

The Minutes of a Microsoft Teams Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Greening, Watts and Pike and Messrs Pollard, Johns, King, Burgess and Hardman and Mrs Wickham (WC)

Apologies were received from Miss O'Donoghue, Mr Swabey and Mrs Dorgan

Mr Noel Kew from Bratton PC was also in attendance for the first item on the Agenda.

The Chairman explained that two Councillors had proved positive for Covid-19 and there were several other cases in the village and had therefore, in discussion with Mrs Wickham, reluctantly decided that it would be best to have an online meeting rather than run any risks at the Parish Hall.

- 1. Climate Change/Environmental and Sustainability Co-operation/Community Environmental Toolkit.** The Chairman welcomed Mr Kew to the meeting. He had been invited to speak about the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that he had drafted on Environmental and Sustainability Co-operation for Westbury Council and the local Parish Councils. Mr Kew explained the background to the MoU and that there were some climate and environmental issues that could be addressed jointly across the town and parishes. It would not be legally binding but would have a moral imperative. As an example he suggested wildlife corridors that could be created. Mr King said that it was important that landowners should be consulted. It was agreed that Mrs Pike as the PC lead on these issues would give the concept some thought and report to the PC at its next meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr Kew for his input and ideas.
- 2. The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 8th March 2021 were adopted as read and signed
- 3.** There were no matters arising
- 4. Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. The position was the same as at the last meeting.
 - b. The following application had been received. There was no objection but the PC was concerned that any potential noise issues be addressed:-
PL/2022/10284/FUL Alterations to existing BBQ Hut with addition of lean-to covered way. Change of Use of part of garden to No 53 Westbury Road from C3 to A3. Provision of stretch tent at The Three Daggers for Three Daggers Ltd
 - c. The following decision had been received namely:-
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
- 5. Policing**
 - a. Speed Watch. The camera was now in Bratton. A Speed Enforcement Officer had now been appointed and another two were on stream
 - b. Police Report. The PCSO had not been able to attend but had sent in her report. There had been thefts at Station Yard, a shed and an attempt to break into a property. In addition it was understood that a group known as Nottingham Knockers (illegal pedlars) were operating in Wiltshire and residents should be

wary of any such callers. Recently there had been a knife issue in the PF. The Police were dealing with it and it was understood so was the school the individuals attended.

- c. Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Greening was still pursuing how a scheme could be set up for the village

6. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap. There was still no response to the PC's Heads of Terms.
- b. A request had been received for a family from Great Cheverell to use the football area on the 3rd April for a 7 year olds' birthday. This was agreed on the understanding that it was not exclusive of others using the PF

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/CATG

- a. Parking at Little Court Lane. The verge there had been severely eroded. The Parish Steward had done a good job tidying it up but for further protection the AHE would need to be involved. Mr King said that it was a wet area anyway but the major damage had been caused by a lorry not the car that often parked there.
- b. Parish Steward. He would be asked to look at Monastery Road ditch opposite the houses.
- c. Monkswell Railings. A quote for the repairs was awaited.
- d. 20mph update. The consultation period had ended and the result was awaited.
- e. Double yellow lines at Tinhead. There was no news yet
- f. Litter Pick. 13 people had attended and it was very successful. Mrs Wickham thanked everyone for their efforts

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. Mrs Wickham said that the AB on the 17th February had had a helpful attendance by the Police and Crime Commissioner; and that a grant had been made for short bowls for the Parish Hall
- b. She also explained her Pollinator project to find sites in the villages for wildflower areas financed by a grant from the AB. Westbury Town Council was interested and Bratton PC had signed up for it. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust would survey suggested areas for suitability, but volunteers would be needed to manage the sites. The PC endorsed it and would consider appropriate areas. She was anxious that the project should not be confused with the WCs "Wild about Wiltshire". It was agreed that suggested sites be notified to the Chairman.

9. Burial Ground Paddock. It was agreed that this could be a site for the Pollinator Project

10. Parish Hall Car Park. Mr and Mrs Tapley had expressed concern that the lights were continually being activated when the CP was not being used and wanted something done to alleviate the problem. The Clerk had been in correspondence with them and had sent them the detail of the Minutes of the 20 July 2020 when the PC, under an obligation of care to those attending the Parish Hall in the dark, agreed to the installation of the lights. The PC recognized that, although the lights were not directed towards their property and were in accordance with guidelines adopted by WC, there were clearly problems so far as the Tapley's were concerned and that it should try and address them. A suggestion had been made of having an overriding switch to switch them off but it was understood that this would mean

interfering with the system. It was agreed to monitor the lights for a fortnight to try and ascertain what, if anything, was causing them to switch on and then report to, and seek the advice of the manufacturer.

11. Finances .

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

- i. Sydenhams – materials for the Finger Post - £250.30
- ii. The Charities as agreed at the January Budget meeting.
- iii. Clerks Salary and expenses as per Statement attached

b. Bratton General Maintenance Services new rates. There had been no change in their hourly rate for several years. The new rate for the BG cutting and Strimming would be £36. This was agreed but it was felt that there was no longer any need to cut the B3098 verge.

12. APM. This was fixed for 25th April at 19.15 for 1930. Consideration was given to possible themes e.g rewilding/Carbon Footprint/Neighbourhood Watch/ BG Paddock

13. Jubilee. There had been very little response to the suggestions noted in the Newsletter and the News. In discussion with the Church a suggestion had been made for a small fete like event in the BG paddock with some children's activities and perhaps getting a few mugs for the children. Mrs Pike believed that some areas may still have some form of street party.

14. BKVC. It was agreed not to enter this year

15. Newcomers Coffee Morning. In view of Covid cases it was agreed to defer this to the May meeting

16. Correspondence

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17. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included

18. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday the 11th April at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall unless Covid concerns meant a possible Zoom meeting.