

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11th. January, 2010
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Members Present:

Mrs. J. Stonehouse – Chairman J. Lacey Mrs. N. Mason MBE
H. Dhillon Mrs. M. Cliffe P. Elverson C. Wesley

In Attendance:

R. Catmur – Parish Clerk

Action

1 Apologies received

All Councillors were present.

2 Absence noted and approved

All Councillors were present

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on 14th. December, 2009

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th. December, 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

A resident from Schofield Lane stated that he had written again to the Parish Council and wished to express his surprise that the Police had not commented on the alleged threats of violence. As had been previously minuted the Police had responded to Mr Webb in the past and at the time of his first letter to the Council no further incidents had been reported to them. For the benefit of all present the Chairman read the Police response received following concerns raised by the Council on receipt of the parishioner's first letter. The Councillors made it clear that dealing with such issues was the responsibility of the Police and that the parishioner should refer his problems to them.

The other point contained in the second letter, regarded responsibility for maintenance of the hedge opposite the resident's property in Schofield Lane. It was again confirmed that the householder should contact the solicitors who act on behalf of the owners of the lane; information previously supplied by the Clerk at the previous PC meeting. Councillors suggested that, as this issue relates to private property and therefore beyond the remit of the Parish Council, the resident might wish to make contact with both the owners of Church Farm and the Land Registry who may be able to help establish ownership.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

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6 Clerk's report

LDC were considering issuing a prohibition notice to the operators of the portaloos business in Pessall Lane.

SCC had not advised the cost of National Forest signs.

The grit bin at the end of Blakeways Close needed replenishing.

Clerk 18/01

A streetlamp in Hatchet Lane was not working.

Clerk 18/01

House for sale signs need removing from Blakeways Close and Hatchet Lane.

Clerk 23/01

7 Correspondence

Community Council of Staffordshire advising the Best Kept Village

Competition, was passed to Councillor Mason.

SCC letter informing latest gritting schedule.

A letter received from Mr. Webb was circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply, after consultation with SPCA.

Clerk 24/01

8 Councillor's business

Councillor Mason pointed out that the Lullington road sign, at the junction with Harlaston Road, should be installed. She advised that the School had been informed that poling would take place at the Village Hall and finally, she asked if a gritting box could be located at the end of Raddle Lane.

Clerk 28/01

Councillor Wesley had received complaints from the occupants of 3 homes in School Lane. Lorries from Severn Trent had damaged the Lane and the grass verges. The Clerk was instructed to write to Severn Trent and suggest that the Clerk is forewarned of any future work and to request that it be done in School holidays.

Clerk 28/01

Councillor Lacey reported that the bridle way finger post was lying on the floor at Harlaston. The Clerk will contact SCC. He pointed out that the kissing gates were flooded and required pee gravel.

Clerk 22/01

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The Chairman stated that, as the precept would not require any further discussion and the amount of cash for distribution was so small, she asked if the PC still needed to meet every month. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Clerk 30/01

9 Precept

The Clerk tabled an analysis of the precept, with a comparison of no increase and a 3% increase and broken down over the annual cost per household. After some discussion, it was agreed that a 3% increase would be appropriate, that would allow some £500, to be available for distribution. It was agreed to fund the cost of a flag pole at £355 and £385 to clear the Village Hall car park.

Clerk 22/01

It was agreed that the PC would bear the cost from capital, for filing the Village Hall land with the Land Registry .

Clerk 25/01

10 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report.

Expenditure	YTD	Budget	2007/2008
	£	£	£

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Ground maintenance	3,790	4,000	3,373
Village Hall - grass	470	650	610
Blakeways hedge	120	130	125
Dog bins	520	520	520
Expenses	2,408	3,200	3,043
Insurance/Audit	437	437	465
VAT	335	Nil	Nil
SPCA	190	190	185
Donations	805	1,555	1,595
Under/Over spend	1,925	318	2,064
Precept	£11,000	£11,000	£12,000
<u>Cheques this month</u>		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
E-on	57.52		
Derryford Electrical	164.50		

17 Investment

£37,143.75 plus interest of £1.78 matured on 11 January and was re-invested for a further month, less £500.

£73,341.13 plus interest of £1,569.50 matured on 7 January and was re-invested for a further 3 months.

18 Planning applications

Planning application No.09/01314/ABN for the erection of a machinery store and tool store at Riverswood, Lullington Road, was not objected to by the PC

19 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 8th. February, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Chairman

Date

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