

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th. September, 2011
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Members Present:

Mrs. J. Stonehouse – Chairman J. Startin Mrs. N. Mason MBE
H. Dhillon Mrs. M. Cliffe

In Attendance:

8 visitors
(including District Councillor Sue Arnold)

R. Catmur – Parish Clerk

Action

1 Apologies received

Apologies had been received from Councillor Wesley.

2 Absence noted and approved

The absence of Councillor Wesley was noted and approved.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on 8th. August and Extraordinary meeting held on 22nd. August, 2011

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th. August and Extraordinary meeting held on 22nd. August, 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

Residents wished to discuss the hedge that runs alongside Rowley Close. The Chairman reported that the PC had received a letter from the occupants of No. 2 Rowley Close, informing it they intended to instruct a contractor to cut the hedge and recharge the PC. The PC had sought alternative quotations and had issued instructions for the hedge to be cut to the height a man could cut, whilst standing on the floor. Subsequently, it became apparent, that other residents in the Close were not happy with that proposal and the PC suspended the order. Further discussions continued and a proposal was made, from the floor, for the residents themselves, to be responsible for the hedge. The PC accepted the idea, in principal and it was agreed that the occupants of numbers 2,4,6,8 and 10 Rowley Close would make such a request, in writing, to the Clerk by 7th. October, to enable the PC to make a decision. The Chairman pointed out that, if a request was not received by that date, then the hedge would be cut, as per the original instructions.

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Public session – continued

A resident, supported by all other visitors, expressed severe misgivings with the on-going closure of the bridge over the River Mease. He pointed out that it was a very important route, used by several villages and the closure necessitated pedestrians using the Harlaston Road, which does not have a pavement. Sue Arnold agreed to obtain a copy of the engineer's report. It was suggested that the villages raise a petition and go to the press and this will be an item on the next agenda.

Ms. Arnold

Clerk 10/10

It was confirmed that the PC had objected to both HS2 and the proposed wind turbines scheme. The Chairman stated that she had been trying to improve local transport but it was proving to be very difficult.

Police had informed a resident that a skate board scheme was being considered by Edingale. She was assured that a decision of that magnitude would only be taken after residents had their say.

The Chairman, on behalf of the PC, offered her thanks to Roy for standing in as Clerk, following the departure of Ray Smythe.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that the e-mail address to give information for the web site is paul@edingalevillge.co.uk

7 Correspondence

Letter from 2, Blakeways Close, countersigned by 3 other residents, regarding the hedge fronting numbers 2 to 10.

Letter from the Clerk, addressing the questions raised above.

Letter from the Clerk to Community Council of Staffordshire, advising them how the PC intended to spend the £200 prize for winning the BKVC.

Letter from 30, Croxall Road, countersigned by 4 residents, asking if the bench located near to the notice board, could be removed.

Letter from the Clerk, in reply to the above.

Advertisement for a replacement Clerk to SPCA.

Community Council of Staffordshire acknowledging receipt of PC's membership.

Community Council of Staffordshire AGM 28 September.

Staffordshire County Council offering to provide a Legal Service.

SPCA Newsletter September.

8 Councillor's business

Councillor Mason pointed out that rubbish had, again, accumulated on the football field. The Chairman will contact Martin. She was concerned with the build up of leaves and thought the drains should be cleared before any heavy rainfall. The Clerk will contact Greenland Gardens.

Chairman

Clerk 20/09

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9 District and County Councillor's comments

Sue Arnold had attended a Rural Workshop at LDC, when the Localism Bill was discussed. She circulated a summary of the bullet points and she was seeking further clarification on the National Planning Framework Bill. She had attended meetings on the proposed wind farm and although no decision had been taken, the group were firmly against the plan.

The Chairman asked if Smart Water had been mentioned, as she had offered Edingale to be a guinea pig for the project. Ms. Arnold replied that neither that or the Diamond Jubilee had been discussed.

10 Appointment of Clerk

The Clerk stated that the advertisement to SPCA had not generated any response. It was agreed that Rebecca Delderfield would be contacted by the Clerk and offered the position. The Chairman pointed out that Councillor Dhillon had offered to help with the accounts, Mr. Elverson with computers and the current Clerk with all other matters.

11 Resignation of Councillor

It was reported that Councillor Lacey had resigned. The Clerk will place an advertisement in the Mease Valley News and the Chairman will put a note on the notice board.

**Clerk 13/09
Chairman**

12 Donation for BKV presentation event

It had previously been suggested that the PC would donate £50 towards the catering cost of the presentation for the BKV, together with a similar sum from their committee. However, upon further discussion, it was agreed that the PC would donate £100 and the District Councillor offered £50, making a total of £200. The Chairman will contact the Police, as concerns were raised over the safety of children.

Chairman

13 Councillor's Code of Conduct

The Chairman asked all Councillors to be aware, at all times, of their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct.

14 Bench, near the notice board

A letter had been received requesting the removal of the bench near the notice board. As the bench had now gone, a resident asked for it not to be replaced. This was agreed for the present but it will be reviewed again in 6 months. Further discussion continued and a suggestion for parents to sign up to a 'Good Behaviour Charter' was made. The Chairman will speak with Mr. M. Ellis, regarding child trouble.

Clerk 01/03

Chairman

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15 **Investment**

Unfortunately, the exact figure of the investment was unknown but an instruction had been given to the Bank to reinvest the total sum, plus interest as and when it matures. The Clerk had spoken with SPCA, who advised that there had been a change of view and it was now acceptable to invest into Building Societies or Banks. The Clerk will provide figures for the next meeting.

Clerk 10/10

16 **Planning applications**

Planning application No.11/00600/FUL for the painting of exterior paintwork of existing property at The Barn, Fields Farm, Lullington Road had been approved by LDC.

17 **Date and venue of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be 10th. October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Chairman

Date