

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 17th June 2024` at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Greening and Watts and Messrs Swabey, Johns, Forward and King

Apologies were received from Messrs Hardman and Pollard and Mesdames Pike, O'Donoghue, Dorgan and Wickham (WC)

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 13th May 2024 were adopted as read and signed
2. There were no **Matters Arising**
3. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. The PC was still waiting to hear from WC. The delays were considered unacceptable and it was suggested that Mrs Wickham be asked to intercede
 - b. The following application had been received and there was no objection to it:-
 - i. PL/ 2024/05113/LBC - hang existing gate on new hinges to increase clear opening width at The Priory, Inmead for Mr Chad Pike
 - c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. PL/2024/02575/VAR - Removal or Variation of a Condition 2 elevation (approved plans) on 19/06212/FUL to allow for alterations to fenestration including window positions and position of gable to front at Ashton View 5 Longlands Close for Mr & Mrs Parmley – approved
 - ii. PL/2024/03775/FUL - two new single story extensions to the bungalow Juniper, Lower Road for Heidi Whitmor - approved
 - iii. PL/2024/00364/FUL - provision of solar panels to motor barn at The Priory, Inmead for Mr Chad Pike - approved
4. **Finances**
 - a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mr King and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. JP Garden Services for BG 1st,17th and 29th May £90
 - ii. Parkinsons UK donation in lieu of Internal Audit fee for year ended 31.03.23 £50
 - iii. Refund the Clerk £433.17 re Insurance premium
 - iv. WALC Subscription £303.71
 - b. Audit 2023/2024. The Internal Audit had been completed and no issues had been raised. The AGAR having been prepared for approval and circulated was discussed in 3 parts:-
 - i. Certificate of Exemption. The PC complied with the requirements enabling it to certify that it was exempt from a “Limited Assurance Review” and did so at 1940
 - ii. The Annual Governance Statement. The PC went through each of the numbered points and was satisfied that the answer to each was “Yes” save for one “N/A”. The Notice for 2023/2024 of Public Rights and Publication of

- the AGAR would be posted on the PC Website on the 18th June 2024 to commence on the 19th June through to the 31st July 2024. The PC unanimously agreed the Annual Governance Statement at 1945
- iii. Accounting Statements 2023/2024. The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, certified that the Accounting Statements in the Annual Return presented fairly the financial position of the PC and its receipts and payments for the year. These were explained by the Clerk including the “Explanation of Variances”. The PC unanimously agreed that the Accounts be adopted and approved and they were ready for signature at 2051
 - c. The Internal Auditor had again decided that he did not wish to charge the PC for his Audit but asked that the PC make a donation to Parkinson’s disease in memory of his late wife

5. Policing.

- a. Speedwatch/SID Mr Pollard had circulated the latest SID data. There was continued concern about the speed of vehicles through the village
- b. Neighbourhood Watch. Mrs Greening was hoping to make some progress with the list of people wanting to be on the scheme
- c. Mrs Wickham had reported to the Clerk an incident that had occurred earlier in the day in Court Lane involving 2 vehicles resulting in her phoning the Police twice and their attending

6. PC Priorities for the coming year. It was agreed to discuss these at the July meeting

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report

In the absence of Mrs Wickham there was no report

8. Playfield.

Land swap. The proposals had been put on the village website. They had generated posts on facebook but the PC had not received any comments directly

9. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

- a. Permissive path from CP. It was agreed to meet on site at the end of the PC meeting to decide where access to the proposed path would be
- b. Ownership of Trees at Monastery Road corner and further down beyond the entrance to The Weir. Mrs Greening would make enquiries
- c. Trees on bank opposite 12 Westbury Road. An email had been received from the owners of 5 Longlands Close concerned that the trees in the verge and bank below the new house were now too high and overhanging the property. It was agreed that Mr Swabey would have look at them and report back. It was noted that the trees had been planted some 40 years ago by the Paris Council with the benefit of a West Wilts District Council grant, the WWDC at the time having a campaign of tree planting.
- d. Salisbury Hollow. Mrs Wickham had forwarded an email stream in connection with a concern raised to her by a resident of Salisbury Hollow concerning too large vehicles driving up the lane and damaging their fence. They were asking that the road be redesignated as a restricted byway. Mrs Wickham had raised the

matter with WC. The fence fronted the unclassified road maintained by WC as part of the county road network. As such it would be difficult, probably involving an application by WC to a magistrates court, to change that part of Salisbury Hollow. In the circumstances the PC was of the opinion that it would not wish to see a change in the road status.

10. Correspondence

WALC Newsletter May 2024

11. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included

12. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 8th July 2024 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm