

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 11th July 2022` at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Greening and Mesrrs Johns and King.

Mr Richardson and Mr and Mrs Attterton were in attendance

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 13th June 2022 were adopted as read and signed
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - a. Yellow Lines, Legal Orders to implement the proposed scheme were awaited. There was also a question over the PC contribution that needed to be resolved
 - b. Wheelchair/Children warning sign on road from Crossroads Farm. This had been submitted to the LFHIG for consideration.
3. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Burgess had had a Zoom meeting with WC officers from which it was clear that they needed independent evidence of the need for market housing in order to progress the Plan. This would need an expert and one had been contacted
 - b. There were no applications to consider but the following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2021/10403/FUL Remodel of existing garage roof and walls and rebuild. One storey extension on top of new built garage and remodel of modern internal stud partitions and doors at Watersmeet 9 Lower Road for Newmarch – approved
 - ii. PL/2022/03546/TPO T1 Ash tree – tree to be felled due to onset of Ash dieback in canopy at 17A Westbury Road for Mr Daniel Butler - approved
 - iii. PL/2022/04410/TCA T1 Lime tree with recent major branch loss, reduce the height by approximately 4 meters and reduce the lateral branches by approximately 3 meters. T2 fell Birch tree; at Ashlington House Inmead for Mr Jon Burgess (Downlands Tree Surgery Ltd) – no objection
4. **Policing.**
 - a. Speedwatch. 26 had been caught and then 13 in one evening. One new volunteer was in training
 - b. There were problems with the SID not working since being moved back to The Three Dagers verge. Mr Hardman suggested that it was important to have a second SID at the western end of the village on a permanent basis rather than moving the one from time to time
 - c. Neighbourhood Watch. In the absence of Mrs Greening there was no report
 - d. Dangerous dogs. There had been reports of a dog out of control attacking another dog and then a member of the public and this had been referred to the Police
 - e. Mrs Wickham reported that there was a new Sergeant at Warminster and the thought was that she could be invited to a future PC Meeting
5. **Wiltshire Council (WC) Report**

- a. Mrs Wickham spoke about the recent rise in Covid cases and the continuing need to be careful.
- b. Area Board (AB). There was a new Chairman Matthew Dean and the AB was looking at 4 priorities:-
 - i. Child poverty
 - ii. Social isolation and loneliness. This included digital exclusion and courses were going to be run again
 - iii. Wellbeing for young people
 - iv. Local Environmental Action including the rewilding project funding for which was awaited
- c. There was also the WC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan: to develop a long term strategy to cut the use of cars

6. Finances

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mr Hardman and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. Mr J Pickford for Burial Ground Grass cutting June 1st, 15th and 29th June £105
 - ii. ASK Grounds and Property Maintenance PF Inspections January to June 2022 £180
 - iii. Wheelers Westbury £288.50 for cost of wiring electricity supply to new Defibrillator

7. Playfield.

A response was still awaited from Mr Pike re the proposed Land Swap.

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

- a. Trees in Smelly Lane and in the verge behind Pond House needed attention.
- b. Mr and Mrs Atterton had attended to discuss the proposed FP from the Car Park to the Kissing gate nearly opposite The City. They were willing but the PC would need to confirm the access points and appropriate fencing; and they queried the insurance position of users of the Permissive Path.
- c. Maintenance of public footpaths. The position was that the landowner was responsible for overgrowing vegetation, hedges and trees and WC as Highway Authority for the FP surface

9. Car Park Lights.

The Clerk explained the exchange of emails that he had had with Mr and Mrs Tapley. The PC agreed that, if wanted, it would cover the cost of blackout curtains

10. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct for July 2022
- b. WALC June 2022 Circular

11. News items

There would be no News for August, but the PC Newsletter would be issued

12. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 12th September 2022 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm