

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Swabey

Mr Forward was also in attendance (having attended several previous PC meetings) and indicated a desire to be considered for co-option onto the PC following Mr Burgess's resignation. After giving a short presentation of his career in the RAF, his now permanent residency in the village and what he felt he could offer to the PC it was agreed, after discussion, that he be co-opted and was formally welcomed to the meeting.

- 1. Election of Chairman** for the ensuing year. Mr Pollard was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mr Johns and in the absence of any other nominations was duly elected. He thanked the PC for his appointment.
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman** for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Watts that Mrs Greening be appointed and in the absence of any other nominations she was duly elected.
- 3. Appointments.** The following were agreed
 - a. Cheque signatories/internet banking authorisers – Mrs Dorgan and Mr King and in addition Mr Pollard
 - b. Planning Liaison – Mr King
 - c. Neighbourhood Plan – (Mr Burgess was still willing to front the process) and be supported by Mr Pollard and Mr Forward
 - d. Highways Liaison- Mr Pollard
 - e. Footpaths and B3098 Strategy– Mr Johns
 - f. Parish Steward – Mr Hardman
 - g. LHFIG (formerly CATG) – Mr Pollard
 - h. Police Liaison, Neighbourhood Watch – Mrs Greening
 - i. Speed Watch – Mr Pollard
 - j. Website – Mr Pollard and Mr Forward
 - k. Playfield – Mrs Dorgan
 - l. Westbury Area Board – Miss O'Donoghue and Mr Pollard
 - m. Newcomers – Mrs Watts and Miss O'Donoghue
 - n. Burial Ground – Mrs Pike
 - o. News Contact – Mrs Watts
 - p. Civil Emergency Plan/Flood Warden – Miss O'Donoghue
 - q. BA13+ and Health Liaison – Mr Swabey
 - r. Climate Issues – Mrs Pike and Mr Swabey
 - s. Parish Hall link – Miss O'Donoghue

4. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 18th April 2024 were adopted as read and signed
5. **Matters Arising.**

Leaves from Greenhills and Smelly Lane could be deposited in the Church Car Park
6. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. The PC was still waiting to hear from WC
 - b. The following applications had been received and there were no objections to either of them:-
 - i. PL/2024/03775/FUL - two new single story extensions to the bungalow Juniper, Lower Road, for Heidi Whitmor
 - ii. PL/2024/00364/FUL - Provision of solar panels to motor barn at The Priory, Inmead for Mr Chad Pike
 - c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2024/02269/FUL - Erection of two agricultural equipment storage sheds at Priory Farm, Monastery Road for Mr C Pike - approved
 - ii. PL/2024/01969/TPO - Works to a Protected Tree an American Basswood tree. It was needed to get the branches 3 meters 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 - Refused
7. **Policing**
 - a. There was no report Police Report
 - b. Speed Watch. The recent session had been the subject of abuse from 2 drivers which had been reported to the Police. There continued to be a number of drivers exceeding the speed limit
 - c. Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Greening was in the process of preparing the list for those wanting to be on the scheme
 - d. The SID was back and working and there was no cost to the PC
8. **Playfield (PF)**

Land Swap update. The Chairman reported on the outcome of the negotiations with The Three Daggers. There was a measure of support but concerns were expressed about car parking for villagers and to review the proposals for the Skateboard area. It was agreed to go back to The Three Daggers on these 2 points and a special meeting of the PC would be called to report on the outcome
9. **Highway Matters/Footpaths/LFHIG**
 - a. Permissive Path from the CP. Mr King had been able to have a meeting with Mr Cochrane who seemed happy with the path route. Reflecting on the scheme Mr King wondered to whom the B3098 verge there actually belonged
 - b. Parish Steward. He would be asked to clear the tarmacked footpaths
 - c. LFHIG. Costings had been received for the PC contribution to the road safety proposals for the western end of the B3098 in the sum of £3000; and for the village gate at the eastern end of the village £300,

d. Trees on Bank opposite 12 Westbury Road. These had been planted in the 1980's by the PC as part of a grant scheme from West Wilts District Council to encourage tree planting. Their safety needed to be checked and it was agreed to ask Mr Swabey to inspect and report

10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. Mrs Wickham said her article for the June News would be about concerns that refuse collection bins had not been returned properly to the house from which they came which was both awkward and annoying for residents

11. Coal Path Field. Mrs Pike was arranging to install some bird boxes

12. Grass Cutting review. It was agreed it was going well under the new arrangements.

13. Finances

- a. It was proposed by Miss O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Watts and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
- i. Clear Councils (formerly BHIB) Insurance renewal £452.70 (last year £354.71)
 - ii. Refund Mr Pollard for cost of returning SID to suppliers for repair £9.30
 - iii. WC £600 being £180 for PC contributions to Court Lane road markings and £420 for B3098 warning signs near The City
 - iv. JP Garden Services BG Grass cutting £80.00
 - v. Miss O'Donoghue £16.28 for APM refreshments
 - vi. Ideal for Grounds maintenance £318.66
- b. The 1st tranche of the Precept in the sum of £10500 had been received
- c. The Annual Return and Audit would be considered at the June PC meeting

14. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct for May 2024
- b. WALC Circular – April 2024

15. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

16. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 10th June 2024 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm