

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th. August, 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

**1 member of the public
(Mr. C. Pincher MP)
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, 2010

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th. July, 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Welcome to Mr. C. Pincher MP & Public session

On behalf of the PC, the Chairman welcomed Mr. C. Pincher and introduced him to each Councillor. Councillor Mason advised that the Village Hall had recently arranged a survey and she asked Mr. Pincher if these establishments had become obsolete. On the contrary, Mr. Pincher stated, he believed that they served as a meeting point for libraries, Police and residents. He went on to state that lottery money was available, particularly for Staffordshire, who the Coalition felt had been neglected in the past. The Chairman asked why the proposed high speed train 2 (HS2) was being considered when local transport problems were not being addressed. Mr. Pincher intended to vote against HS2 as did Mr. Fabricant when it arose but he did intend to ensure that, if it did proceed, then payment for confiscated land would be reimbursed without delay. Councillor Wesley pointed out that our County Councillor, Mr. M. Ellis, was doing his utmost to improve local transport. Mr. Pincher intended to speak with Mr. Ellis. The Coalition was looking at land that had been fallow for years, with the intention of making it covenanted to stop large scale development. Finally, he advised that he is against wind farms and he sits on the energy select committee.

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The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that National Forest was satisfied with the three new signs and would be forwarding their cheque shortly. SCC had advised that they would be installing a "beware of walkers" sign in Pessall Lane. After some discussion it was agreed not to attempt to move the Raddle Lane signpost, as it was in a poor state of repair. Councillor Elverson had noted on the Internet, a supplier of poles that could be useful for the signpost and he will investigate further.

C. Elverson

The Clerk continued by updating the PC on the latest situation on Chetwynd Bridge. As a result of too many dangerous accidents and the excessive speeds over the bridge, SCC had decided to continue with traffic lights for the foreseeable future. They had appointed a consultant and intended to consult with LDC and the PC to listen to ideas of how to slow traffic down. The Clerk will arrange for details to be printed in the magazine.

Clerk 14/08

7 Correspondence

SCC letter advising repairs to Clifton No.2 Bridge scheduled for 23rd August.

SCC letter regarding Joint Waste Strategy.

SPCA nominations for Executive Committee and Elected Officers.

Staffordshire and Rescue Service Summer Safety News.

8 Councillor's business

Councillor Elverson offered his congratulations to the organisers of BKV, as did all Councillors, and he would post it onto the web site. Councillor Dhillon advised that the Village Hall did not have a meeting in August.

C. Elverson

Councillor Wesley was concerned with some dangerous trees on the Harlaston Road. The Clerk will speak with Mr. Groves.

Clerk 13/08

The Chairman stated that a deep pothole just before the river bend from Harlaston was dangerous. The Clerk would action.

Clerk 17/08

9 Village sign

Councillor Elverson had been researching other sites on the Internet for ideas and would bring some suggestions to the next meeting.

C. Elverson

10 Update on planning application 10/00196/FUL

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Natural England, who was prohibited from becoming involved with this appeal under their rules, as they were not consulted originally at the planning application stage. The Environment Agency had visited the site and had no concerns with any potential pollution problems. However, they did intend to re-visit to speak with the appellant.

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11 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report:

Expenditure	YTD £	Budget £	2009/2010 £
Ground maintenance	2,365	4,000	3,604
Village Hall - grass	286	650	610
Blakeways hedge		130	125
Dog bins	572	520	520
Expenses	210	3,500	3,289
Insurance/Audit	455	480	465
VAT	333	nil	nil
SPCA	194	194	185
Village Hall grant £1,000		250	
Less part cost of kitchen	261	1,000	nil
Donations			
Under/Over spend	8,934	1,419	1,607
Precept	£11,330	£11,330	£11,000

12 Investment

The Clerk reported that the sum of £ 108,628.40 plus interest of £13.33 would mature on 26th. August. It was agreed to reinvest for a further month.

13 Planning applications

Planning application No.10/00558//FUL for a detached garage at Riverswood, Lullington Road, was approved by LDC

Planning application No.10/00664/FUL for demolition of outbuilding and garage, repositioning retaining wall and construction of single and double extension at Willow Cottage, was approved by LDC

Planning application No.06/00816/COU for the conversion of barn to office at Croxall Hall, was approved by LDC

Planning application No.10/00686/FUL for the demolition of existing houses and erection of 4 dwellings was withdrawn on 9th. July

Planning application No.10/00829/ABN; prior approval for this was not required, per LDC

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14 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 13th. September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

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

Chairman

Date