

## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames Henning, O'Donoghue, Pike, Watts, and Greening and Messrs Hardman, Forward, Johns and King.

Apologies were received from Mrs Dorgan and Mr Phillips (WC).

1. **The Minutes** of the Meetings held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were adopted as read and signed.
2. **Matters Arising.** Mr King reported a drainage issue at the Three Daggers which would require the digging of a trench through part of the PF that would be transferred to them when the land swap was completed. It ran behind Shepherd's Cottage and would involve the installation of 2 manholes. This was agreed.
3. **Casual Vacancy.** This was deferred to the December meeting.
4. **Planning**
  - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mrs Pike had been sounding a few people out to form a group or groups to review NP objectives.
  - b. The following applications had been received and there were no objections to any of them:-
    - i. PL/2025/08256/TCA T1 Maple: repollard the tree pruning back to previous points; T2 Maple: Remove the tree, at 2 Lower Road for Mrs Pike.
    - ii. PL/2025/08273/FUL Brick built flat roof extension to replace Conservatory at 1 Parsonage Lane for Mrs H Connell.
    - iii. PL/2025/08464/TCA Walnut tree – up to 4m reduction all over back to previous pollard cuts at Edington Cottage 2 Inmead for Mr P Threlfall.
  - c. The following decision had been received:-  
PL/2025/06862/FUL Retrospective change of use from dwelling to house of multiple occupation (staff accommodation) at Priory View, 14 Inmead, for Salisbury Plain Ltd – approved.
5. **Policing.**
  - a. A copy of the Police Road Safety update for the Area Board had been received.
  - b. Mr King reported an incident of poaching on the Ralph's seat field. The police had been called, and he understood an arrest had taken place on Salisbury Plain.
  - c. SID. Mr Forward reported that an additional backplate and clips had been required for the Lower Road SID. This had been supplied by Stocksigns, as before, at a cost of £159.60.
6. **Playfield (PF)**
  - a. Land Swap. Mr Hardman had received confirmation that it was in order for the contract to be signed and this was done by the Chairman and Mr King.

- b. Play equipment. A discussion took place regarding the surfacing of the MUGA - either tarmac or astroturf. Mrs Henning was strongly of the view that there would be ongoing problems with astroturf. It was agreed some research would be carried out, but a decision did not need to be made immediately.
- c. Mrs Henning reported that a representative of Playdale had visited and would be preparing a video; and on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January there would be a full report and involving a personal visit. It was important that the CAD file be obtained to ensure that design measurements and distances were accurate.

## **8. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LHFIG**

- a. Potholes There was an urgent need for these to be repaired. Mr Hardman would refer to the Parish Steward.
- b. It was noted that on several occasions there had been parking on the double yellow lines.
- c. Conduit Springs. A question was raised about identifying the path leading to the Springs and the provision of a finger post.
- d. North end of Parish Hall footpath. More detail was awaited from WC.
- e. Footpath 12. Mr Johns understood that the WC Footpaths officer would be sending out letters to the adjoining land owners.
- f. Dropped kerbs. There was money available from LHFIG for projects involving the installation of these kerbs.
- g. Bins at Downsvew. It was noted that not only were these unsightly, but they were obscuring the Downsvew/Parsonage Lane road sign.

## **9. Burial Ground.**

- a. It was noted that the gate into the BG from the Coal Path was in need of repair.
- b. Mrs Greening had spoken to a local contractor in the village who was prepared to do BG Grass cutting at the rate of £40 per hour.

## **10. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.** In the absence of Mr Philips there was no Report, but the next AB meeting was fixed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## **11. 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. CreativeXolutions balance re Website design £1250.
  - ii. Playdale cost of PF equipment checks £180.
  - iii. Wiltshire Council Election expenses £310.
  - iv. Refund Mr Forward cost of Website Host Oct/Nov 2025 £16.20.
  - v. Stocksigns for SID back plate and clips £159.60.
- b. A request for a grant had been received from the South Western Ambulance Charity – it was agreed that this would be left until the budget meeting.

## **12. Correspondence**

- a. CPRE Wiltshire Voice - Autumn 2025.

- b. Battle of Ethandun. An email had been received from a Mr George Roe, a member of a national society for people interested in Anglo-Saxon history. He had noted that 2028 would be the 1150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Edington and was offering help for any plans that the PC might wish to make to celebrate that event. It was agreed that Mr Forward would engage with him.
- c. Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2025.
- d. Emails had been received from WC Re Gypsies and Travellers. It was intended that new proposals would be put forward in 2026.

**13. News items.**

Consideration was given to items to be included.

**14. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.30pm.