

AGM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th July, 2012 at 7.00pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Mr C Wesley	Acting Chairman
Mrs N Mason MBE	
Mr S Sprason	
Mr J Startin	
Mr H Dhillon	
Mrs M Cliffe	

In Attendance:

B. Delderfield	Parish Clerk
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By Invitation:

Mrs M Jones

1 Apologies received

No apologies were received.

2 Absence noted and approved

Apologies were noted and accepted.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on Monday 11th June 2012.

The Minutes were signed and approved by the Chairman from the previous meeting.

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 AGM and Public session

In Attendance:

Mr P Elverson
Mr I Van Arkardie

Mr Elverson informed the PC that he intended standing down from running and maintaining the Village Website due to not being informed of events, information etc. After some discussion of how Mr Elverson could be kept up to date, he agreed to continue maintaining the website. He was also thanked for his efforts to date.

Mr Van Arkardie shared his concerns about the planned windfarm applications that are in discussion in the surrounding area which currently will affect Edingale. It was agreed that the clerk should send LDC a letter of objection from the PC highlighting why there should not be a windfarm in the vicinity of Edingale. Clerk

6. Clerk's Report

The grass in the public areas is in need of being cut and one or two Councillors have received comments about the height of the grass. It was agreed that the grass should be cut every three weeks until the end of August and the clerk will contact Greenlands Maintenance to inform them of this.

It was suggested that the grass cutting should go to tender in the Autumn and three quotes should be obtained. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Ellis has been informed that the PC is willing to look into the local maintenance of the footbridge to Harlaston. They will wait further information from Cllr Ellis as to possible Health and Safety issues and other responsibilities that it may involve before committing any further.

7. Councillor's Business

The Harlaston road has a number of potholes and the grass verges also need cutting. The clerk will send a letter to Highways asking for the potholes to be filled and the verges to be trimmed. Clerk

Cllr Cliffe asked for the Christmas Lights for the village to be discussed at the next meeting. The clerk confirmed it would go on the Agenda. Clerk

Cllr Wesley asked that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mrs J Stonehouse after her recent eloquence in representing the village in the recent hearing where there was a clear breach of planning regulation. It was agreed that two bottles of wine would be given to Mrs Stonehouse in thanks of her years as Chairman for the PC. Clerk

Cllr Sprason asked that the walkway to the Churchyard and field should be strimmed bordering the public footpath. It was agreed that Greenlands would be approached to do this. Clerk
The public footpath sign inside the graveyard/churchyard is dangerous and needs attention. The clerk will contact the County Council to ask them to fix it. Clerk

Cllr Dhillon reported that the Village Hall meeting was well attended.

Cllr Wesley reported that the recent planning meeting concerning 7 The Holding, Pessall Lane, was successful as there was overwhelming objection from residents. The situation is now being monitored closely by the council.

It was reported that there has been one application for the position of Clerk and references are currently being obtained. Cllr Wesley will investigate the Job Description with the SPCA for the appointment of the new clerk.

The vacancy procedure was also discussed for the appointment of a new Councillor. The clerk will contact LDC to enquire as to the procedure and a sign will be put in the Notice Board advertising the vacancy of a Councillor. Clerk

8. Financial Report

It was agreed that the Capital Fund should be discussed in the near future and that a better rate of interest should be sought by the Clerk who will replace the current Clerk. It was acknowledged that finding an acceptable bond with a better rate of interest is not easy but this will be looked at in the Autumn when the new clerk is recruited.

9. Wall behind the village pump

Cllr Dhillon's builder went to look at the work involved. There are two options that could be considered:

1. To remove the bricks and tidy up the area.
2. To build another wall with concrete blocks behind the current wall.

The builder agreed to prepare a quote for the works so that the PC can discuss their options and the cost implications.

10. Revised Windfarm Planning Application

It was agreed that the organisation SNAP (Say No and Protest) would be paid £100 from the PC as a donation in helping to fight the Windfarm proposals that will affect Edingale if the planning is passed.

All the Councillors unanimously objected to the windfarm proposals and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to LDC.

Clerk

11. Rowley Close hedge

The clerk informed the PC of the letters received from two residents on Rowley Close. All Councillors agreed that as discussed previously the hedge will now be maintained by the PC as from October, when the hedge will be cut at a height that is manageable.

It was suggested and agreed that a letter should be sent to both residents that this is the agreed course of action by all Councillors.

Clerk

12. Planning Applications

The planning application at Joe's Cave was discussed and not objected by the PC.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 13th August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Cllr Startin may not be able to attend.