

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Swabey

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th November 2022 were adopted as read and signed subject to the noted amendment

2. Matters Arising.

- a. The SID was now repaired and working
- b. The Christmas Tree was really good and thanks were expressed to the Three Dagers for providing it
- c. Mirrors at The City and Charlton Hill. There had been no further news

3. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The AECOM report had been approved and submitted to WC.
- b. The following planning applications had been received :-
 - i. PL/2022/08751/FUL Both Mr Hardman and the Clerk declared an interest as they were both neighbours of the site and affected by the application and took no part in the ensuing discussion:
Concern was raised about this being a retrospective application for the erection of an outbuilding and change of use from agricultural pasture to a garden. The already constructed structure was of a significant size and would be clearly visible from the adjoining scarp slope of Salisbury Plain and the SSSI. It was also noted that the structure blocked the view of Salisbury Plain and the SSSI from the neighbouring property's garden, as it was situated in isolation from the applicants property and from the tree line to the west of the "garden area". A more suitable location for a smaller structure would have been adjacent to the existing "car port" structure at the eastern end of the property or close to the tree line on the western border of the applicants property, both of these locations would significantly reduce the visual impact from the adjoining Salisbury Plain.

Whilst acknowledging the right of a land owner to change the land use of the field from pasture to garden subject to the relevant permission being sought before the works were undertaken it was noted that this should not allow any further creep of the garden towards the bottom of the Salisbury Plain SSSI and the Parish Council request that a clause be entered into the application if approved to ensure that no further reduction in the pasture area be allowed. It was also requested that a second clause be included barring the

construction of any other structures at a later date.

The Parish Council wish to reiterate the comments that they made to the initial application for development on this site as to the visual intrusion impact on the SSSI

- ii. PL/2022/109264/VAR Removal/variation of conditions 2 and 10 of PP granted under reference 21/01765/FUL at 46A Westbury Road for Mr Carr. The Parish Council noted that this was another example of a developer “working” the planning system and submitting an application that was then significantly amended once initial permission had been agreed. The overall impact of this development was significantly greater than was originally approved and this was felt to be against the wishes of the Council for discrete development in this location as it was originally proposed. The overall size of the property on the plot of land was significant and left limited space for a garden for the occupants and based on the proposed plans this may be a large family residing here.
- iii. PL/2022/09499/TCA Prunus – reduce by 15% all over at 54 Westbury Road for Mrs Dorgan (who declared her interest as the applicant and took no part in the discussion) The PC had no objection
- iv. PL/2022/02498/COU Change of use of 3 existing agricultural buildings to Commercial use specifically falling within Use Class B8 at Ivy Mill Farm for Mr John and Sandra Padfield. Again there was no objection
- c. The following decision had been received namely:
 - PL/ 2022/08302/TCA - Proposed Works to Trees: G1 - Row of Conifers - Crown raise by removing the lower smaller diameter branches at Peppercorn Cottage Charlton Hill for Mr Martin – no objection

4. Policing

- a. The Chairman reported that notwithstanding all that Sgt Oakley had told the PC at its October meeting there had now been further changes with a new Sergeant at Warminster and she being promoted to Acting Inspector
- b. Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Greening said there was no update to report

5. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap. A response was still awaited from the Three Daggers.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

- a. Permissive path from the Car Park. It was agreed to refer the correspondence with Mr Cochrane to the landowners
- b. LHFIG.
 - i. 20mph scheme. These should be installed by end of January 2023
 - ii. Traffic calming on the B3098. The meeting with the AHE would now take place in January

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. Mrs Wickham reported on the last AB meeting which had considered “shared lives” carers and the need to encourage bodies and organisations that deal with the disadvantaged to communicate with each other more constructively.
- b. There was something of a crimewave currently in Westbury

8. Coal Path Field. The Clerk had sought further details from the applicant for her to use the field for her Wedding reception. However several councillors had had second thoughts and after discussion it was agreed that the field should not be so used, the major concern being that of potential noise however careful the users might be. The PC did suggest that the field could be used for immediate post wedding drinks before the wedding party moved to its venue for the reception.

9. Rewilding. Wiltshire Wildlife was issuing a new document setting out actions that could be taken. If the PC was going to pursue a scheme volunteers would be needed

10. 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 £40 for ICO renewal
 - ii. Parish Hall for Room Hire £128
 - iii. Refund the Mrs Dorgan £41.38 for Christmas Tree lights from GL and DM Davies Ltd
 - iv. The following had been received:-
- b. The Budget, including review of Charities would be dealt with at the January meeting
- c. Internet Banking. This was now set up but could not be used until Mrs Dorgan and Mr King had been formally authorised by the Bank to confirm payments

11. Correspondence

- a. CPRE – Countryside Voices – Autumn/Winter 2022
- b. WALC email seeking more support and involvement from Parish Councillors across the County. There was to be a Zoom meeting on the 18th January 2023 to which representatives from each member Council were invited

12. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm