

EDINGTON 2030 – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ENVIRONMENT GROUP MINUTES

Venue:	Monkswell Cottage, Westbury Road, Edington.
Date:	3 November 2016, at 8.15 p.m.
Attendees:	Robin Lines (chair), Rhona Atterton, Sarah Killian, Geoffrey Lupton, Helen O'Donoghue
Apologies:	Rachel King

1.	Introductions by all present.	ACTION
2.	The Group to work towards an interim report for 31 March 2017, to be presented to new Parish Council April / May 2017. The Development Plan was a community process undertaken by individual groups. Each group overseen by a member of Parish Council, in our group H O'D. Considered appropriate to look at the old plan for a way forward. Look at areas that could be improved short, mid and future term. Unknown budget at this point.	All
3.	Requirement by the Parish Council:- all groups to keep minutes of meetings and to be circulated after each meeting. Agreed to be in rotation. SK volunteered for this meeting.	SK
4.	The LDP introductory meeting on 17 October 2016 set out bullets of areas identified as relevant to Environment. Footpaths were identified as an area for improvement. General consensus that another 'Eves' type group could develop and to encourage younger village members to become involved, also relevant to item 5.	
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Littering. Dog fouling an issue, a mind set of certain dog walkers, extra bins not considered appropriate as they have encouraged fly tipping in the past. The village undertakes an annual litter pick in March (short term solution) but what for long term. • Dumping. Within the village, Cowleaze and Salisbury Hollow had been subject to green waste and fly tipping. Council tips now closed 2 days per week, may have exacerbated the problem; a (free) licence was required for trailers and large cars to tip at the official sites, limited to 13 visits per annum. Discussed possibility of CCTV signs or CCTV at the problem areas, and a community trailer collection of green waste for council compost for the village (November & January) • Pond. Has a concrete base, is spring fed from underground, but leaks. At the back the depth is about 4' and at the front 10". Very silted of which some has recently been removed, the remainder to be left. There is little oxygen in the water, grows copious amounts of blanket and duck weed. Has been a dumping ground, feeding of ducks has attracted rats. A commercial company surveyed the pond and their proposal estimated £7,000 to enhance. The area requires ongoing maintenance. The Wessex Water Board funds water projects up to £2,000. Need to put a plan together. 	All RL GL GL

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5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath connection between two sides of the village. The field between Monastery Road and the Three Daggers pub is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Atterton and the land is well managed by a local farmer. There is a permissive path that runs along the hedge parallel to the B3098, with a kissing gate at each end. Not considered viable or appropriate to upgrade this path as would not be in keeping with the landscape. There is an existing footpath that runs diagonally from the B3098 to The Weir. • Protection of green spaces within built-up area. Up to 2030 no permissive development. Current planning laws should protect infill plots. Green areas owned by Parish Council include the play field and triangles. • Improved signs for footpaths. Replacement footpath booklet being prepared. More walkers would help keep paths clear. Some improvement for signage may be required. • Improved maintenance of footpaths. A report could be prepared for the ‘Eves’ type group. • Volunteer group (e.g. Eves) for basic maintenance. As above. • Footpath warden to help Jack Pyle. As above. Seek Jack’s advice. • Energy. The option to ‘Frack’ locally had not been taken up. Commercial green digester in next village – opportunities for household waste disposal? 	SK
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOB. Identify areas for improvement – banks, hedges, triangles, with greater bio-diversity. • Plan as to where we want the environment group to go, but not necessarily to do all ourselves. 	ALL
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting date:- Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.30 p.m. Venue:- Geoff Lupton’s, 11 Berry Road. 	ALL