

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st October, 2012  
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman  
Cllr Mrs N Mason MBE  
Cllr Mrs M Cliffe  
Cllr H Dhillon  
Cllr I Van Arkadie

In Attendance:

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

**1. To elect a Chairman.** Councillor Wesley was elected Chairman of the Parish Council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

**2. Apologies received.** Councillors Sprason and Startin apologised and their apologies were accepted.

**3. Declaration of interests**  
No Councillor declared an interest.

**4. Approval of minutes of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**  
The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session (maximum 15 minutes) and to reconvene the meeting**  
No members of the public attended.

## **6. Clerk's Report**

(a) **Councillor Training.** This had been booked with the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association for 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7 pm at Edingale Village Hall. It was agreed to invite Councillors from local parish councils. *Action - Clerk*

(b) **Drains in Croxall Road.** Highways had been contacted and had said this would be done under the next routine cleansing visit. It was decided to inform them that the grids were silted up and early action was required. *Action - Clerk*

(c) **Bridge Repairs.** There had been correspondence on this with Cllr Arnold, Cllr Ellis and Harlaston Parish Council. The specification was still required and further enquiries would need to be made before the work was done.

(d) **Potholes.** These were currently being repaired by Highways.

(e) **Grass cutting.** This had been done and looked tidy.

(f) **Trees in Churchyard.** A copy of correspondence between the Parochial Church Council and Cllr Ellis had been received, explaining how they were dealing with this issue.

(g) **Enforcement consultation.** A form would be sent to confirm the Council's enforcement priorities to the planning department. *Action - Clerk*

(h) **Toilet Hire Firm** Correspondence from the enforcement office at the planning department was noted, the Parish Council were pleased that action was being taken to deal with this problem.

(i) **Hedges Work** had been done on the hedges discussed last time, enquiries would be made as to who could undertake the work still required.

#### **7. To consider adopting the new Code of Conduct**

RESOLVED to adopt the new Code of Conduct with the addition of a paragraph as recommended by the SPCA regarding dispensations.

#### **8. To consider adopting Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.**

RESOLVED to adopt these.

#### **9. Correspondence**

Reply from Mr Pilgrim regarding trees at churchyard

Email from Mr Fairweather re Wind Farms

SPCA weekly report

Ansons re registration charges

O2 Scheme for young people

#### **10. Councillors' Business**

Cllr Mason would shortly buy bulbs and compost for the planters, and would bring the invoice to the next meeting. She expressed concern about an email to Cllr Arnold.

Cllr Cliffe mentioned the work on the drains and potholes.

Cllr Dhillon asked if information on broadband provision could be obtained.

Cllr Wesley asked if there had been any reports of Cockerills lorries; none noted.

Cllr Van Arkadie mentioned the bridge specification; further enquiries would be made.

*Action - Clerk*

Cllr Sprason had sent comments in regarding improvements to the website and asked about bus services, this would be followed up.

*Action - Clerk*

#### **11. District and County Councillor's comments**

None received, other than noted elsewhere.

#### **12. To consider siting of Christmas Lights**

Discussion took place as to the need for new installations and lights, as the previous ones and the switches were no longer fit for purpose. Details and costs would be obtained. RESOLVED to obtain a quote and to proceed with the new installation, with further improvements to be done next year.

*Action - Clerk*

#### **13. To consider the Village Pump.**

The Clerk had found that the pump was not listed. Enquiries had been made of the conservation officer at Lichfield District Council, and further information was being sought. This would be put on the next agenda.

*Action - Clerk*

#### **14. To consider the Village Hall Deeds.**

The Clerk had obtained a quote for registering the Village Hall, and needed to check the whereabouts of any further deeds. RESOLVED to take advice from the SPCA regarding funding for this from the capital fund.

*Action - Clerk*

**15.To consider the planting of the Jubilee Oak Tree.**

RESOLVED to plant a tree in the public open space in Rowley Close to mark HM Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk would make enquiries as to obtaining an oak sapling.

Action - Clerk

**16.To consider any planning applications**

12/01019/FUL 3 School Lane, Edingale. RESOLVED no objection.

**17.To receive the Financial Report**

- (a) **Bank Mandate.** This was still ongoing.
- (b) **Bank reconciliation.** An up to date statement was required.
- (c) **Capital.** Discussion took place regarding bonds with Buckinghamshire Building Society. RESOLVED to take advice from Staffordshire Parish Councils Association on the use of capital funds before proceeding. Action - Clerk
- (d) **Internal Auditor.** RESOLVED on the appointment of Toplis Associates.

**18.To approve the payment of cheques on the Cheque Payment Schedule**

RESOLVED to approve payments to the following:

Mrs M Jones, Salary and expenses; Greenlands, grass cutting and maintenance;

**19. Date and venue of Next Meeting**

Monday 5th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.20