report it on the mywiltshire app.
- d. The hedge at the foot of the Parish Hall Footpath and overgrowth at the entrance to Downsview needed trimming back and these would be referred to the Parish Steward
- e. CATG.
 - i. 40mph proposal. This was proceeding and the cost to the PC would be £364.75. Target completion was end January.
 - ii. 20mph. A substantive bid had been submitted
 - iii. Roundels and white road markings. Funding was done annually and so it would be necessary to contact CATG

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. The following WC Briefing Notes were noted:-
 - i. 21-20 Community Environmental Tool Kit
 - ii. 21-22 Renewable Energy Policy
 - iii. 21-23 Covid-19 Update
- b. Mrs Wickham reported on the November AB meeting: encouragement to embrace Climate change; Wiltshire Youth Council; and Local Climate Action including wild flower and tree planting

9. Tubbs Charity. Mrs Dorgan had been storing a large wooden notice about Tubbs Charity and was asking if it should be displayed somewhere in the village. Councillors would give it some thought

10. Burial Ground Paddock. A suggestion had been put to the PC to use part as Boules Court. It was agreed to consider this with any other thoughts about how the paddock could be utilised. It was suggested that Wiltshire Wildlife might have some ideas.

11. 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. Refund the Clerk for Society of Local Council Clerks subscription £112
 - ii. Miles & Francis £380 for PF, CP and other work
- b. Mrs Wickham had alerted the Chairman to the possibility that a further AB grant might be available to part fund a second defibrillator for the Edington end of the village. After discussion it was agreed to put a bid in and to see if donations would help fund it if the bid was successful
- c. There would be precept review at the December meeting
- d. £29 had been received for the agreed amendment to the Julian Green Memorial

12. Correspondence

- a. CPRE Wiltshire Voice – Autumn 2021

13, News items.

Consideration was given to items to be included

14. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 13th December 2021