

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Watts, Greening, O'Donoghue, Pike and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard, King and Swabey and Mrs Wickham (WC) for part of the meeting

Apologies had been received from Messrs Hardman, Johns, and Burgess

- 1. The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 10th July 2023 were adopted as read and signed
- 2.** There were no **Matters Arising**.
- 3. Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). In the absence of Mr Burgess the Chairman was able to confirm that a possible way forward was being pursued to resolve the issues noted at the July meeting.
 - b. The following applications had been received:-
 - i. PL/2023/05162/TCA Remove to ground level T1 – Yew, T2 – Conifer, T3 – Maple, T4 – Conifer, at Springfields, 7A Inmead for Fowler - approved
 - ii. PL/2023/06689/TCA Fell all of 7 mature Thiuja and Cypress, plus a collapsing and dying Cypress hedge made up of 11 separate trees, One Domestic Apple. Replace with native species hedge at Yew Tree Cottage 6 Charlton Hill for Mr Steve Russell – there was no objection
 - iii. PL/2023/04258/LBC – Installation of EV charging point on external wall of cottage kitchen at 3 Salisbury Hollow for Mrs Janet Swain - approved
 - iv. PL/2023/06967/Prior approval Part 3 Class Q Agricultural buildings to Dwellinghouses - Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 2no dwellinghouses and associated operational development Site at Farm Buildings to the North of Hudds Mill Lane, for Ms Sarah Blazier – there was no objection
 - c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2023/04896 TPO Hornbeam tree – overall reduction of 35% at Beech House 3 Tinhead Road for Ms Callum Hall - approved
- 4. Policing.**
 - a. SpeedWatch. The sessions recently carried out at the Longlands Close area caught 48 of which 18 were in excess of 40 mph with one at 47/48 mph
 - b. Neighbourhood Watch. There was no update but Mr King did report a theft from an agricultural vehicle which had been notified to the Police. Notification had been received of the Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association AGM on the 7th October
 - c. Highway Safety. An email had been received from the Police to raise awareness of its campaign for safer driving “Stay Alive – get to know the Fatal 5” there having been an increase in the number of serious accidents and deaths on Wiltshire roads
- 5. Playfield.**
 - a. Mrs Dorgan reported that the Christmas tree had been ordered and Edington Brass would provide the music. The Light up would be on the 8th Dec at 6pm
 - b. The Chairman had alerted the Three Daggers that the PC needed to think about upgrading/replacing some equipment notwithstanding that the land swap deal had not been finalised. It was agreed to look at replacement rockers at the next meeting
- 6. Grass Cutting.**
 - a. The Chairman had produced an updated schedule. He had spoken to the Clerk of Bratton PC who had copied him the contracts that they currently had with their

contractors. The suggestion had been made that Bratton and Edington PC's could have a joint arrangement with future contractors and this idea was generally agreed. The PC's need was reasonably urgent and it was further agreed to ask Mr Pople (who had cut the PF) to carry on until the end of the season if available, and look for another contractor who was able to carry out the work.

b. There was discussion about possible future contractors and liaising with Bratton PC

c. Bob Miles had retired and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to him

7. Trees Survey. The following quotes had been received from Southern Tree Surveys:-

a. Repeat survey of PF trees £225

b. " " trees adjacent to the Priory, the greens at Tinhead, and the recently pollarded willow at the pond £245

c. Trees at Car park £195

These were all agreed

8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG.

a. Speed calming Sandy Lane to Longlands Close. The Chairman had circulated a paper with suggested solutions which had been agreed and then submitted to WC Highways. There had not yet been a response.

b. Housecroft Farm signage. Mrs Wickham gave an outline of her discussion with the owners as to their concerns about their road safety Mrs Lukes being disabled. The AHE was also present and would be arranging to carry out speed monitoring and refer the situation to LFHIG

c. Double yellow lines. The Chairman reported that it was understood that the report following the Public consultation had been completed and was in the process of being checked

d. Re-lettering of Finger Post at Tinhead Road. Sydenham's quote of £165.12 had been received and was agreed. Payment needed to be made on making the order by Bank transfer

e. It was suggested and agreed that a "public footpath" sign be placed at the bottom of the path leading to the Parish Hall. The Chairman would speak to the AHE

f. Weirside footpath hedge. It was still unclear whose responsibility it was but it was agreed to see if Mrs Greenings husband would be able to deal with it on this occasion

g. A suggestion had been received as to whether it might be possible to have a permissive path in the field to the South of the B3098 from Sandy Lane to Reeves farm. It was agreed to investigate

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. Mrs Wickham reported that:-

a. WC had published its draft Local Plan Review taking the Plan (the Wiltshire Core Strategy) to 2038 and consultation on it would start on the 27th September. She encouraged the PC to log into a WC webinar on the 10 October at 1830 and there would be a number of drop in venues including Westbury Leighton Recreation Centre on the 16th October.

b. The AB meeting on the 3rd October would be having significant input from both the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner and she encouraged councillors to attend that.

c. That reflecting on the problems being experienced in Birmingham she wished to reassure the PC that WC finances were in pretty good shape and nowhere near Birmingham's

d. The Pollinator Project had worked well.

10. Defibrillator at the Three Dagers. New starter batteries had been needed and Mr Pollard had organized that. In addition he had prepared a statement of estimated ongoing maintenance costs for each of the Defibrillators for the ensuing 5 years to assist with PC budgeting

11. Coal Path Field.

- a. Consideration was been given to a bench for the field and Mr Fraser was happy with one manufactured by Marmax at a cost of £379 including delivery plus VAT. It was agreed to leave the possibility of a 2nd bench for the time being
- b. Mrs Pike would be looking at arrangements for the Coal path hedging and would meet with the Chairman to identify what work was required prior to the planting programme in the February/March 2024

12. Finances .

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Greening and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed
 - i. Refund Mr Pollard £7.00 cost of replacement batteries for Tinhead Defibrillator, £120 for SID Backplate, £12.69 for air filter etc for mower supplied by Mrs Wickham and £67.92 for replacement Defibrillation pads
Total = £207.61
 - ii. Refund the Clerk for SLCC Subscription 2023/24 £112 and £119.94 for Grit Bin for Court Lane (see Minutes 20.02.23)\
 - iii. Mies & Francis £1010 for Grounds maintenance to PF, CP and other work
 - iv. Reimburse Dave May £13.06 cost of petrol for the Wickham mower

13. Car Park.

- a. Extension. Mr King would make contact with the landowners when he was able
- b. Unauthorised parking. It was agreed to keep an eye on the situation
- c. Footpath. There was nothing further to report at the moment

14. Civil Emergency Plan. Ms O'Donoghue reported that she was only needing to add Mr Swabey as the Tinhead contact.

15. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2023

16. PC Priorities 2023. All had been touched on in the course of the meeting

17. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

18. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 9th October 2023 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm