

## **EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2012 at 7.30pm in Mary Howard Primary school.

Members present:

Mrs J Stonehouse Chairman  
Mrs N Mason MBE  
Mr J Startin  
Mr H Dhillon

In Attendance:

B. Delderfield Parish Clerk

### **1 Apologies received**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Sprason and Wesley.

### **2 Absence noted and approved**

Apologies were noted and accepted.

### **3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 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. Mr R Cliffe arrived after the public session so it was decided that discussions concerning the re-submitted planning application for 7 Holding, Pessall Lane should be discussed later in the meeting.

### **6 Clerk's report**

The Smartwater signs were delivered to Cllr Wesley and he has put them up. The clerk has been in touch with The Royal Mint in relation to the commemorative coins for the children of the village and these can be obtained for £3.49 each plus £5.00 postage costs.

The clerk has contacted Blinford Graphics who can do the plaque and the engraving for the oak tree to be planted. The cost will be £90 plus VAT and postage at £10. There is a choice of an oval plaque or a circular one.

The clerk expressed her surprise at the cost of the grass cutting in the village. It was pointed out that the Lengthman's Agreement gives the PC £699 per year and the Urban grass cutting pays £478.31. Does the grass in public places need cutting so often?

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Greenlands Garden Maintenance to clarify how often the grass is being cut.

The Precept payment of £11,330 was paid into the bank account on 24 April.

Having been into the Natwest there are previous Councillors who need to be taken off the bank account details and others that need adding on.  
All Councillors (except Cllr Mason) were given the new forms to complete to update the bank account details.

### **7 Correspondence**

Letter from Mr C Pincher concerning the hedge on Rowley Close.  
Confirmation of payment for Membership of Community Council of Staffordshire.  
Planning/Approval granted for Lowe, Park House.  
Letter from Mr Wilson, Rowley Close.  
Register of Interests for Cllr Stonehouse and Cliffe from LDC.

### **8 Councillor's business**

Cllr Dhillon reported that the last meeting of the Village Hall proved very positive. Cllr Mason requested that there are 6 children in the village who are collected at Moore's Croft. She asked that rather than the children are collected there they should be picked up at the bus shelter. The bus leaves at 8.00am and the one after that leaves at 8.20am, so there is time for all children to share the bus shelter rather than risk getting wet before the next bus arrives. Cllr Mason will give the details to the clerk who will then send a letter to the school. **Cllr Mason**

The Rowan tree at Blakeways Close has now been planted.  
Mr Elverson has recommended that the EPC should purchase a finance accounts package such as Sage. This should be added to the next meeting's agenda to discuss.  
Cllr Sprason's details should be passed to Mr Elverson for the website. **Clerk**

### **9 Rowley Close hedge**

It was felt by all Councillors that the issue surrounding the above was taking too long to discuss and debate which has proved too time consuming. Although all efforts on the PC's part has been made to try to assist the two residents who wanted to take on the pruning of the hedge it has proved too difficult to accommodate the residents. It was unanimously decided that as from October 2012, the hedge will be cut by contractors chosen and paid for by the PC. It was agreed that the Parish Council will draft a letter informing residents of the decision.

### **10 District and County Councillors comments**

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

### **11 Clerk's Financial Report**

Currently there is £13,059.70 in the current account and £80,018.10 in the Treasury Reserve.

Given the amount in the current account it was suggested that another £10,000 should be moved to the Treasury Reserve account. **Clerk**

### **13 Capital fund**

It was agreed that the clerk would investigate once again whether there are any investment bonds available to offer a better rate of interest than the Treasury Reserve account. **Clerk**

#### **14 Wall behind the village pump**

The clerk has been in touch with a builder to give the PC some idea as to the cost of having the brickwork repaired. **Clerk**

#### **15 Revised wind farm proposal**

There is nothing new to report on this matter.

#### **16 Diamond Jubilee coin**

It should be considered by the PC as to when the coins can be presented to the children of the village.

#### **17 Planning Applications**

There has been a planning application in the name of Marshall for a single storey front extension. There were no objections to this.

Planning has been re-applied for 7 Holding, Pessall Lane. There have been a number of objections so far. It was agreed that the clerk would compile a letter to LDC setting out the concerns and objections of the PC. The date the letter must be at LDC is 8 May. It was agreed that the letter should be shown to Mr Catmur the previous clerk as he was previously involved in the original planning application.

**Clerk**

#### **18 Date and venue of next meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

#### **19 Any Other Business**

Cllr Stonehouse tendered her resignation letter. A new Chairperson should be sought in the coming weeks.

The clerk also with regret tendered her resignation due to other commitments. She is happy to continue until another clerk is found. The clerk will contact SPCA to advertise the position.

#### **20 Meeting Closure**

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