

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Burgess

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 9th October 2023 were adopted as read and signed
2. **Matters Arising.** The Parish Hall Footpath Signs had been received and would be put up shortly
3. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). A further communication was awaited from WC and the landowner
 - b. There were no planning applications to consider
 - c. The following decisions had been received:
 - 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 – no objection
 - 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 – no objection
 - 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 – no objection
4. **Policing**
 - a. Speed Watch. Recent checks resulted in several vehicles being caught over the limit
 - b. Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Greening said there was no update to report
5. **Playfield (PF)**
 - a. Play equipment. Mrs Dorgan had been on touch with Wicksteed. The prices were as per the minutes of the last meeting plus a minimum installation cost of £1250 and carriage £189 and VAT. The Holly Hedgehog was a single seater, the Cockerel a double.
 - b. Land Swap. A response had been received and a meeting arranged for the 16th November
6. **Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG**

- a. Speed calming Sandy Lane to Longlands Close. In a discussion with the AHE it had been suggested that the 30 sign be upgraded with a yellow background, the installation of verge gates to enhance the idea that vehicles were entering the village, built up rumble strips and repainting the white lines. She would prepare a note for the PC to consider. The matter would then be on the agenda for the January 2024 LFHIG meeting
- b. Lower Road speed reduction measures. The suggestion was the painting of more white lines near to the Manor House
- c. Permissive paths.
 - i. from the Car Park. Mr King confirmed that he was waiting for a period of dry weather
 - ii. from Sandy Lane to Reeves Farm. The AHE did not consider that a path on the north side of the road was practical or safe onto the public highway and so it was agreed to have another discussion with the landowner
- d. Parish Steward. Mr Hardman felt that he had a good working relationship with the PS and again asked councillors to simply let him know of any matters that the PS could be asked to deal with. It was noted that the path at the bottom of the PH footpath was very slippery; and that the footpath from Monastery Road to the lake had flooded

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. Mrs Wickham reported on:-
 - i. Flooding at Turnpike Cottage. There was no action for the PC to take
 - ii. The grit bin in Court Lane had been installed and filled
 - iii. The AB meeting on the 30th November would be dedicated to Highways
- 8. Grounds maintenance.** Of the 5 companies who had been approached only 2 had responded. One had quoted £7288 and the other – Ideal Grounds Maintenance, Swindon - £3824 plus VAT. It was agreed unanimously to go with Ideal
- 9. Coal Path Field.** There was to be a meeting on the 14th November to plan the hedge planting; and the chairman reported that the bench had now been installed
- 10. Finances**

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. Trim N Tidy for PF Grass cutting £190
 - ii. S R Macleod (Southern Tree Services) £665
 - iii. Edington Parish Hall Room Hired 11 Sept £20
 - iv. Sydenhams for Finger Post lettering £165.12
 - v. Ashton Stump Grinding Services for PF Grass cutting £60
 - vi. Refund Mr Pollard Sydenhams for paving slabs for Coal Path Field bench £25.39, Post office for - return of broken SID lead £4.19 and Amazon - for SID connector £4.99: Total £34.57
- b. Precept and Charities would be reviewed for Budget purposes at the December meeting

11. Correspondence

- a. CPRE Wiltshire Voice – Autumn 2023 and Countryside Voices – Autumn/Winter 2023
- b. Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2023
- c. WALC Circular October 2023
- d.. Representatives of the PC had been invited by Steeple Ashton PC to a meeting at Steeple Ashton to hear the Army's Liaison officer explain it's current and future use of Keevil Airfield

12, News items.

Consideration was given to items to be included

13. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 11th December 2023 at 7.30pm