

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 11 November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Messrs Forward and Johns

1. The **Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 14th October 2024 were adopted as read and signed
2. There were no **Matters Arising**.
3. **Casual Vacancy**. The notice of vacancy was due to expire on the 14th November. One person had evinced an interest in being co-opted and it was agreed that the Clerk would notify her to attend the December meeting if there was to be no election.
4. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mrs Pike confirmed that she was still awaiting a meeting with WC.
 - b. The following applications had been received and there were no objections to any of them:-
 - i. PL/2024/08892/FUL Installation of summerhouse for storage and to replace existing derelict greenhouse at Orchardlea, 22 Westbury Road for Mr Muir Sterling.
 - ii. PL/2024/07082/FUL Retrospective application for steel "low profile" steel full span bridge to connect 2 no. pieces of agricultural land together, divide by the small brook/river and get that done dusted at Stradbrook near Imber Road Bratton for Mr Robin Martin.
 - iii. PL/2024/07840/FUL Demolition of the two redundant pump house buildings and replacement with a small timber cabin building for the applicant and family/friends to enjoy the location as a 'back to nature' retreat at Luccombe Mill for Mr Henry Pell. As to this application the PC felt it appropriate for there to be a condition of no commercial letting.
5. **Policing**. Arrangements were ongoing for each of:-
 - a. Speed Watch.
 - b. Neighbourhood Watch.
6. **Playfield (PF)**
 - a. Land Swap. The Clerk had suggested that Messrs Wansbroughs of Devizes be appointed the solicitors to the PC and this was unanimously agreed. Mr Hardman had been in contact with them to review the draft Heads of Terms (HofT).
 - b. Play equipment update. It was agreed that this be deferred pending the finalising of the HofT.
 - c. It was agreed that the grass would need to be cut again, and at the village green. Miss O'Donoghue would contact Ideal Grounds maintenance.
7. **Edington under 5s**. Recent attendees had all now gone to school and there was no new input of children. Mrs Greening was concerned about the future and the funds still held. After discussion it was agreed to put the under-fives into abeyance for the time being and to store its equipment in the Parish Hall.
8. **Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG**
 - a. Court Lane/Little Court Lane junction. There was no update as to when remedial work would be carried out.
 - b. SIDS. Mr Forward had received a quote for a second SID from Stocksigns in the sum of £4203 and he would be looking to see what grants might be available.
 - c. He had also found that there was no SID transformer-charger and suggested that a new one be purchased at a cost of £90. This was agreed unanimously.

- d. Footpath at June Cottage. It was not clear if this was part of the highway pavement.
- e. Bins emptying. Mrs Watts was keeping this under review.
- f. Parsonage Lane trees. Mr Johns had reported that he was no longer able to keep the trees near his house under control. Mrs Greening would contact the WC Trees Officer.
- g. Fencing at lower Village Green. Mr King would investigate alternatives to the posts that had been put in previously.
- h. There would be an LHFIG meeting 23rd January 2025.

9. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. Mrs Wickham reported on:-
 - i. That the Westbury Area Partnership was looking at any possible conditions on Wellbeing meetings such as areas of hypertension.
 - ii. The next AB meeting would be 4th December 2024.

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. JP Garden Services for BG grasscutting October 24 £60
 - ii. Ideal Grounds Maintenance October £342.66
 - iii. Refund Mr Forward cost of Website Host Sept/Oct 2024 £15 and monthly fee £1.51.
Total £16.51

11. Correspondence

- a. CPRE Wiltshire Voice - Autumn 2024 and Countryside Voices - Autumn/Winter 2024.
- b. Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2024.
- c. WALC Circular November 2024.

12. Mrs Dorgan reported that the post lady would be retiring soon after many years of service to the village and she felt that it was appropriate for the PC to make a gift It was unanimously agreed to make £100 available.

13. News items.

Consideration was given to items to' be included.

14. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.30pm.