

**The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Edington Parish Council held at The Parish Hall, Edington on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mesdames Watts, Pike, Greening and Dorgan and Messrs Johns and Forward

Also in attendance were Miss O'Donoghue, Messrs King and Hardman and Mr Aaron Smith from Master Land and Planning

Apologies were received from Mrs Henning and Mr Phillips (WC)

1. **Election of Chairman** for the ensuing year. Mrs Greening was proposed by Mrs Dorgan seconded by Mrs Pike and in the absence of any other nominations was duly elected. She thanked the PC for her appointment
2. **Election of Vice Chairman** for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Mr Johns seconded by Mrs Watts that Mr Forward be appointed and in the absence of any other nominations was duly elected
3. For various reasons Messrs King and Hardman and Mesdames O'Donoghue and Henning had been unable to lodge their nomination forms in time for the election and it was agreed that they would all be co-opted. For family reasons Mr Swabey did not seek re-election. A couple of names were suggested for co-option to replace him and it was agreed that each would be invited to attend the next PC meeting and either then or at a later meeting to make representations as to what they felt they could offer to the village and the PC
4. **Appointments.** The following were agreed
  - a. Cheque signatories/internet banking authorisers – Mrs Dorgan and Mr King
  - b. Planning Liaison – Mr King
  - c. Neighbourhood Plan –Mrs Pike and Mr Forward
  - d. Highways Liaison- Mr Forward
  - e. Footpaths and B3098 Strategy– Mr Johns
  - f. Parish Steward – Mr Hardman
  - g. LHFIG – Mr Forward
  - h. Police Liaison – Mrs Dorgan
  - i. Website – Mr Forward
  - j. Playfield – Mrs Henning
  - k. Westbury Area Board – Miss O'Donoghue
  - l. Newcomers – Mrs Watts
  - m. Burial Ground – Mrs Pike
  - n. News Contact – Mrs Watts
  - o. Civil Emergency Plan/Flood Warden – Miss O'Donoghue
  - p. Speed Watch – It was agreed to review this during the year especially if Courses became available
5. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were adopted as read and signed

**6. There were no Matters Arising.**

**7. Planning**

- a. Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Smith addressed the PC. He was confident that his organisation would be able to assist and was in regular contact with WC on NP matters. He thanked Mrs Pike and Mr Forward for the documentation that he had been given and would give the PC a “health check” on the plan so far. On the question of funding for his services and the process generally the current tranche of funding arrangements had closed but the new arrangements were expected within a couple of months and he would be happy to assist the PC in making application for a grant then.
- b. The following application had been received and there were no objections to it
  - i. PL/2025/03824/TCA - T1 (Leylandii) - Remove. T2 (Birch) - Remove the two lower branches on the south-east side of the tree that are growing over the thatched roof. T3 (Birch) - Remove the lower stem on the south side of the tree that is growing over the roof at The Firs, 8 Charlton Hill for Mr Swabey
- c. The following decision had been received:-
  - i. PL/2025/02766/TCA - T1 Cherry tree – Fell at 8-9 Salisbury Hollow, for Mr Mark Crosby - no objection

**8. Policing**

- a. There had been a recent speed check by the police and it was understood that six vehicles had been caught exceeding 42 mph
- b. Speed Watch. There had still been no courses available for Mrs Nicholson to attend and so it was agreed as noted in 4.p above,
- c. Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed not to pursue this and defer it for the time being. It was clearly difficult to put into practice the scheme that Mrs Greening had tried to put in place

**9. Playfield (PF)**

Land Swap update. The Solicitors for each of the PC and The Three Daggers were still in negotiation.

**10. Highway Matters/Footpaths/LFHIG**

- a. Permissive Path from the CP. Mr King confirmed that progress was being made but a resolution was still awaited as to the access to the path from the pavement
- b. Parish Steward. He would be asked to clear the tarmacked footpath below the village green. Mr Harding gave the dates of the Parish Steward’s visits over the next few months: 17/18<sup>th</sup> June., 16/17<sup>th</sup> July and 16/17<sup>th</sup> September
- c. Crossroads Farm Junction. A report was awaited from LHFIFG

**11. Wiltshire Council (WC) Report.** There was no report from the new County Councillor and he had tendered his apologies. He was aware of the PC meeting days and anticipated attending the June and subsequent PC meetings

**12. Coal Path Field.** Two requests had been received to use the field. 7<sup>th</sup> June for the Village Fete; and the 27<sup>th</sup> June for a marquee to be erected to provide refreshments

after a memorial service in the church, attendance at which was expected to be large

### **13. Finances**

- a. It was proposed by Mrs Watts seconded by Mrs Dorgan and carried unanimously that the following invoices be paid or payment confirmed:-
  - i. Clear Councils (formerly BHIB) Insurance renewal £530.48 (last year £452.70)
  - ii. Refund Mr Forward for cost of Battery charger for SID £90 and refund A website host April 2025 £16.20
  - iii. JP Garden Services BG Grass cutting April £70.00
  - iv. Ask Grounds and Property Maintenance Playfield inspections July 2024 to April 2025 £300
  - v. Ideal for Grounds maintenance April 2025 invoice 015 £342.66
  - vi. Hiscock Engineers (Trowbridge) Limited for replacement Planter for Woodcock Bridge West Ashton Road £420
  - vii. Refund Mr Richardson £66.95 for Benches maintenance and repairs
  - viii. Refund Mrs Tottingham for flowers for well dressing £17.39
- b. The 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of the Precept in the sum of £10500 had been received
- c. The Annual Return and Audit would be considered at the June PC meeting

### **14. Correspondence**

- a. Clerks & Councils Direct for May 2025
- b. WALC Circular – April 2025

### **15. News items**

Consideration was given to items to be included.

### **16. Date of next Meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm