

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Messrs Swabey and Hardman.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th January 2025 were adopted as read and signed.

2. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mrs Pike reported that following a discussion with Mark Burgess WC wanted the same detail of the development of any site that would be required for a planning application, as distinct from the PC's understanding that all that was needed was an aspirational site. She hoped that there would be a meeting within a couple of weeks.
- b. The following application had been received:-
 - i. PL/2025/00981/TPO – T1 reduce ash up to 4-5m at Treetops Lower road for Mr Roger Binney – there was no objection.
- c. The following decisions had been received:-
 - i. 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 – no objection.
 - ii. PL/2024/10696/TCA - Sycamore tree - remove because leaning over boundary at Hallgarth, 4 Parsonage Lane for : Mr Christopher Johns - no objection.
 - iii. PL/2024/11625/TCA Yew tree – crown lift to give clearance of 1.5m over garage roof; reduce crown spread from house by 2.5m and balance and shape remainder of crown Katalpa tree – remove secondary stem; lift crown to give head clearance over neighbouring decking and balance and shape remainder of crown at Yew Tree Cottage 6 Charlton Hill for Mr Steve Russell - no objection.

4. Policing

- a. Mrs Greening reported that the Neighbourhood Police officer would join the litter pick in March.
- b. Speedwatch. It was understood that Mrs Nicholson was still awaiting training. There was none available at present.

5. Playfield (PF)

- a. Land Swap update. Mr Hardman had reported that the Heads of Terms were still with the solicitors.
- b. Moles. Mrs Dorgan confirmed that a molecatcher had attended and would do so again. He worked on a no catch no fee basis.

- c. The Clerk had ordered the spare parts for the Rota Bounce. This led to a further discussion. It was not working properly and should be investigated further.

6. Highway matters/footpath/LHFIG

- a. Traffic calming along B3098. The latest SID Data confirmed that speeding remained a significant issue, that the “improvements” carried out in 2024 needed to be reassessed and should be revisited. Mrs Greening confirmed that she would arrange a meeting with the AHE.
- b. Parsonage Lane trees. The cuttings and lumber had not been removed and it was suggested that it be put on “myWilts”.
- c. Parish Hall Footpath. Mrs Greening would refer it to the AHE.
- d. FP No 2 at Priory Farm. Mr King had copied the PC an email that he had received from Mr Sheridan. The FP had become very wet in various places. People had been climbing the paddock fence to avoid the puddles, also walking up the main drive and climbing the gate at the entrance resulting in £100 worth of damage to date.
- e. Accident at Crossroads farm junction. Once again there had been a road traffic accident and Mrs Wickham had reported it to WC highways.

7. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

The next area board meeting would be on the 12th of February

8. Finances.

- a. It was proposed by Ms O'Donoghue seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
 - i. Refund Mr Forward Website Host charges £16.20.
 - ii. Ideal Grounds Maintenance - Invoice 12 £342.66.
 - iii. Wansbroughs £80 Land registry fee re PF Registration.
- b. The following has been received:-
 - i. £2000 from Edington May Ball towards any future refurbishment work to PF.

9. Car Park.

- a. Proposed Permissive path. Mr King had been able to make some progress but that had now been hindered because of the very wet conditions. There was some concern that there would be a road safety issue with steps coming down onto the B3098 pavement and this would need investigating. One quote had been received from David L Goodman horticulture limited to create the steps down to the pavement in the sum of £1148.47 plus VAT. A request for another quote had not materialized.
- b. Mrs Henning had also investigated the potential cost of resurfacing the car park and the boundary edging. T Deacon limited had quoted £4480 plus VAT which would include the removing of the existing edging and replacing with new softwood sleepers. A quote from Ross Hillman Limited was £6000 to replace the existing edging with new BN2 concrete road curbing, £3500 for the resurfacing and the power washing of the paving blocks at the entrance of the car park £450. They also quoted to replace the gates £500. All figures were net of VAT

10. Civil emergency plan. Miss O'Donoghue raised the question as to whether reference should be made to Salting groups in the event of icy road conditions. She agreed to put a note in the News and the website.

11. Coal Path Field.

Mrs Pike reported that the new hedging had been planted.

12. Correspondence

a. WALC January Newsletter.

13. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

14. Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to have this immediately before the April PC Meeting at 6.45 for 7.15pm.

15. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 10th March 2025 at the Parish Hall.