

# **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames Greening and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard, Swabey, Hardman, King and Burgess; and Mrs Wickham (WC)

Apologies were received from Mesdames Watts, O'Donoghue and Pike and Mr Johns

- 1. The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were adopted as read and signed
- 2. Matters Arising.**
  - a. WALC Meeting. Mr Pollard had attended the Zoom meeting. He did not consider it to have been very productive. Reports would be issued by the WALC Secretary.
  - b. Permissive Path. Mr King had had a productive meeting with Mr Cochrane and progress was being made.
  - c. Grants. It was unanimously confirmed that payments this year would be £50 to each of the Parish Hall, the Four Villages Link and the Minibus as well as a payment of £50 to Parkinsons UK at the request of Mr Hurn (Internal Auditor) in lieu of his fee for carrying out the Audit in 2022
- 3. Planning**
  - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mr Burgess reported on the continuing impasse with WC over the affordable housing section of the NP. The PC had complied with the WC request that expert advice be obtained but still did not accept the opinions of PC and the expert ACOM. He hoped that the next scheduled meeting with WC might see a resolution.
  - b. The following applications had been received:-
    - i. PL/2023/ 00119/FUL Erection of building for Agricultural use (retrospective) at 14 Westbury Road for Bate. The council considered the most recent application and felt that it still gave cause for concern and delegated the Chairman and Cllr King to submit a suitable response following further discussions with the planning officer. In principle the council was against the application and Mrs Wickham confirmed that she had called the application in.
    - ii. PL/2023/00822/FUL Removal of existing outbuildings and the erection of 1 no. detached dwelling; with associated access, parking, turning, landscaping and private amenity space. Erection of associated cartshed. Blocking up of existing access. (resubmission of PL/2021/08763) at Greater Lane Farm for INOVA Construction Ltd. There appeared to be no planning grounds to object to this application
    - iii. PL/2021/00701 Consent to display an advertisement: proposed lettering with exterior lights at the Three Daggars for Ashley Design Associates Ltd. There was no objection but it was felt that the lights should point downwards and be turned off when the premises were closed
    - iv. PL/2023/0707/FUL Provision of tented canopy over open deck area at Edington Farm Shop for Ashley Design Associates Ltd. There was no objection

- v. PL/2023/00704/Prior approval Part 14 Class J: Installation or alteration etc of solar equipment on non-domestic premises Proposal: Installation of Tiger Neo N-Type solar panels on agricultural buildings at Farm Buildings North East Of Edington Priory Inmead, for Mr Chad Pike. There was no objection
- vi. PL/2023/00313 - Single storey side extension at Old House, 63 Westbury Road, for Mr and Mrs Gibson. There was no objection
- c. The following decisions had been received:-
  - i. PL/2022/02498/FUL Change of Use of 3 existing agricultural buildings to commercial use, specifically falling within Class B8 & B2 at Ivy Mill Farm for Mr and Mrs John and Sandra Padfield - approved
  - 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 - approved
  - iii. PL/2022/09264 - Removal or Variation of a Condition at 46A Westbury Road Variation of conditions 2 and 10 of the planning permission granted under reference 21/01765/FUL - refused
  - iv. PL/2023/00046 TCA reduce width of Scots Pine, lower branches are rubbing against the property and significantly overhanging the road at 67 Westbury Road for Jennifer Hoskins. No objection.

#### **4. Policing**

- a. Speed Watch. There had been no sessions but the Speed Enforcement Officer had been in the village again
- b. There was no Police report but it had been noted that there was a report of a missing person in Edington. No further information was available
- c. Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Greening had set up an Edington Neighbourhood Watch
- d. SID. The Chairman will be downloading the data from the SID and submitting it to Wiltshire Police as part of a pilot project. This will enable the police to identify hot spots of speeding in the villages and target resources where possible.

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

- a. Land Swap update. There had at last been a meeting with Mr Sheridan and representatives from Grassy Creek (the parent company of Three Dagers Operating) following on from this communication had been resumed. Further information was awaited.
- b. May Ball. A request had been received to use the PF for the Annual May Ball and this was agreed
- c. Mr Hailstone had asked that the Edington Fair equipment, currently stored at the Station Yard, be moved to the PF. The PC was very clear that the PF was not suitable and felt strongly that the existing arrangements were still currently the best available

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

- a. Request for Grit Bin at Berry Road/Court Lane. This request had been received from several residents. The Chairman had looked out bins on line and provided details to the PC. It was agreed unanimously to offer to purchase from Roadware

- a green 200 litre 250kg grit bin at a cost of £119.94 and details would be sent to the residents.
- b. Junction of Court Lane with Baynton Way. Residents were again asking for signs and/or white lines to be put in to properly define the junction. It was agreed to refer it to LFHIG.
- c. LFHIG Update
- i. B3098 at The City. Existing signage was in poor condition. The solution being proposed by the AHE was to replace the signs with a yellow backing board and new posts at a cost of about £1800. The PC share would be £540. This was agreed.
  - ii. White lines outside 6 Tinhead Road. There would be no cost to the PC to extend the white lines and the AHE was suggesting that the provision of rubber kerbing be deferred to see if the white lines resolved the problem of vehicle damage to the wall of No 6. This too was agreed.
  - iii. Traffic calming at B3098/Sandy Lane. The AHE had proposed 3 options but the PC was of the view that build outs were the only long term solution to vehicles speeding there on entering and leaving the village. The Chairman would have a further discussion with the AHE.
- d. Further consideration was given to the fencing of the lower part of the Village Green
- e. 20mph orders. The painting of the roundels was awaited

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

Mrs Wickham reported that there was full WC Budget meeting the next day with a recommendation that there be an increase of 2.99% plus a 2% levy for adult social care. WC was not touching reserves ( apart from Housing) and she considered that WC was in a good financial position. There were plans to extend the special needs school at Rowde. Contested PC elections would in future be borne by PCs

## **8. Finances.** There were no financial issues to consider

## **9. Car Park.**

- a. Gate post. 2 quotes had been received the lower of which was T Deacon Ltd at £162 which the PC accepted.
- b. There had been some unofficial and unauthorised parking and the Chairman had put notices on the vehicles requesting their removal which appeared to have worked

## **10. Coal Path Field.**

- a. The Music Festival had asked to use the field for a marquee as usual for the Festival. This was agreed and the PC would carry out the usual cutting but it was up to the Festival to cut again if it was felt necessary
- b. It was agreed to proceed with the hedging along the edge of the Coal Path

## **11. Village Green well Dressing.** It was agreed that this was well worth pursuing and would be on the agenda for the March meeting. It was further agreed that In order for Mrs Pike to progress it the PC would allow her an initial sum of £50 to finance

the project.

**12. Rewildng/Pollinator project.** Mrs Pike's proposals were for Berry Road and the Car Park were agreed. Mrs Wickham said the PC needed to proceed as a matter of priority

**13. Correspondence**

a. Gas in the village. Mr Mitchell had written suggesting that the PC explore the possibility of a gas supply being brought to the Village.

BKVC – an initial opening letter had been received from CPRE inviting interest in this year's competition. After discussion the PC decided, in the absence of any one to front it, not to enter this year

**14. News items**

It was too late in the month to submit any items

**15. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm