

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

1 Member of the public was in attendance; and Sgt Louise Oakley from Warminster Police Station

Apologies were received from Mrs Pike and Messrs Burgess and Hardman

**The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were adopted as read and signed

1. There were no **Matters Arising**.
2. **Policing.** The Chairman introduced Sgt Oakley (Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant). Her main concern was to explain the manpower problems in officers that had been historic and was taking time to address. She had 5 PCSO's and 2 officers but should have 6. One was going to be PC Tim Newman who would have responsibility for Westbury and the villages. Her area covered Warminster and Westbury, Mere and Tisbury with the villages tending to have to look after themselves. Fortunately there were currently no serious problems in the villages. It would take some 5-10 years to get back to the level of policing numbers they had in 2016. The issue that was affecting many areas was Hare coursing. She was told of the Tuesday Drop-ins and invited to attend if she was able.
- 3 **Planning**
  - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). In his absence Mr Burgess had sent an email setting out the present position: A successful application had been made for the award of technical support for the housing aspects of the Plan, through Locality. This would enable the PC to procure expert advice on the current housing needs of the Parish, such advice to be provided at no cost to the Council. The advisory group AECOM had been appointed to carry out the work and there had been an initial meeting with them to provide background information. The purpose of obtaining the advice was to establish if there was sufficient evidence to support the possible construction of open market housing on the two preferred sites in order to cross-subsidise the construction of the previously-identified need for affordable housing on those sites. A lengthy draft report had been received from AECOM which he and Mr Pollard would be studying over the next week or so to give any necessary feedback so that it could be finalised - and then used in further discussions with Wiltshire Council Planners.
  - b. The following applications had been received and there were no objections to any of them:-
    - i. PL/2022/06679/FUL Erection of livestock shelter in grazing paddock at Luccombe Mill Bratton for Mr Henry Pelly
    - ii. PL/2022/05439/FUL External lighting project – Enhancement to illuminate access, reduce health and safety risks and improve safe disabled access at Edington Priory Church for Edington PCC
    - iii. PL/2021/09634/FUL Two storey extension to detached dwelling at Dairy House Farm for the Brooks

c. The following decisions have been received:-

- i. PL/2022/02822/LBC and PL/2022/02701/FUL Rebuilding of garden wall within the curtilage of listed building at The Priory for Mr Chad Pike – approved
- ii 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 - approved
- lii PL/2021/09634/FUL (iii above) - approved

#### **4. Policing**

- a. Speedwatch. There had been 19 sessions in the last period with the Camera with a total of 4762 vehicles passing, 47 of which were between 36 and 39 mph and 11 between 40 and 45 mph. More volunteers were wanted. It was noted that Bratton had had Saturday sessions
- b. Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Greening was being frustrated in her attempts to have the old NW scheme cancelled to enable the new one to be set up

#### **5. Playfield (PF)**

Land Swap. There was nothing to report.

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

- a. A second SID. This had been raised to try and alleviate the need to swap the SID from one end of the Village to the other. However the Traffic survey that had been carried meant that Highways needed to look at traffic calming measures at the west end of the village and a report on that was awaited from the AHE
- b. Proposed footpath from Monastery Road to the Kissing Gate opposite the City. Mr King had prepared a plan (attached to these Minutes) showing the proposed line of the FP and Mr Pollard had taken and presented photos identifying that line. After discussion this was agreed and Mr King agreed to get an estimate of the cost involved. It was also agreed that Mr Cochrane at Dove Cottage be made aware of the proposals.
- c. Mr Hardman had sent a note that the next Parish Steward days would be 17-18 October, 14-15 Nov and 12-13 Dec.
- d. The FP opposite The Old Vicarage. Mrs Wickham reported that checks had been made and it did seem that there had been a narrowing of the footpath. Mrs Watts however said that some vegetation had been cut back and that was to some extent was making things easier. It was understood that WC would be making further checks
- e. Mr Pollard reported that the process for the 20mph speed was being implemented
- f. He also reported that there was no news on the proposed double yellow lines at the Tinhead end of the village

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

There was nothing of significance to report on the AB meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Wickham explained something of the meeting that she had just been to of Heywood PC on the issues of Housing and Land Supply. She also mentioned that with the plans to encourage people to cycle and walk the Lower Westbury Road from Bratton to Westbury would need to be upgraded

#### **8. Rewilding Project.** The Chairman had met with Wiltshire Wildlife and visited the sites identified. All were said to have potential and a report was being drafted

- 9. Boundary proposal.** Notification had been received of a proposal by Bratton PC to move the current boundary between Bratton and Edington from the Stream to Sandy Lane and to establish a paved footway between Bratton and the Fitzroy Farm complex. The PC opposed this proposal. The stream was and had been for years the clear and natural boundary between the 2 villages. The complex was used by a significant number of Edington villagers. The farm land of Fitzroy Farm was within Edington. The fact that there is a 30mph sign and Bratton Village sign was, it is believed, done by Highways on Highway safety grounds.
- 10. Website.** The Chairman reported that the PC Village Website host was changing its set up and cancelling all existing contracts necessitating either signing a new contract with them or seeking an alternative host. He had checked with the PC's existing host, TSOHost, and the cost (all figures ex VAT) would be £179.88 (year 2 would be £132) compared with the cost for 2021/22 of £45.48. He had then made enquiries of other providers namely Ionos £48 and Hostinger £72 (year 2 £72) although the latter was the cheapest they were based in Latvia and in view of the war between Russia and Ukraine and the existential threat to the Baltic States he felt that should be discounted. After discussion the PC agreed unanimously that it would go with Ionos. There would be a further cost to transfer the Website information from the old to the new provider and which would have cost under the TSOHost quote £70 an hour but which the Chairman could do. It was also agreed unanimously that he should feel free, if he wanted to, to charge the PC for any time he spent in doing that.
- 11. Finances**
- a. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
- i. Refund Mr Pollard £87.21 cost of replacement Bench slats from Glasdon UK Ltd
  - ii. Peter Hailstone £315 for repairs to the Finger post at the Monastery Road/ Tinhead Road junction
  - iii. JP Garden Services for BG grass cutting July 2022 £61.25
  - iv. Refund Mr Pollard re Mirage Signs Ltd for Signs for BG/Coal Path Field £294
  - v. SLCC Enterprises £141.80 being the cost of the latest edition of Local Council Administration
  - vi. Miles & Francis for PF, CP and other village work May to date £1180
  - vii. Mr Pickford for BG maintenance £61.25
- b. The following had been received:-
- i. WC CIL payment Plot adjacent to Tudor Cottage £ 1775.91
  - ii. WC £8000 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of Precept
- 12. Burial Ground/ Coal Path Field**
- The grass that had been sown on the new path from the Coal Path seemed to be taking. It was agreed to see if it would survive over winter and then if necessary review alternative surfacing
- 13. Newcomers.** Mrs Watts raised the question of whether it was necessary to continue with the Newcomers Coffee Morning. Many will have been in the village for several months and would have already been involved with what went on in the village if they needed to. The Welcome Pack would still be handed out. This was agreed and Mrs Watts would revamp the Pack
- 14. Dogs out of control.** There had been at least to incidents of dogs being out of control involving either other dogs or humans and which had been reported to the

Dog Warden and the Police. A third incident had been dealt with. It was important for dog owners to ensure that their dogs were kept under control at all times

**15. Correspondence**

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct - September 2022
- b. CPRE Country Voices and Fieldwork - Summer 2022
- c. Community First AGM 12<sup>th</sup> October Devizes Town Hall 5.30pm

**16. News items.**

Consideration was given to items to be included

**17. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.