The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

<u>Present</u>: Mesdames Greening, Pike, O'Donoghue and Dorgan and Messrs Pollard, Swabey and King; and Mrs Wickham (WC)
There was one member of the public in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mrs Watts and Messrs Johns and Hardman

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th January 2024 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising.

Field north of Greater Lane. An email had been received from Carol Burnard seeking clarification of the PC's concerns about the use of the field and explaining that they had consent from WC to use the field as an AEP (Alternative Educational Provision). The PC was unaware of this designation and the concern had been the use of the land as a business for which it was considered Planning Permission would be required. The Chairman had contacted WC for advice on this point but a reply had not yet been received.

3. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). A further response is awaited from WC
- b. The following applications had been received:
 - i. PL/2023/10535/FUL Conversion of existing residential storage outbuilding to residential annex at Seymour House, Greater Lane Farm for Mr and Mrs McNeilis. The PC was concerned that an earlier application for the entire site had been turned down because there were too many houses proposed. The property currently being built was a 6 bedroom house with consequential pressures of the number of cars it would generate going to and leaving the site onto a narrow single carriageway road and at a junction with the main road. This application, if granted, would add to those pressures. In addition it was considered that, if permitted, this would amount to an over development of a site adjacent to a listed building. If granted then the usual tie should be added to ensure that it could not be sold separately from the house
 - ii. PL/2024/00658/TCA T1 Beech: reduce lower canopy on west side by up to 3m at The Old Vicarage for Mr D'arcy. There was no objection
- c. The following decision has been received:
 - i. 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 at Farm Buildings to the North of Hudds Mill Lane, for Ms Sarah Blazier - Prior approval granted
 - ii. PL/2023/10814/FUL Single storey side extension (Amendment to PL/ 2023/00313 to allow changes to fenestration and roof form) at Old House, 63 Westbury Road, for Mr and Mrs Ian and Susan Gibson - approved
- d. Mr King raised the question of whether the PC should consider an audit of land being used in the village in ways that may need planning permission

4. Policing

- Emails had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner with the written Force Update 2nd February 2024 for information and the Road Safety Update – Westbury Area Board
- b. Neighbourhood Watch. It was suggested that the various Whats App groups in the village could be joined in as an alert group; and it was panned to launch a new Edington NW group at the APM

5. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap update. There was no update nothing further having been heard yet from The Three Daggers
- b. SSE had emailed seeking consent to the trimming back of one of the trees on the PF to protect the Electricity cables there. This was agreed

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

- a. Traffic calming along B3098 and in Lower Road. The latest proposals and plan from the AHE are attached to these Minutes. Whilst it still did not meet the PCs preferences the PC agreed that at the present time this was the best that was on offer and that it be accepted on the basis that there would be speed checks and a review after 6 months
 - For B3098 Westbury Road. Additional layer of paint to rumble strips; gate ways to be installed at both entrances; "No Footpath" signs to be to be moved further west
 - ii. For Lower Road. Rumble strips; "Pedestrians in road" signs; Broken white line 1 meter wide for pedestrians with symbols in the road indicating pedestrian area

The schemes were divided into 3 phases. Phase 1: as above and costing the PC approximately £3000; Phase 2 the potential for speed cushions in Lower Road, Greater Lane, Monastery Road and Tinhead Road. This would have to be a substantive bid; Phase 3 after 6 months review the schemes and speed data

- b. New Kissing Gate at Lambourne Lane, footpath EDIN 17. This had been installed
- c. Bridleway Gate at Footpath 16/Bridleway 16. At the north west corner where Bridle way 16 went on into Steeples Ashton Parish it was agreed by the Footpaths Officer that this should be a stile instead of a kissing gate
- d. The SSE email had also referred to the trees beside the footpath from Greenhills to Tinhead Road
- e. The question of where to take the leaves from the Greenhills footpath was discussed. Two possible sites were mentioned; half way up Sandy Lane on the right or some where at the Station Yard. Consent of the landowners would be needed
- f. Coal path/gate into churchyard. There was now a potential hazard due to the dip that had been created in an effort to drain away the water there. It was agreed to refer this to the PCC
- g. The hedge at the bottom of the Parish Hall footpath was leaning over the path and it was agreed to ask the owner to trim it back

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. Mrs Wickham reported generally on

a. The pollinator projects in the village

- i. Coal Path field and proposed Car Park permissive Path. 150-200 whips would be more than the budget allowed but Mrs Pike said the planting would now be going ahead in November although she still had a few for planting now
- ii. Court Lane. Unfortunately the cuttings had been removed too soon after having been cut and so they had not dropped their seeds. For the coming year she was suggesting having 15% more poppies
- b. The WC budget was in a very good place
- c. The proposed Family Hub Service. WC would run an online modem with a QR code and physical hubs both offering sources for help

8. Finances.

- a. It was proposed by Ms O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoice be paid or payment confirmed:
 - i. Hire of Parish Hall Oct 9 and 25, Nov 1,13,16, Dec 11: £80
- b. Old Edington Fair Funds. It was suggested that the funds still held in the bank account be transferred to the PC. It was agreed to consider this at a future meeting

9. Car Park.

Proposed Permissive path. Mr King had not been able to make any progress because of the very wet condition of the land

10. Coal Path Field.

The area had been cleared for planting but apart from some 10 whips which would be used for the CP Permissive path the planting would be scheduled for November

11. Correspondence

Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed to discuss this at the March meeting

12. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included

13. Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to have this immediately before the April PC Meeting at 6.45 for 7.15pm

14. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 11th March 2024 at the Parish Hall

Attachments

- 1. B3098 Western end Site plan
- 2. Lower Road Location plan
- 3. Westbury Road Location plan
- 4. B3098 Eastern end Site plan







