

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall on Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames O'Donoghue, Pike, Greening, Watts and Dorgan and Messrs Hardman, Swabey, Johns, Forward and King and Mrs Wickham (WC)
Mrs Henning was also in attendance, and for part of the meeting Mr Alex Mackintosh

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 11th November 2024 were adopted as read and signed
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - a. Arrangements were in hand for the tree logs and debris in Parsonage Lane to be removed and for the other trees to be cut.
 - b. Although it was confirmed that the PC had agreed to purchase a new SID transformer, purchase had been postponed whilst we await a decision on potential funding of a further SID by the Wiltshire PCC.
3. **Casual vacancy.** Mrs Henning was invited to give an overview of what she felt she could offer to the PC. In doing so she confirmed her commitment to the village. The PC agreed, after discussion, that she be co-opted and was formerly welcomed to the meeting.
4. **Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mrs Pike reported that she was expecting a meeting to take place after Christmas.
 - b. The following planning applications had been received and there was no objection to any of them:-
 - i. PL2024/10165/TPO Reduce Hornbeam height by three meters, prune the west side back by two to three meters and prune the south side over the garden by two meters at Beech House 6 Tinhead Road for Mrs Robertson.
 - ii. PL/2024/10159/FUL Conversion and extension of the farm buildings to form a single dwelling at Farm Buildings to the North of Hudds Mill Lane for Ms Sarah Blazier.
 - iii. PL/2024/10959/TCA – T1 sycamore – One to two metre overall canopy reduction; T2 beech – Two to three metre overall canopy reduction at 3 Salisbury Hollow for Mr Swain.
 - c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - 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 – No objection.
 - ii. PL/2024/09239/TCA -T1 Maple, remove to ground level; T2 Ash, crown raise by 1 to 2m at 3 Lower Road for Acer Tree Surgeons – Approve.

5. Policing

Mr King spoke about hare coursing that had been referred to the police. This was one of the hotspots for such activity.

6. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap. There was nothing substantive to report but liaison with the Three Daggers was continuing.
- b. The PC confirmed it was not prepared to agree that a strip of land to the north of the Bungalows be included with the land to be transferred to the west of them.

7. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

- a. Mr Mackintosh had attended because of concerns that he had regarding the double yellow lines going down Tinhead Road which had not been included in the original Scheme. The PC explained that this had been recommended and decided by the highways officer involved and had been included in the public notices that WC had posted in local newspapers.
- b. The owner of Luccombe Mill Had agreed with WC to add two paths to be dedicated as public rights of way from the existing footpath EDIN 36 north westerly to the access land (this would be new Path 37) and south easterly (new path 38) also to the access land.
- c. Parish Steward. Various matters had been mentioned to Mr Hardman.
- d. Water runoff at Shore Hall. Mrs Wickham confirmed that a resolution had been reached whereby the water runoff would be within the property's garden.
- e. Lower Road. The spring outside Manor House seemed to be overflowing. It was agreed to monitor this.
- f. The following Footpath issues were noted:-
 - i. Footpath EDIN 12. It was understood that the landowner had agreed to do the necessary trimming and cutting back of vegetation.
 - ii. There was a blockage on the footpath to the playfield.
 - iii. Mrs Wickham would take up the question of the slippery area at the northern end of the Parish Hall footpath.
- g. A donation of £200 had been received from the Station Yard for the maintenance of the Coal Path. As this was not the responsibility of the PC the Clerk would speak to Mr D'arcy.

8. Finances.

It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Miss O'Donoghue and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed:-

- i. Refund the Clerk £40 for ICO renewal.
- ii. Ideal Grounds Maintenance £634.66 to include the additional cut.
- iii. Refund Mr Forward for IONOS Website Host Nov/Dec £16.20.

9. Burial Ground. A request had been received for a memorial for the late Manda Gregory. This was approved.

10. Correspondence

- a. WALC circular emailed.
- b. Wessex Water were holding community drop-ins at Trowbridge Library.

11. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30pm and would be the Budget Meeting.