

Edingale Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting commencing 7.30pm, Monday 6th June 2011 at the Village Hall, Edingale.

Present;

Cllrs J. Stonehouse (Chair) M. Cliffe, H. Dhillon, N. Mason MBE & C. Wesley.

In Attendance;

Mr Gordon Rhodes. Resident.
Mr Ray Smythe, Clerk.

Public Participation.

Mr Rhodes spoke about anti-social behaviour and said that there had been regular police attendance in the area over the last 10 days. PC Allsopp had agreed to continue and extend patrols and there had been an improvement with these additional visits.

Residents were advised to report relevant incidents to the police and to obtain an incident number. Mr Rhodes was thanked for his attendance.

1 Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J. Startin.

2 Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items.

Cllr J. Stonehouse declared an interest in Item 5.1, planning application 11/478 and took no part in the decision making process.

3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May 2011.

Approval of the minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5 Planning Applications

10/1544 - 14 & 16 Pessall Lane, Edingale.
Demolition of existing houses and erection of two pairs of semi-detached dwelling.
No objection.

11/478 - Poplars Farm, Lullington Road, Edingale.

Conversion of swimming pool to ancillary accommodation comprising bedroom, kitchen, lounge, dining room and bathroom.

Delegate authority to Cllr Dhillon to comment.

11/295 - Mease Meadows, Lullington Road, Edingale - Two storey rear extension to form dining room, balcony with new dormers and roof lights.

Approved by the District Council.

6 Councillors' Reports.

Cllr Dhillon would be attending a Village Hall Management Committee on 8th June.

There were ongoing concerns about drugs and anti-social behaviour by the hall.

Cllr Cliffe. Residents were advised to write in about incidents connected with 27 Croxall Road as there had been complaints about loud music and other anti-social behaviour. It was agreed to liaise with PC Allsopp.

There was increasing concern about road safety with the amount of parked vehicles by the school. It was agreed to write to the Headteacher.

Some playground equipment on the field by the Village Hall had been repaired following a spate of vandalism.

Cllr Mason. All Councillors were invited to the school fete. 12pm to 3.00pm, 18th June. The future maintenance of the Village Pump was being investigated.

7 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was noted with the following additional comment.

It was agreed to purchase four flags (Union Flag, St George, Armed Forces Day and the Staffordshire Flag) and donate them to the school.

8 Best Kept Village - Current position and developments.

Cllr Mason reported all the tubs had been planted. Posters in bus shelters vandalised and thrown on floor but had all been replaced. The bus shelter had been cleaned and litter had been removed.

9 Village Hall.

Consideration of action concerning anti-social behaviour on the field. This matter was deferred pending for advice from Pc Allsopp.

Consideration of suggestions for the fence and hedge. The suggestion from a resident to continue the fence would be passed to the Village Hall Committee by Cllr Dhillon.

To appoint a representative to the Village Hall Committee. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to nominate Cllr J. Startin.

10 Management of the hedge on Council owned land at Blakeways Close, Edingale.

It was reported that a resident had contacted the Council about the height of the hedge, which had not been cut down for several years since a conservatory had been built at the rear of her house.

The Council was responsible for the hedge and considered various options. It was agreed that the best long term solution would be to reduce the height to enable it to be maintained by a person on foot. This would be done outside of the nesting season and the residents adjacent to the hedge would be notified.

It was agreed to place the matter on the agenda for July, to discuss any quotes and to consider any further action.

11 Bank Accounts.

Consideration of authorisation of change of signatories to reflect the current Council and Clerk. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to authorise Cllrs Wesley and Mason and the Clerk,

Consideration of current banking facilities to review arrangements and consider options. The Councillors reviewed the position and options and wanted to investigate further.

12 Correspondence.

The list of incoming post was noted.
The list of outgoing post was noted.

13 Accounts for Payment.

The payments totalling £1,161.60, listed in Appendix A, were presented for authorisation. Authority to pay was proposed by Cllr Stonehouse, seconded by Cllr Wesley and agreed. The Council noted income of £16.38 (Bank Interest).

14 Items for Information and Future Agendas.

It was agreed to contact PC Allsopp regarding allegations of road traffic offences in Pessall Lane and Harlaston.

It was agreed to start initial consideration about the precept, including donations to the church and Village Hall.

It was agreed that the Good Councillors' guide should be made available.

It was agreed to discuss the current position with the village sign at the next meeting.

15 Date of Next Meeting.

The date was agreed as 11th July 2011. Cllr Stonehouse declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm and thanked those present for their attendance.