

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th June, 2012 at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Mr C Wesley
Mrs N Mason MBE
Mr S Sprason
Mr H Dhillon
Mrs M Cliffe

Acting Chairman

In Attendance:

B. Delderfield
Parish Clerk

1 Apologies received

Apologies were received from Cllr Startin.

2 Absence noted and approved

Apologies were noted and accepted.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st May 2012.

It was commented that the plaque for the oak tree was expensive at £90. Cllr Mason will speak to Mr Keey to see if he can suggest anywhere cheaper to buy and engrave the plaque. Cllr Mason

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st May 2012 were approved and signed by the Acting Chairman.

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk expressed concern in the frequency of the grass areas being cut in the village. It appears that the gardens are being cut every two weeks which seems excessive. It was agreed that the clerk would speak to Garden Maintenance and explain the financial constraints on the PC and ask that the areas be cut every four weeks. Cllr Dhillon will then assess whether in the rainy weeks in spring and summer when the grass is growing quickly the areas need to be cut more frequently. Cllr Dhillon will then contact Garden Maintenance to ask them to cut the grass. Clerk

The bricks around the village pump are still in need of attention. Cllr Dhillon suggested a builder who may be able to skim the bricks. He will ask the builder if he can quote for such works. Cllr Dhillon

7 Correspondence

Natwest Statement

2 x Invoice Greenlands Maintenance
Invoice for annual cost of rental of Village Hall
Letter from Natwest to say we have been credited £210 to the bank account.
Code of Conduct - see mail
Email from Matthew Ellis re the bridge to Harlaston.
Invite to Chairman to the Civic Service dinner on Sunday 1st July.

8 Councillor's business

Cllr Mason has bought flowers for the barrels in the village at a reduced cost of £82.00 (a 10% reduction from £92.40)
Cllr Mason has also been complimented on the Edingale website.
Cllr Sprason was approached by Mrs L Dixon for the fee she paid on the PC's behalf for entry into the open gardens of £16. Cllr Mason will bring this invoice to the next meeting.

9 Rowley Close hedge

It was agreed by all Councillors that the letter confirming that the PC will take back responsibility of the hedge should be sent to all residents at Rowley Close.

10 District and County Councillors comments

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

11 Clerk's Financial Report

All Councillors were given the end of year figures for their comments and approval so that the accounts can be presented to the Auditors at the end of June.
It was agreed that Cllr Dhillon would take over responsibility of the PC finances as from April 2012 so that the handover to the new clerk can be seamless.

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.

14 Revised wind farm proposal

There is nothing new to report on this matter.

15 Footbridge

Cllr Ellis sent an email requesting the PC consider taking on the responsibility of the footbridge joining Edingale to Harlaston. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Cllr Ellis and the clerk at Harlaston to see if there is any further guidance on this matter. Clerk

16 Diamond Jubilee coin

Cllr Mason was given the coins for distribution at the school to all children who live in Edingale.

17 Planning Applications

There has been no word on the revised planning at 7 Holding, Pessall Lane. The letter from the PC was hand delivered to the council offices.

18 Date and venue of next meeting

Monday 9th July, 2012, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

19 Any Other Business

Cllr Wesley was contacted by Staffordshire College of Further Education who wished to advertise in a PC magazine. Cllr Wesley directed them to the Mease Valley editor in the absence of any PC magazine.

Cllr Cliffe requested that the Christmas lights be added onto the agenda for the next meeting.

20 Meeting Closure

There being no further business the Acting Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.