

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd April 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

Chairman

In Attendance:

B. Delderfield
Parish Clerk

1 Apologies received

Apologies were received from Cllr Sprason.

2 Absence noted and approved

Apologies were noted and accepted.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on 12th March 2012.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 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

The clerk has contacted Paul Elverson to ask him to add the County and District Councillors details onto the EPC website.

Hand delivered the letter drafted by Sam to all residents at Rowley Close. No response as yet.

The clerk contacted LDC re the election costs for last May. It seems that the cheque will have to be paid.

The clerk has the six Smart Water signs from Rob Nunn and have added a paragraph in the Mease Valley asking for more to sign up to it. After speaking with Greenlands they said that the work around the pump was out of their league. The clerk will contact some builders to see if they can quote on the brickwork.

7 Correspondence

Letter from Natwest asking for clarification of change of signatories
Letter from Natwest re complaint
Letter from LDC re Localism and Planning briefing session for PC's
Letter from Staffs and Stoke on Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy re examination hearing
Letter from Staffs County Council re outstanding invoices for Lengthsmans or Grass cutting Agreements

It was agreed that Cllr Dhillon and the clerk would attend the meeting concerning the Localism Act on 22 May 2012.

8 Councillor's business

More than one Cllr has received complaints about the signs for the Open Gardens being put up around the village. Cllr Dhillon believed this to be done by the Village Hall Committee and it was agreed that the clerk would contact the Chairperson immediately so that the signs could be taken down. As they are in breach of the LDC Highways regulations, the clerk would contact the Chairperson immediately so that LDC don't remove the signs altogether.

The Cllrs suggested various positions for the signs and the clerk will point them out in the letter. Clerk

Cllr Stonehouse received notification from Mr P Elverson that the web design invoice has not yet been paid. The clerk is not in receipt of this invoice and it was agreed that the invoice is usually sent in October, so it could have been mislaid before the current clerk took over. The clerk will contact Mr Elverson to take steps to rectify this. Clerk

It was pointed out that the website for the village is available for anyone to advertise a village event. The clerk will make the Village Hall committee aware of this. Clerk

Election Costs for 2011

The councillors unanimously questioned the Election cost of £118.14 for last year. The clerk will contact the local MP concerning these election costs pointing out that a small PC cannot afford to subsidise such costs that the District Council have incurred. Clerk

9 Rowley Close hedge

There has been no contact from residents at Rowley Close. It was agreed that the item will be placed on next month's agenda for discussion then. Clerk

10 Schofield Lane hedge

It was reported that Greenlands have carried out the works at Schofield Lane.

11 District and County Councillors comments

Both District and County Councillors were absent, so no comments were made.

12 Clerk's Financial Report

Please find attached a summary from March 2011 - April 2012.

13 Capital fund

Due to numerous problems with Natwest bank in obtaining the statements, there is little to report on the above. This will shortly be rectified, when a lump sum will be transferred from the current account to the Business Reserve Account.

Clerk

14 Wall behind the village pump

Greenlands have confirmed that they are unable to carry out this work. The clerk will obtain quotes from builders.

Clerk

15 Revised wind farm proposal

There is nothing new to report on this matter.

16 Diamond Jubilee coin

It was agreed that the PC would like to spend money for each child in the village school for a commemorative coin. The cost from Royal Mint would be £3.99 for 55 children. This was agreed.

It was also suggested that an oak tree should be planted in the middle of the green at Blakeways Close and a plaque should be ordered to mark the occasion. Cllr Stonehouse will contact garden nurseries to look into the cost of the oak tree. The clerk will order the plaque.

Cllr Stonehouse

Clerk

17 Planning Applications

None

18 Date and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 1st May 2012, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

19 Any Other Business

Cllr Stonehouse requested that the Capital Fund should be discussed at the AGM meeting in May to ensure that the residents of Edingale are still in favour of the money being invested from the sale of the piece of land that had been bequeathed to the village many years ago.

Clerk

20 Meeting Closure

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

Summary of Income and Expenditure from April 2011 - End March 2012 for EPC.

INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
11,330.00 (Precept)	4,521.19 (Expenses)	
850.00 (SCC Grass Cutting)	4,281.98 (Ground Maintenance)	
450.51 (Lengthsmans Payment)	1,100 (Capital Expenditure)	
	1, 699.50 (Church/Village Hall)	
	194.00 (Other)	
	226.59 (VAT)	
12,630.51	12,136.66	493.85