

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Greening and Messrs Johns, King and Hardman

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th September 2023 were adopted as read and signed

1. Matters Arising. Work on the Tinhead Road Fingerpost was in hand

2, Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). A response had been received from WC requiring a site decision from the landowner and Mr Burgess was pursuing that
- b. The following applications had been received and there were no objections to any of them:-
 - i. PL/2023/07674/TCA Two Maple trees - Crown reduce 3 meters, Cherry Plum tree - Crown reduce 2 meters, Silver birch tree - Crown reduce 2 meters at The Vines 4A Inmead for Mrs Elizabeth Windo
 - ii. PL/2023/07930/TCA T1 - Maple: Pollard the tree, removing two to three meters of canopy, back to the previous pruning points.. T2 - Maple: Pollard the tree, removing two to three meters of canopy, back to the previous pruning points at Orchard House, 2B Lower Road for Pike
 - iii. PL/2023/08336/TCA Remove 3 x dying lime trees adjacent to the roadside and a listed wall. All three are showing significant die back and the applicant is concerned that debris will fall either into the road or damage the listed wall Remove 1 x Purple leaf Maple. Maple is showing significant signs of decay at The Monastery Garden, 5 Monastery Road for Mrs C Allanson-Bailey
- c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2023/06689TCA 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 – no objection
 - ii. PL/2023/04275/TCA Fell Palm Trees T1 and T2 a High Bridge 1 Monastery Road for Mr T Tapley – no objection
- d. It was noted that the Local Plan Consultation was starting with a Webinar on the 10th Oct and a Presentation at the Leighton Centre on the 16th, but Edington was not directly affected as it was designated as a Small Village

3. Policing

- a. There were no reports on Speedwatch or Neighbourhood Watch
- b. Details had been circulated of the Chief Constable's Force Update and the Police and Crime Commissioner's campaign to tackle Rural Crime

4. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap. There was no update.
- b. Consideration was given to the provision of replacement rockers. Mrs Dorgan had resourced these and was suggesting those supplied by.....

Pictures were displayed and the PC after discussion chose the “Holly Hedgehog” £935 and the “2 way Cockerel” £1075. A decision needed to be made as to the siting of them but otherwise the PC approved unanimously to proceed to purchase them. Grants would be sought

c. May Ball had asked permission to use the PF Spring Bank Holiday 2024 and this was agreed

d, There had again been incidents of dogs in the PF. It was agreed that Mrs Dorgan would arrange for a large sign to be on the field gate

- 5. Grounds Maintenance.** A draft letter seeking quotes for the maintenance of all the grass areas the responsibility of the PC was approved and would be sent out seeking responses by the 10th Nov. Meanwhile it was agreed that in the event of the PF and Coal Path Field needing a further cut then Trim N Tidy would be asked to do that

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

a. Grit Bin at Court Lane. This was awaiting the levelling of the space where it was to be placed

b. The double yellow lines had been approved. Mrs Wickham reported on a text she had received from a resident concerned about reversing out of the driveway after the yellow lines had been painted

c. She had also received concern about visibility at the Tinhead Road junction with the B3098

d. Speed calming Sandy Lane to Longlands Close. Nothing had yet been received from Highways

e. A metro speed check was shortly to be carried out near Housecroft Farm but LHFIG was thinking of a Horses sign to alert vehicles

f. Permissive Path Sandy Lane to Fitzroy Farm. A counter suggestion had been made to have a path on the North side of the B3098. Mr Pollard would raise the matter with the AHE

g. Lower Road speed monitoring confirmed that the 20mph was being broken regularly and the SpeedWatch team could include it in their rota but it would be necessary to confirm a location for them to stand

h. Parish Hall Footpath signs. The chairman was able to show pictures of suitable signs and the PC agreed to go ahead with a sign at each end of the path at a cost of £53.48

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

Mrs Wickham reported on the following:-_

a. Anonymous letters had been received about people deliberately putting incorrect items in bins to delay the Incinerator starting

b. Undelivered mail. Mrs Dorgan had expressed concern that letters were not being delivered straight away preference being given to parcels. Mrs Wickham said she would refer it to Andrew Murrison MP

- 8. Rewilding/Coal Path Field.** Mrs Pike explained the plans for clearing the existing hedge and coppicing trees where necessary. The compost bin would need to be removed. The Bench donated by a villager had arrived and would be installed

shortly.

9. Trees Survey. These were in hand but the report that had been received suggested that the Willow tree on the VG should be removed. This was agreed

10. Car Park. It was not likely that an additional CP below the existing one would go ahead

11. Finances

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. JP Garden Services for BG Grasscutting August £105 and Sept £61.25
 - ii. Marmax for Bench for Coal Path Field £454.80
 - iii. Earth Anchors Ltd for Marmax Bench £69.54
 - iv. Parish Hall Hire May, June, July £60
- b. The following had been received:-
 - i. WC £8000 2nd payment of Precept

12. Correspondence

- a. Community First AGM 11th October at Devizes
- b. Message from Avon Valley Runners that their annual run would be on the 26th Nov

13. News items.

Consideration was given to items to be included

14. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 13th November 2023 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.