

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 17th April 2023 at 8.40 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Greening and Messrs Swabey, Johns

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th March 2023 were adopted as read and signed

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning

a. Neighbourhood Plan. There was no change from the March meeting.

b. The following applications had been received and there was no objection to either of them:-

i. PL/2023/02368/TCA - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area.

There were multiple trees to be cut back from the boundary between Silverwell House and Long Hollow as identified on the map. Mixed Species. Multiple Side Prune to gain a 1.2m clearance, from the network. Crown reduce to gain a 1m clearance from the network if needed. The work was driven by Southern Electric Power Plc who issued a legal letter on 13 March stating that the boundary trees were interfering with their electricity cables which also ran along the boundary. Their arborist visited on 23 March, surveyed the site and identified work that needed to be carried out by his team. It impacted multiple trees along the boundary which needed to be cut back or crowned to create clearance from the cables. All at Silverwell House, Long Hollow for Mr Robert Smith

ii. PL/2023/02218/TPO - T1 - Lime - Remove 3 large low limbs (south East) directly over the asbestos roof of the out building and growing approximately 1-1.5m above ground level. Remove 4 low limbs over the lane to provide 5-6m clearance and cut back from insulated wires. Remove one medium sized limb growing west and over the embankment. Thin the remaining canopy by no more than 20%, remove any dead material.. . T2 - Weeping Beech - Cut three very small branches growing approximately within 3m of the ground to provide clearance of the featherboard fence. All at Greater Lane Farm, 16 Westbury Road for Mr David Campbell

c. The following decisions had been received:-

i. 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. TCA Fell Cherry Tree at 14 Tinhead Road for Mr Stephen Forward – approved

ii. PL/2023/00313 - Single storey side extension at Old House, 63 Westbury Road, for Mr and Mrs Gibson

4. Policing

- a. Police Report. Unfortunately, although organised, there was no Police attendance but PC Roberts had sent a report for the APM. There had been only a handful of crimes reported and one RTA
- b. Speed Watch. The Chairman had presented an overview at the APM and sessions would be proceeding as normal with continuing concerns about the speed of traffic both ways at the west end of the village.
At the east end of the village the Police were not happy with the idea of a SW station at the bottom of Long Hollow on the verge because of the bank and the possible need to take evasive action. The Chairman wondered if a second SID could be sited there
- c. Neighbourhood Watch. This was now up and running with a What's app group as the main method of communication

5. Playfield (PF)

Land Swap. There was no response yet from The Three Daggers

6. Village Green

- a. Well dressing. Mrs Pike reported that this was all organised and that there would be a village picnic there in the afternoon
- b. Lower Village green fencing. The posts and chain had been ordered

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LFHIG

- a. Permissive Path from CP. The line of the path had basically been approved and consideration would have to be given to accessing it from the pavement opposite 43 Westbury Road
- b. Traffic calming at west end of village. This was the subject of ongoing discussions with the AHE

8. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

Rewilding/Pollinating Areas. These were well in hand

9. APM debrief. It was agreed that there would be 5 priorities for the coming year

- a. Continue to work with Wiltshire Council to improve the safety for all road users of the B3098.
- b. Work towards a conclusion to improving the playfield facilities
- c. Continue with the Neighbourhood Plan
- d. Develop further the opportunities offered from the first stages of the pollinator project.
- e. Develop the Neighbourhood Watch programme for the village

10. Coal Path Field. This was an ongoing project for discussion at the next meeting

11. Finances

- a. It was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. WC £60 for Charlton Hill name plate

- ii. Refund Mr Pollard £274.56 being £225 for Lower Village Green posts, £34.48 for Plastic chain and £14.58 for Eye straps for fixing chain
 - iii. T Deacon Ltd £162 for replacement gate post at Car Park
 - iv. Miles & Francis £250 for Grounds maintenance at PF, CP and village maintenance
- b. Notice of Audit 2022/23 had been received

12. Correspondence

- a. CPRE Countryside Voices – Spring/Summer – being circulated

13. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

14. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 15th May 2023 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and would be the Annual Parish Council meeting