

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th March 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Members present:

Mrs J Stonehouse
Mrs N Mason MBE
Mr J Startin
Mr H Dhillon
Mr C Wesley
Mr S Sprason

Chairman

In Attendance:

B. Delderfield
Parish Clerk

1 Apologies received

Apologies were received from Mrs M Cliffe.

2 Absence noted and approved

Apologies were noted and accepted.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on 6th February 2012.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

There being no members of the public present the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

6 Clerk's report

After contact with the owners of the land behind the Village pump, the clerk confirms that they were agreeable to some cosmetic works being done to the brickwork surrounding the pump. No entry onto the land is permissible, however, due to insurance implications. The clerk has been in contact with Greenlands Maintenance who will see whether they can carry out the necessary works. Contact was made with Mr P Elverson in requesting the village plan. A copy is now available.

We now have the application form for the BKV and Lyn Dixon is going to complete it and send it back before 30th March.

Mr P Elverson thanked the PC for their compliments in keeping the website up to date.

Contact has been made with Rob Nunn (Smartwater) concerning signs for the village advertising it being a Smart water area. More people need to sign up for it.

An article will be put in the Parish Magazine asking for more people to sign up to this.

The Lengthsman's Agreement increase is determined by SCC who will inform the PC of the increase.

The Clerk's details are now in the Mease Valley news.

All dates for the years meetings are now on the Notice Board.

7 Correspondence

Letter from Mr Wilson at 8 Rowley Close

Best Kept village Competition Application form

Letter from Staffs County Council re Community Paths initiative

Letter from LDC re Register of Members interests

Letter from SCC re: Bids for Community Paths initiative 2012/2013,

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and highways liaison officers,

Theft of grit and efforts to prevent it

Letter from LDC re playing pitch, tennis and bowls strategy

Email from David Ramsbotham re wind turbine petition

Letter from Community Council of Staffordshire asking for the PC to become a member

Letter from Staffs Policing Authority informing of abolishment of Police Authority and replacing with Police and Crime Commissioners

Letter from East Staffs Borough Council on core strategy on Sustainability Scoping Report. Doc can be found on webpage.

Information of safety improvements for motorcyclists

Campaign to protect Rural England. Notice of speaker Mr Michael Brooks on Tuesday 20th March.

8 Councillor's business

Cllr Stonehouse received a call from a resident who had fallen in a pothole in Woodyard Drive. Bromford Housing were contacted and the pothole has been repaired within three days of the complaint.

Cllr Stonehouse attended the recent Wind Farm meeting and it was agreed that the application would be resisted by the neighbouring villages.

Fundraising will take place to offset the costs of the objection.

Cllr Arnold asked whether her details could be added to the EPC website. It was agreed by all Councillors that this was acceptable.

Cllr Stonehouse suggested that Cllrs Arnold and Ellis could be linked to EPC site given that they are District and County Councillors for Edingale. **Clerk**

Cllr Dhillon will attend the village hall meeting and AGM on 25th March.

9 Rowley Close hedge

Cllr Dhillon visited Mr Wilson to discuss the situation. The majority of Councillors agreed that a letter would be sent to the residents of 2-10 Rowley Close emphasising the original Terms and Conditions laid out by the PC and addressing the points Mr Wilson raised. **Clerk**

10 Schofield Lane hedge

It was agreed that the hedge is in a poor state of repair. Greenlands Maintenance will be asked to trim the area from number 4 to the kissing gate. **Clerk**

11 Investment to Santander Bank

The clerk reported that this has not progressed due to problems with changing the signatory at Natwest. Councillors expressed concern in investing with a European bank so further investigations have taken place to look at investing in a British bank or building society.

Cllr Stonehouse will go in to Natwest to enquire as to what information they are awaiting. **Cllr Stonehouse**

12 Clerk's Contract of Employment

The clerk has been through the contract and is happy to sign it. **Clerk**

13 Smart water

The clerk has been in touch with Rob Nunn who informed her that ideally more residents should sign up for the initiative. Signs are on order and should be sent before long. It was agreed it would go in the Mease Valley. All Cllrs are happy to explain in greater detail about Smart water should residents wish to know more about it.

14 Financial Report

Due to the delay with Natwest, up to date figures have not been obtained. This will be rectified by the April meeting and a full breakdown will be available.

Clerk

15 Planning Applications

None

16 Any Other Business

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

It was agreed that the clerk would investigate the cost of commemorative coins to give to all the children of Edingale. Also, the clerk will look at what monies are available from the Precept for the purchase of the coins.

Clerk

Election Costs for 2011

The councillors unanimously questioned the Election cost of £118.14 for last year. The clerk will request an explanation of the cost from LDC.

Clerk

19 Date and venue of next meeting

Monday 2nd April 2012, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

20 Meeting Closure

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