

## EDINGTON 2030

### Edington Local Development Plan

#### Environment Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 06/02/17 at The Grange, 4 Inmead

Present: Robin Lines (Chair), Rhona Atterton, Sarah Killian, Helen O'Donoghue

Apologies: Geoff Lupton

Matters arising:

1. **WASTEBINS** HOD has mapped wastebins in the village and the total is 9. There is a gap in provision on Tinhead Road, and at the Bus Shelter. Suggest extra bins at junction into Lambourn Lane, and at the Bus Shelter. Both can be easily managed within the existing waste management route.
2. **FOOTPATH BOOKLET** SK reported that this is still in progress and near completion.
3. **WCC ANNUAL GREEN WASTE COLLECTION** RL contacted WCC (Head of Waste Management) and the feedback was that this idea could not be considered, as residents have an optional paid service provided currently. RL was also advised not to attempt a seasonal service independently, since a skip provided for this purpose would probably be misused if not actively monitored.
4. **FIELD TO NORTH OF B3098** RA spoke with Bob King, who farms this land, and he explained that livestock are managed by electric fencing for most of the time to maintain access to the footpath for walkers. Towards the end of the grazing season, the cattle are given access to the field boundary areas to maximise grazing and to tidy up the boundaries. The period when this might restrict access for walkers is a matter of weeks in Sept/Oct.
5. **FOOTPATHS** SK reported that Footpaths 6 and 7 require improvement.  
Footpath 6 (Greater Lane to Bratton) is in a poor state of repair, and should be improved as it represents a link on foot between Edington and Bratton.  
Footpath 7 (Sandy Lane following field and ending at bottom of Greater Lane) The farmer, Mr Gale, is not leaving a 1.5m path at the edge of the field making it difficult to navigate. Crops like oilseed rape topple onto the path, whilst hedgerow growth also forces walkers further into the field. It is understood there is correspondence between the farmer and WCC regarding this.  
Suggest that the monthly Council Maintenance Man could participate in path maintenance where appropriate.
6. **PATHWAY ON MONASTERY GARDEN CORNER** SK and HOD reported that this path has been improved, and the lighting appears to be adequate.
7. **POND** RL reported that GL had had no further communication from the Water Board regarding a possible grant for significant improvements to be carried out. To be progressed if possible.
8. **VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENT WORKFORCE** All agreed that the EVES initiative previously run in the village would be a desirable re-introduction. This should be included in recommendations made in the report.

## **ACTION PLAN**

All present agreed on plan to produce written report from Environment Group with findings and recommendations for inclusion in the Edington Local Development Plan.

RL to produce and circulate first draft by end February then, following feedback from the rest of the Environment Group, the final report to be submitted by end March. At this point, the report to be sent to John Pollard for any other comments. This will be in good time for the Annual Parish meeting on April 25 2017.

All agreed that another meeting of the Environment Group to be scheduled only if required.