

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Watts, Pike, O'Donoghue and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard and Swabey

Apologies were received from Messrs Johns, King, Burgess and Hardman, Mrs Greening and Mrs Wickham (WC).

- 1. Election of Chairman** for the ensuing year. Mr Pollard was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Watts and in the absence of any other nominations was duly elected. He thanked the PC for his appointment.
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman** for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Miss O'Donoghue that Mrs Greening be appointed and in the absence of any other nominations she was duly elected.
- 3. Appointments.** The following were agreed
 - a. Cheque signatories – Mrs Dorgan and Mr King
 - b. Planning Liaison – Mr King
 - c. Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Burgess
 - d. Highways Liaison- Mr Pollard and Mr Johns
 - e. Footpaths and B3098 Strategy– Mr Johns and Mr Pollard
 - f. Parish Steward – Mr Hardman
 - g. LHFIG (formerly CATG) – Mr Pollard and Mr Johns
 - h. Police Liaison, Neighbourhood Watch – Mrs Greening
 - i. Speed Watch – Mr Pollard
 - j. Website – Mr Pollard
 - k. Playfield – Mrs Dorgan
 - l. Westbury Area Board – Mr Pollard and Miss O'Donoghue
 - m. Newcomers – Mrs Watts and Miss O'Donoghue
 - n. Burial Ground – Mrs Pike
 - o. News Contact – Mrs Watts
 - p. Civil Emergency Plan – Miss O'Donoghue
 - q. Climate Issues – Mrs Pike and Mr Swabey
 - r. Parish Hall link – Miss O'Donoghue
- 4. The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 17th April 2023 were adopted with amendments to Item 9 as noted, and signed
- 5. Matters Arising.**
 - a. Lower Village Green. The fencing had been completed with thanks to Peter Roberts, David Main and John Richardson
 - b. Well dressing. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Pike for a very successful event over the Coronation weekend
- 6. Planning**

- a. Neighbourhood Plan. There was no update from WC and the PC had been waiting since the 14th April.
- b. There were no applications to consider
- c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. 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 - approved
 - ii. 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 no objection
 - iii. PL/2021/04036/FUL Change of use from E(g)(iii) Industrial processes to holiday let and associated conversion works at Luccombe Mill for Mr Pelly - approved
 - iv. PL/2023/00707 Provision of tented canopy over open deck area at Edington Farm Shop for Ashley Design Associates Ltd. Approved

7. Policing

- a. There was no report Police Report
- b. Speed Watch. The session that had just taken place resulted in 13 being caught speeding at the west end of the village reinforcing the need to have a speed limiting provision. A report from the AHE was still awaited
- c. Neighbourhood Watch. There was some concern as to whether there was a GDPR issue with the suggested Whats App group
- d. SID at the corner of Long Hollow. The PC was awaiting a report from the AHE

8. Playfield (PF)

Land Swap update. There was still no news from The Three Daggers

9. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LFHIG

- a. Permissive Path from the CP. The Chairman had understood that Mr King could well do a lot of the fencing work but a decision needed to be made as to access to the path from the main road.

b. Parish Steward. The triangles needed to be cut but it was understood that the PS was part of the WC team dealing with potholes and road repairs. It was agreed to explore alternative arrangements. It was also understood that a resident had volunteered to cut the Lower Village Green and the Island opposite and that Mrs Wickham had offered her mower to the PC for that

10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. In the absence of Mrs Wickham there was no report

11. Burial Ground

BG fees review. It was agreed to make no changes for the coming year

12. Coal Path Field. Arrangements for grass cutting needed to be considered. The tree planting would be carried out in the autumn. It was suggested that the proposed Boules area would be better sited at the PF. Mr Fraser had kindly offered to pay for a bench which could be placed on slabs at a place to be agreed

13. Grass Cutting generally. It was agreed to try and rationalise the grass cutting arrangements in the village. The Monastery Road triangle and the Weir should be the PS; the PF, CP and Coal Path Field - Bob Miles, Responsibility for the Greater Lane triangle, and the one at the top of the footpath to the Village green needed to be clarified

14. Code of Conduct. This had been circulated and it was agreed it should be adopted at the next meeting

15. 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. BHIB Insurance renewal £354.71
 - ii. Refund Mr Pollard for Defibrillator Pads from First Aid Warehouse £129.59 and IONOS Website Hosting fees for 6 months £30. Total £159.59
 - iii. Refund the Clerk £162 for Car Park post from T Deacon Ltd
 - iv. Hire of Parish Hall January to April £100
 - v. JP Garden Services for BG Grass cutting
 - vi. Refund Mrs Helen Shaw £39.50 the cost of the Clay for the Well dressing
- b. The 1st tranche of the Precept in the sum of £8000 had been received
- c. The Annual Return and Audit would be considered at the June PC meeting

16. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct for May 2023
- b. WALC Circular – April 2023
- c. CPRE Wiltshire Voice – Spring 2023
- d. WALC County Conference 9th June

17. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

18. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 12th June 2023 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

