

Edingale Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting Monday 8th August 2011 at Village Hall, Edingale.

Present;

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

In Attendance;

Mr Ken Pilgrim. Mr Ray Smythe, Clerk.

Public Participation.

Mr Pilgrim attended the meeting to speak about the Best Kept Village competition and reported that Edingale had won;

The best small village in the Lichfield and Cannock District (for the third time).

The district trophy.

The best small village in Staffordshire.

As part of the prizes, there were two certificates, a shield, a cash prize of £200 towards enhancing the village and a rowan tree. The BKV pole would be placed in the village in due course. The Council was very pleased to hear the news and congratulated Mr Pilgrim and all concerned for their work and success.

1. Apologies.

All Councillors were present. District Cllr Sue Arnold had submitted apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items.

There were no declarations.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2011.

Approval of the minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Planning; Applications for Consideration

11/07 - Holding 3, Pessall Farm, Pessall Lane, Edingale. - Extension of existing lagoon with chainlink fencing and concrete access ramp.

The Council discussed this application and considered the need to have adequate infrastructure capacity with reasonable regard to the affect on local residents. Representations about potential development, smells, insect infestations had been received, as well as concerns about the potential increase in vehicular traffic. It was agreed to pass on these concerns to the County Council.

11/600 - The Barn, Edingale Fields Farm, Lullington Road, Edingale. - The painting of exterior woodwork of existing property to a pale colour.

No objection.

Applications Approved by the District Council.

11/478 - Poplars Farm, Lullington Road, Edingale - Conversion of a swimming pool to ancillary accommodation comprising bedroom, kitchen, lounge, dining room and bathroom.

6. Councillors' Reports.

Contact Bromford Housing about why 10 Pessall Lane is empty.

It was agreed to monitor the condition of the Village Pump.

It was agreed to inform the local police about suspicions of drug use in the area.

Village Hall events included a "Teddy Bears picnic" on 12th August and a car boot sale on 16th August.

It was agreed to publish the reporting procedure for South Derbyshire Council and to ask about the Bloodstock Festival closure time on Sunday 14th August.

7. Clerk's Report.

7.1 (Item 3) Land Registry Search.

Investigations had shown that the land owned by the Village Hall had not been registered with Land Registry and their contact details had been forwarded to the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed to assist the Village Hall with any registration costs.

7.2 (Item 8) Blakeways Hedge.

A letter from a resident of Rowley Close about the proposed hedge cutting was read out and the matter discussed. It was agreed to write to the affected houses in Rowley Close to inform the residents of the planned work.

8. Consideration of suggestions or action to help the Village Hall with the installation of a skateboard facility.

It was agreed that a skateboard facility could be a useful addition to the options for youths in the area but there were many issues that would need to be addressed. It was agreed to consider the matter further and place the matter on the October agenda.

9. Christmas Lights. Consideration of arrangements.

The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

10. The Smartwater marking system. Consideration of relevance and potential use in the area. It was agreed to ascertain the present position with a project supported by the police.

11. General review of finances and consideration of management of funds on deposit. It was agreed to reinvest the funds on deposit for another month.

12. Consideration of replacement of bench.

The Council considered the replacement of a bench on Croxall Road at length. The need, cost and use of a seat at this location were considered and it was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

13. Consideration of the project to install a village sign.

The design and quote previously obtained was accepted apart from the size being three feet by two feet and the Staffordshire Knot being on top of the sign. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to order and install the sign opposite the entrance to the school and to undertake the necessary arrangements.

14. Harlaston Footbridge - Review of developments with repairs.

The Council had surveyed the bridge and declared it unsafe and closed. A new bridge potentially costing £25,000 was needed, but this would not be in the current financial year. It was agreed to monitor the position and to consider all suitable options.

15. Correspondence.

15.1 Incoming.

15.2 Outgoing.

The list of incoming and outgoing post was noted with the following additional comments; It was agreed to join the Community Council of Staffordshire. It was agreed to allow the use of the locations of dog bins by a telecoms company.

16. Accounts for Payment.

The payments totalling £820.66, listed in Appendix A, were presented for authorisation. Authority to pay was agreed by all Councillors.

17. Items for Information and Future Agendas.

It was agreed to report two loads of fly tipping in School Lane.

18. Date of Next Meeting.

The date was agreed as 12th September 2011. Cllr Stonehouse declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm and thanked those present for their attendance.

.....Chair

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Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held 22 August 2011.

In attendance: Councillor J Stonehouse, Chair, Councillor N Mason MBE, Councillor M Cliffe, Councillor C Wesley, Councillor S Dhillon. Councillor J Startin.

1. Clerk to Edingale Parish Council

- Ray Smythe's resignation was accepted; the Councillors unanimously wished to thank him for the time and attention he gave to Edingale during his time as clerk. The editor of the Mease Valley Parish News would be contacted and asked to remove his details from the contact list.
- The Councillors agreed unanimously to appoint, on a temporary basis, Roy Catmur to act as Parish Clerk.
- The Councillors agreed unanimously to advertise the vacancy in the notice board and with SPCA. All applications to be sent to Roy Catmur by 1st September 2011.
- The decision to appoint a new clerk would be made at the September meeting.