

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th August, 2012 at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley	Acting Chairman
Cllr Mrs N Mason MBE	
Cllr S Sprason	
Cllr H Dhillon	
Cllr Mrs M Cliffe	

In Attendance:

B. Delderfield	Parish Clerk
Mrs M Jones	

Mr I Van Arkadie

1. Apologies received

Cllr J Startin had apologised.

2. Absence noted and approved

The Apology was noted and accepted.

3. Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on Monday 16th July 2012.

The Minutes were signed and approved by the Chairman with no amendments.

4. Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

5. The Chairman adjourned the meeting

6. Public session

No members of the public attended to contribute to the public session.

7. The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

8. Clerk's Report

A letter had been received from residents expressing concern that grassed areas were not being cut frequently enough which had affected the appearance of the village. After discussion it was agreed to respond that this had been a particularly wet year but that the Parish Council was constrained by the amount of money from the precept which members felt appropriate to spend on the maintenance. The costs and frequency of mowing would be further considered in the autumn. The large potholes had been reported to Highways but action had not yet been taken so far.

The Clerk had discussed the correct procedure for filling the vacancy on the Parish Council with the electoral department at Lichfield District Council and the appropriate notice had been displayed. It was noted that Mr Van Arkadie had applied to be co-opted on to the Council and this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Clerk had dealt with references for the new Clerk and a Contract and Job Description prepared. The handover to Mrs Margaret Jones would take place next week. The Chairman thanked Mrs Becky Delderfield for her hard work for the Council and all wished her well.

9. Correspondence

A notice had been received of a planning appeal by Mr Clenton, 7 The Holding Pessall Lane. RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact the Planning Department to discuss how the site was being monitored and what sort of evidence was required, and would pass on this information to Councillors who would then gather the appropriate evidence to forward to the Planning Inspector.

Other correspondence included details of the East Staffordshire Borough Council planning consultation website, and the Lichfield District Council Local Plan Strategy consultation, which was discussed under item 15.

10. Councillors' Business

Cllr Mason reported that disappointingly Edingale had not won Best Kept Village this year, but had been highly commended in the small village category.

Several drains were blocked on the Croxall Road through the village which were unable to cope with heavy rain, and these needed to be reported to Highways

Action: Clerk

Cllr Cliffe asked whether thanks and a gift had been sent to Mrs Stonehouse for her service to the Council. She felt that the issue of the deeds to the Village Hall should be addressed. She had also spoken to Highways about the potholes and had a reference number.

Cllr Dhillon reported that the Village Hall meeting was well attended, and that funding from the Open Gardens event would be given to the Village Hall.

Cllr Sprason offered to contact Mr Elverson to provide up to date information for the village website and this offer was welcomed.

11. District and County Councillor's comments

None received

12. Clerk's Financial Report

The Clerk reported on the bank balances. A new signing mandate would be required after the next meeting once the new Clerk and Councillor were in place.

Action: Clerk

13. Capital Fund

RESOLVED that the Clerk would report to the next meeting on the amount of interest over the last year, as this would be spent on a specific project to benefit the village. The new Clerk would investigate interest rates on bonds for reinvesting the money appropriately.

Action: Clerk

14. Wall behind the village pump

The builder was on holiday but would be contacted for his quote shortly.

Action: Cllr Dhillon

15. Revised Windfarm Planning Application

Discussion took place regarding the Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy document and the possibility of wind farms in the Mease Valley.

RESOLVED to object to this policy as part of the consultation process.

RESOLVED also to prepare a letter to all households outlining the Parish Council's objection to the siting of wind farms near to Edingale.

Action: Clerk

16. Hedge and Garden cutting in the village

Following previous correspondence it had been expected that the resident concerned would have attended the public part of this meeting but he had not done so.

17. Christmas Lights

The Clerk had obtained some information on new lights.

RESOLVED that costings would be brought to the next meeting for a decision on where they should be sited.

Action: Clerk

18. Planning Applications

None received.

19. Date and venue of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 11th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Future dates will be amended at the next meeting.