Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th. November, 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

In Attendance:

R. Catmur - Parish Clerk

Action

1 Apologies received

Apologies had been received from Councillor Wesley.

2 Absence noted and approved

The absence of Councillor was noted and approved.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on 11th. October, 2010

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th. October, 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

No members of the public were present.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 <u>Clerk's report</u>

The Clerk reported that the grit bin, in Blakeways Close, would be filled shortly. He stated that The National Arboretum had not complained about the noise from the recent concerts at Catton Hall. However, following a telephone conversation, they had indicated that they would monitor this situation very closely. The Chairman said that Alrewas PC had also received complaints.

6 <u>Correspondence</u>

A letter from SCC detailing the actions they intended to take when/if the weather is as bad this year as last. The Chairman asked the Clerk to forward Staffordshire County Council's request, to the editor of Mease Valley News,

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asking all residents to refrain from using the salt for their own use. It was intended purely for roads

Clerk 10/11

7 <u>Councillor's business</u>

Councillor Dhillon was pleased to report on an excellent turnout for the firework display. He advised that the Village Hall's financial situation was good and that Peter Nottage was applying for funding for the refurbishment of the Hall. The VHMC were anxious to recruit new people to form sub-committees to address the various initiatives being pursued. He was disappointed that the youngsters, who were interested in creating a skate park, had not attended the last meeting, although he understood they intended to attend the next one. He asked the Chairman if anything further had been heard about the new bus, the number 813. The Chairman advised that there had been no movement and asked that the Clerk to arrange for a notice to be inserted into the magazine, highlighting this new service. Councillor Lacey pointed out that the tarmac, covering the recently dug trench for the bungalow, was already lifting. The Clerk will contact Highways. He was concerned with the mud on the Harlaston Road and had been aware of some accidents that had occurred. The Clerk will write to David Grove and Mr. Davison

Councillor Cliffe advised that the hedges had been cut but she was still concerned with the state of Pessall Lane. She had reported it on numerous occasions but had not received a sensible response. The Clerk will write to Highways.

Councillor Mason stated that the BKV had been given 800 bulbs and she was hopeful of acquiring some. She pointed out that she still had the last 2 pictures and wondered if the price could be lowered. It was agreed that the price should remain the same and one should be given to the Pub, upon its reopening. It was also agreed that the remaining one would be auctioned on an appropriate occasion.

The Chairman reported that the sections of the wooden river bridge between Edingale and Harlaston had come adrift. The Clerk will contact Highways. She went on to outline her misgivings with next year's concerts at Catton Hall. Publicity associated with numbers expected to attend 'Bloodstock' indicated a potential increase from 10,000 to 25,000. Councillors wanted assurances from South Derbyshire Council that the proximity of the National Memorial Arboretum (a sensitive receptor) would be considered with respect to noise levels, as well as the impact on local communities and the effect of the increased traffic before giving permissions for future events. The Clerk will also write to LDC and SCC to raise their awareness of the problems experienced this year.

Clerk 20/11

Clerk 10/11

Clerk 16/11

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8 Planning application No. 10/00196/COU

The Clerk reported that, following objections by the consultants (acting on behalf of the PC and residents) the appeal on planning application 10/00196/COU had been dismissed. However, the applicant would be entitled to appeal and to counter this LDC would give Mr. Clenton 4 months to cease his operation. LDC had explained that to give a lesser period of notice, following an appeal, would allow the applicant probably a longer period of operation than 4 months.

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Planning application No. 10/00196/COU continued

Most, if not all of the points included in the consultant's documents had been previously been highlighted to the planners by both villagers and the Parish Council. All councillors felt the original objections had not been given sufficient consideration. Appointing consultants had resulted in significant cost to the village.

Copies of the appeal decision would be passed to Councillors Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Cliffe; and Councillor Dhillon will obtain a copy of the notes from Rachael.

It was agreed that this matter would be an item on the next agenda, at which time all Councillors were asked, by the Chairman, to consider the feasibility of requesting reimbursement from LDC of the funds used to pay the consultants.

C. Dhillon Clerk 30/11

9 <u>Village sign</u>

Councillor Elverson was still in the process of obtaining designs for a village sign and this will be an item on the next agenda.

Clerk 30/11

10 Avenue of trees at Holy Trinity

The Chairman pointed out that the avenue of trees at Holy Trinity were in need of pollarding. The Clerk will write to the Secretary of Church Wardens.

Clerk 15/11

11 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report:

Expenditure	YTD	Budget	2009/2010	
	£	£	£	
Ground maintenance	3,149	4,000		3,604
Village Hall - grass	382	650		610
Blakeways hedge		130		125
Dog bins	572	520		520
Expenses	1,312	3,500		3,289
Insurance/Audit	455	480		465
VAT	504	nil		nil
SPCA	194	194		185
Village Hall grant £1,000				
Less part cost of kitchen	261			nil
Donations	1,709	1,700		1,595

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Prof fees	863	nil	nil
Under/Over spend	1,929	156	1,607
Precept Cheques this month	£11,330	£11,330	£11,000
Greenlands Garden R. Catmur Edingale Village Hall Lichfield Web Design	£392.00 £99.99 £1,900.00 £273.78		

12 <u>Investment</u>

The clerk reported that the sum of £108,668.88, plus interest of £13.34, matured on 19th. November. It was agreed to reinvest the principal and interest for a further month.

Clerk 19/11

13 Planning applications

No planning applications had been received.

14 Date and venue of next meeting

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

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Chairman	Date	