

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

Present: Mesdames Greening, Watts, Pike and Henning and Messrs Forward, Hardman, Johns and Swabey and for part of the meeting Mrs Wickham (WC).

Apologies were received from Mr King and Mesdames O'Donoghue and Dorgan.

- 1. The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 10th February 2024 were adopted as read and signed.
- 2. Matters Arising.**
 - a. Parsonage lane. The adjoining landowner had arranged for the timber to be cut up and taken away, but this did leave the smaller cuttings still to be removed.
 - b. Mrs Henning confirmed that there had been a third quote received by Mr King for the resurfacing of the car park in the sum of £1425.00 and it was unanimously agreed to accept that quote.
- 3. Planning**
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan. Mrs Pike and Mr Forward had had a meeting with WC officers and had been strongly advised that it was now time to engage a professional team to help finalise the plan. Grants were available to assist with the cost and it was agreed that it would be necessary to check that. However, it would be necessary to provide all the information for the aspirational site as would be required for an application for planning permission. This led to a discussion about the merits of proceeding with the plan or shelving it altogether. Concerns were expressed by two councillors about continuing and so it was proposed by Mr Hardman seconded by Mrs Pike and carried by 6 votes to 1 with one abstention that the PC continue with the process. Mrs Henning wanted it recorded that under present planning arrangements Edington was a Small Village limited to infill, and she was not convinced that the village as a whole would want to see small developments.
 - b. One application had been received and there was no objection to it:-
 - i. PL/2025/02132/TCA – Fell T1 - Bird Cherry and T2 to T17 – Leylandii at Chestnuts, 20 Tinhead Road for Emily Greening.
 - c. The following decision had been received:-
 - i. 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 – approved.
- 4. Policing**

There was no Police Report.
- 5. Playfield.**
 - a. Land swap update. The heads of terms were still with solicitors and Mr Hardman said that he would contact the PC's solicitor for an update.
 - b. Mrs Greening had been in touch with Playdale and would arrange a meeting to discuss the Rota Bounce. It appeared that the Rota joint was broken.
 - c. Mr Wood of Molegone Pest Control had managed to clear five moles from the field.

- d. It was again noted that dogs were being seen in the PF. It was agreed to ask Mrs Dorgan to review and if necessary, order new "No Dogs" Notices.

6. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.

- a. Mrs Wickham reported on:-
- i. WC Budget and Council Tax. She was pleased to confirm that WC remained financially viable as she had reported in 2024.
 - ii. The County Council and PC elections would take place on the 1st May 2025. The Clerk confirmed that Notices of election would be going on the Notice Boards and on the PC website on the 11th March.
 - iii. Gypsy sites. There had been some considerable resistance to several sites and the proposals were being referred back for review by officers
- b. In addition, Mrs Watts was extremely cross about the haphazard arrangements for clearing and emptying the waste bins in the village.

7. Highway matters/Footpaths/LHFIG

- a. LHFIG. Before a site meeting could be arranged with the AHE request forms needed to be submitted. Mr Forward confirmed this had been done for the following:-
- i. CP footpath. For guidance on whether the permissive footpath steps could terminate at the pavement and whether a barrier was required to prevent people exiting directly onto the road.
 - ii. To replace the paving slabs at the bottom of the Parish Hall footpath due to their being the wrong kind of slabs becoming slippery when wet.
 - iii. For a site meeting to discuss general traffic safety concerns around the village such as speed control measures.
 - iv. For a site meeting to discuss further SID sites.
 - v. For a review of road priorities at Crossroad Farm junction in light of 4 accidents in the previous 12 months.
- b. Flower box at Woodbridge. This had been comprehensively demolished, possibly by a "hit and run" driver. It was agreed it should be replaced possibly using recycled plastic.
- c. SID. Mr Forward raised the question of purchasing a second SID. It was felt this would be dependent on the outcome of the site meeting in 7.a.iv above.
- d. Farm footpath No.2. Mr Johns would try and speak to Mr Sheridan to see what could be done to resolve the problem.
- e. Arrangements were in hand for the litter pick on the 15th March.
- f. Parish Steward. Matters would be referred to Mr Hardman. It was suggested too that the Parish Steward could perhaps also have a running list of work that needed doing.

8. Finances.

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Pike seconded by Mr Swabey and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or confirmed:-
- i. Ideal Grounds Maintenance - Invoice 13 £342.66.
 - ii. To pay the Charities as agreed at the January Budget Meeting.
 - iii. Clerks Salary and Expenses as per annex.
 - iv. Refund Mr Forward Website host £16.20.
 - v. Refund the Clerk £140 for the invoice from Molegone Pest Control for removal of moles from PF.

9. APM arrangements.

Mrs Greening had invited the PCSO to the meeting and Mrs Wickham would give her last report as Wiltshire Councillor - she would also speak about the BKVC.

10. Coal Path Field.

It was agreed this could be used for the Edington Music Festival in August.

11. BKVC. Mrs Wickham had this in hand.

12. Correspondence

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct -March 2025.
- b. WALC Circular - February 2025.

13. News items

Consideration was given to items to be included.

14. Date of next Meeting

This was fixed for Monday 14th April 2025 immediately after the APM at 6.45pm for 7.15pm.