

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Pike, Greening, O'Donoghue and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard, Johns, Swabey, Hardman, King and Burgess; and Mrs Wickham (WC) and for part of the meeting 3 members of the public

Apologies were received from Mrs Watts

- 1. The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 10th January 2022 were adopted as read and signed
- 2. Matters Arising.**
 - a. Finger post at Cowleaze Lane. Mrs Dorgan had been in touch with Mr Hailstone who would make the necessary repairs
 - b. Mrs Wickham had mentioned at the last meeting that police had seized a quantity of compost from a cannabis factory that had been discovered in Westbury Leigh. That compost had been released and was now available
- 3. Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mr Burgess explained that basically the Plan was ready to go to public consultation but that WC wanted more information about the proposals for the 2 sites identified. The site owners would need to agree. The PC was reminded that, until all had been sorted, the sites and their owners remained confidential.
 - b. The following applications had been received:-
 - i. PL/2021/10337/FUL Demolition of existing outbuilding. New build to form gym/garden room and carport with walled and landscaped area to include inground swimming pool and low retaining walls at Merrilea, Westbury Road for Mr P Hampson. The further information requested has been received and circulated. The PC was concerned about this application. Although the property was not in the Conservation Area it was close, as indeed was the SSSI. and the proposal should be considered in the light of those. There should be conditions to exclude any further development and to prevent the building at any time being converted into a dwelling or separated from the main house building or any commercial use. Access was by a private drive used by other nearby properties and there was concern at the potential increase of traffic to the detriment of those other properties. In addition the road needed to be kept free for their use during construction works if permission were to be granted. Any tree planting should not adversely affect adjoining properties by shading.
 - ii. PL/2022/00911/TCA Fell Cherry Tree at 14 Tinhead Road for Mr Stephen Forward – no objection
 - iii. PL/2022/00585/TCA T1 Ash – severe die back – remove; T2 Horse Chestnut, remove heavy over extended limb over fence only to minimise damage to the fence at Silverwell House, Long Hollow for Mr Bob Smith - no objection
 - iv. PL/2022/00880/FUL erection of garage with office above at Ashton View, 5 Longlands Close for Mr and Mrs Parmley. The PC objected to this application. It was noted that the decision made in relation to the permission for the new dwelling stated specifically that “there shall be no additions to, or extensions

- or enlargements of any building forming part of the development hereby permitted”. This would amount to a significant increase in the footprint of the proposed development and would have been a matter of concern in the consideration of the original application. In addition the original application said that “parking for 3+ vehicles is to be provided in place of the existing garage buildingand allowing suitable space for turning..” so by implication the then need for a garage was addressed and if required should have been a part of that application. There has already been the construction of a large shed/workshop and this proposal would amount to an over development. The size of the garage would lend itself to a subsequent application to create a new dwelling. If the office element is required for the applicants business then can that not make use of the “Games room” referred to in the original application. Commercial use was not envisaged in the original application
- v. PL/2022/00955/FUL proposed demolition of existing detached garage and attached conservatory to rear of building. Erection of single storey rear extension at 9A Tinhead Road for Ian and Andrea Howard – no objection
 - c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2021/10963/FUL Demolition of existing garage and new carport and store. Extension to rear to increase living accommodation and provide bedroom, utility and storage areas. Replacement of existing roof with room in the roof trusses to create two bedrooms with ensuite facilities at 10 Lower Road for Mrs Wickham – approved
 - ii. PL/2021/08025 proposed conversion of part of existing garage to create domestic accommodation (Granny Flat) at 46A Westbury Road for Anne Klonowski. - approved

4. Policing

- a. Speed Watch. Since the last meeting there had been 6 sessions resulting in 16 caught speeding.
- b. There was no Police report
- c. Neighbourhood Watch. There was nothing further to report at present

5. Playfield (PF)

Land Swap update. There had still been no response to the PCs proposed Heads of Terms.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG

- a. Proposed footpath from the CP. Mr King had not been able to have a discussion with the landowners but had estimated the cost of appropriate fencing to be about £1500.
- b. Monks Well Railings. Mr Hardman reported that the Parish Steward would only be able to paint them. As to possible repair Mr Hiscock had been asked to give a quote.
- c. B3098 safety
 - i. The 40mph stretch was in effect
 - ii. The Public Adverts for the 20mph would run from the 18th Feb to the 14th March
 - iii. Metro counts were to be carried out outside Tudor Cottage and the Old Telephone Exchange

d. Spring Litter Pick. It was agreed to carry this out on the 12th March meeting at 0930 at the Parish Hall CP. Mr Pollard would arrange for more Litter Picks and with WC re collection of the bags

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

a. Mrs Wickham reported that there was full WC Budget meeting the next day with a recommendation that there be an increase of 1.99%

b. There was a proposal to increase Car Parking charges including Blue Badges to 2025

c. CATG was to be known as the Local Highways and Footpaths Group and money from WC that would otherwise have gone to the AB would now be going to this new group

d. The AB on the 17th February would be focusing on Policing and Safeguarding for young people

8. Finances .

a. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed

i. Bratton General Maintenance Services for BG and VM 2021 £512

ii. WC for contribution to 40mph limits £364.75

iii. To Mr Pollard refund TSO HOST for website domain renewal £8.34

b. The Defibrillator AB Grant has been received in the sum of £925

9. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Initial thoughts were given as to how the Village might celebrate this event e.g a streets event in the PF, or a Fair. Also Jubilee mementoes for the children of the village aged 11 and under

10. Climate Change/Environmental and Sustainability Co-operation (E&SC).

a. A proposed Memorandum of Understanding on E&SC had been received. It involved Westbury Town Council and its surrounding Parish Councils and appeared to go somewhat beyond what the PC had envisaged had been intended (see Minute 7.a on the 16th September 2021). It was agreed that its author be invited to the next PC Meeting and for there to be full discussion. Mrs Wickham had also sent, at the Clerk's invitation, a detailed email explaining the background and an example of what could be achieved jointly such as wildlife corridors with the assistance of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

b. Community Environmental Toolkit. This had been published by WC in March and had included Edington as a Case Study. It was agreed to ask Mr Johns (who had left the meeting earlier) if his son, who had prepared the Case Study, to come to a meeting as other Parish Councils had been in touch with the Clerk for details as to how Edington had done it.

11. Burial Ground Paddock Review. Mr Fraser had kindly offered to donate a bench and consideration was given to a wildflower area, a Boules/Petanque court and some possible tree planting and the need to ensure there was space for the Festival marquee. The project would be kept under review.

12. Tubbs Charity sign. It was agreed to consult with the Parish Hall Committee as to whether that it could be placed in the Parish Hall

13. Correspondence

a. BKVC – an initial opening letter had been received from CPRE inviting interest in this year's competition

b. May Ball 21st May. This had been agreed in correspondence

14. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included; but also mention to be made of clearing up after dogs and keeping them on the lead when in fields with sheep or cattle

15. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 14th March 2021 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm