

he Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Messrs Hardman, Johns and Swabey

1 member of the public was also in attendance

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th February 2024 were adopted as read and signed

2. Matters Arising.

- a. Casual Vacancy. The notices of vacancy had been put up with effect from 8th March. The deadline was the 28th March
- b. Field north of Greater Lane. Mrs Wickham had made enquiries of the planning office and had been told that there had been no change of use, that it was still equestrian use and so a Change of Use application was not required.

3. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan. A response was still awaited from WC.
- b. The following applications had been received:-
 - i. PL/2024/01969/TPO - Works to a Protected Tree an American Basswood tree. It was needed to get the branches 3 metres away from the electricity lines and height reduced and side pruned in order to get that clearance. As the tree was so close this would effectively bring it back to the main stem - at Edington PF for Mr Simon Ford for SSE. There was no objection
 - ii. PL/2024/02269/FUL - Erection of two agricultural equipment storage sheds at Priory Farm, Monastery Road for Mr C Pike- again there was no objection
- c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2023/10365/LBC Provision of solar panels to motor barn at The Priory Inmead for Mr Chad Pike – approved
 - 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 – no objection
 - iii. PL/2023/10535/FUL Conversion of existing residential storage outbuilding to residential annex at Seymour House, Greater Lane Farm for Mr and Mrs McNeilis - approved

4. Policing

- i. There was no Police Report.
- ii. Speedwatch. Sessions were now underway. The first had again resulted in a number of vehicles caught speeding
- iii. Neighbourhood Watch. This would be on the agenda for the APM

5. Playfield.

Land Swap. A meeting had taken place to discuss new proposals which were very much as had been originally suggested. Another meeting was to be arranged but in the meantime a list of questions had been submitted and the sub-group would need to discuss responses and then report back to the PC

6. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

Mrs Wickham reminded the PC that the upcoming Police and Crime Commissioner election in May would require voters to provide evidence of identity and that Postal Votes should be sent by post.

7. Highway matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

- a. Charlton Hill. Mrs Wickham raised concerns, expressed to her by residents, of the dangers exiting Charlton Hill. They were suggesting the provision of a mirror on the corner of Long Hollow and the B3098. This was not WC Highways policy. An alternative could be "Concealed entrance" signs. It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the AHE to see what options might be available in view of the number of near misses that had occurred
- b. Leaves from Greenhills. Mrs Watts suggested 2 more possible sites to take them to: the area of the Church Car Park and the Coal Path field.
- c. It was understood that the Church PCC had already in hand some remedial work to the drainage problem at the gate to the Coal Path
- d. The bottom end of the path from the Three Daggers to the lower Village Green was in need of clearing the tarmac having been overgrown at the path edge
- e. Permissive path from the Car Park. Mr King had spoken to Mr Cochrane and hoped to start work on the proposed path as better weather approached
- f. B3098 and Lower Road Speed reduction measures, as discussed at the February meeting, were due to be considered at the LHFIG meeting on the 9th May
- g. Parish Steward. Matters would be referred to Mr Hardman
- h. Village Litter Pick. 5 Councillors and 4 villagers had done this on the 9th March. There was less litter than usual

8. Finances.

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed:-
 - i. Ideal Grounds Maintenance for PF cut 9th March £96
 - ii. To pay the Charities as agreed at the January Budget Meeting
 - iii. Clerks Salary and Expenses as per annex
 - iv. A request had been received for a grant to Wiltshire Search and Rescue. It was agreed to make a grant of £50
- b. Edington Fair funds. After discussion it was noted that the current arrangements would continue and the PC would not be involved
- c. The Three Daggers had run out of Footpath books and it was agreed unanimously to authorise Mrs Pike to order some more

9. APM arrangements.

- a. Attendees would include the PCSO covering Edington and Mrs Wickham
- b. Mrs Greening would outline the Neighbourhood Plan
- c. Mention would be made of the proposed Permissive Path from the Car Park

10. Car Park and Coal Path Field.

- a. Mrs Pike confirmed that a mix of 10 Blackthorn and Hawthorn saplings had been planted on the CP bank
- b. She also confirmed that whips had been ordered for the field boundary with the Coal Path
- c. It was suggested that the Parish Steward be asked to provide a “bughouse”

11. BKVC. There had been no response to the mention in The News seeking volunteers. Mrs Watts would mention it again in the upcoming April News

12. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct -March 2024.
- b. WALC Circular - February 2024

13. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

14. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 8th April 2024 immediately after the APM at 6.45 for 7.15pm