

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mesdames Watts, Greening, Pike, O' Donoghue, Hennings and Dorgan and Messrs Johns, Forward and King and Mr Phillips (WC)

Apologies were received from Mr Hardman

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 2025 were adopted as read and signed.

2. There were no **Matters Arising**.

3. Planning

- a. Neighbourhood Plan. The Government had decided not to make any more grants in relation to NPs. Master Land and Planning were still prepared to carry out the Health Check, referred to at the May PC meeting, at a cost of £859.50 plus VAT and the PC needed to decide whether to proceed on that basis. It was agreed on a vote of 6 for and 3 against to incur that expense as it would give some comfort as to the viability of proceeding with the project.
- b. The following application had been received:-
 - i. PL/2025/05180/FUL Loft conversion with 3 no. rear pitched roof dormers at Westover 11 Greater Lane for Mr and Mrs Pollard. A number of objections had been submitted to WC but the PC did not consider there were any planning grounds to object. The property was not part of Greatwoods, i.e bungalows, and there were larger properties in Greater Lane.

4. Playfield

- a. Land Swap. No finalized heads of terms or contract had been received but draft transfers had been submitted and upon which the Clerk was raising a number of points.
- b. Rota bounce. This was due to be repaired.
- c. Tree Survey. Due to a recent accident involving a child being killed in a park in another part of the country, it was agreed to arrange for a tree survey to be carried out of any trees in the parish that the PC would be responsible for.

5. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report. Mr Phillips mentioned a number of matters including:

- a. The Microchipping of dogs and cats.
- b. Zero tolerance of fly-tipping.
- c. Green Joannas which could take food waste.
- d. Another Solar Together campaign to encourage house owners to have solar panels.
- e. WC programme for EV charging points.

6. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG.

- a. Crossroads Farm. Mr Forward reported that Highways was resisting the replacement of the Give Way signs with Stop signs but was suggesting options to improve the warning of the junction for vehicles approaching from Steeple Ashton. The PC was of the view that Stops signs should be installed. Highways agreed that they would conduct a traffic survey of the junction to ascertain traffic flows and speeds, but not before September.

- b. Highways traffic surveys supported two new SID locations in Lower Road and Tinhead Road. The cost would be £1300 of which PC would contribute £390. This was agreed unanimously.
- c. Parish hall footpath. The question had risen as to whether the PC had any responsibility to contribute towards the cost of replacing the slabs. The Clerk had found a plan which strongly suggested that the scheme was one that had been arranged between the then owners of the Plough and Highways and that the PC had had no direct involvement.
- d. Traffic surveys on the B3098 had been inconclusive but it had been noted that the survey lines were in the wrong place to measure traffic speeds properly. A further survey would be carried out.
- e. Car park footpath steps. The cost would be £1529.62.
- f. Footpaths 9 and 12. It was agreed that Mr Johns would contact the Footpaths officer regarding ensuring these footpaths were maintained at their correct width and boundaries.
- g. Discretionary gully service. WC were asking the PC to notify them of prospective gulleys that needed clearing

7. Finances.

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

- i. J P Garden Services Burial Ground Grass cutting: 11th and 28th June £60
- ii. Ideal for Grounds Maintenance for June £353.32.
- iii. Stocksigns for 2nd SID - £4203.
- iv. Refund the Clerk re Playdale Rotabounce deposit £850.92.
- v. Edington Parish Hall for meetings 14th April, 14th May and June 9th £70.
- vi. Refund Mr Forward Website host 18th June £16.20.
- vii. WC for B3098/Lower Road Highway improvements £3000.
- viii. Mr King for replacement Car Park gate £256.80.

8. Bus Shelter. Mrs Greening reported that it was planned to paint the inside white and move the Notice Board into it. This was agreed.

9. Website and email address. Mr Forward had been exploring updating the Website which would require professional help. Estimates of the cost were in the region of £2500 with annual support packages in the region of £200-250. Coincidentally NALC and SLCC had been encouraging all PCs to move to gov.uk website and emails. Based on these figures it was agreed that Mr Forward would explore relevant companies and submit estimates for approval ex-committee.

10. Correspondence:-

- a. WALC Newsletter – June 2025
- b. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2025
- c. CPRE Wiltshire Voice -Spring 2025
- d. Notification had been received of the AVR Wiltshire Half Marathon in the village on the 23rd November in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

11. Date of next Meeting. This was fixed for Monday 8th September 2025 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.