

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd December, 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 S Sprason
Cllr J Startin
Cllr I Van Arkadie

In Attendance:

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council
No members of the public

1. To receive Apologies.None

2.To receive Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation. To consider granting a dispensation up until the next ordinary election to all Councillors to enable them to participate in any discussion or vote in any matter concerning the setting of the Council's budget and annual precept.

Declarations of Interest were received and dispensations were granted.

3. To Approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th November.
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session (maximum 15 minutes) and to reconvene the meeting

No residents attended.

5. Clerk's Report

(a) Village Pump - Quotes had been requested; one firm had expressed an interest in doing the building work and was expected to quote shortly.

(b) Affordable Housing - A request had been made for the Council to allow a rural housing survey to be done to establish any need for affordable housing in the village; further information would be given at the next meeting.

(c) Hedge cutting - A quote for hedge laying had been requested.

(d) Grass cutting - Further quotes would be requested.

(e) Black Horse Pub - The District Council had confirmed that the licence had been surrendered. Planning would be contacted as the owner should have submitted a planning application for change of use to residential. *Action:Clerk*

(f) Sewage leak - This had now been dealt with.

(g) Planning consultant - It was agreed that the donation had been previously paid and the wind farm application was expected in the New Year.

- (h) Highways - The mud on the road had been reported. No news had been received on the drains or on progress on bridge repairs.
- (i) Christmas Lights - These had been installed and switched on in the trees in the centre of the village, and looked good. Previously used installations in other locations were defective and would be removed.
- (j) Christmas party - An invoice had been sent by the Village Hall and a cheque was to be signed so that the preparations could be made.
- (k) Buses - Enquiries had been made of the County Council and they would be contacted again. It was noted that the Lichfield Voluntary Car Scheme would be useful for some residents and details would be publicised. *Action:Clerk*
- (l) Broadband - Attempts had been made to contact the County Council; it was agreed to keep reminding them that broadband speeds in the village were too slow. *Action:Clerk*

6. Correspondence

NHS poster

Notice of road closure on Sunday 13th January on A513 Croxall Road near the railway bridge.

7.Councillor's Business.

Cllr Mason reported that 50 people would be catered for at the Senior Citizen's Christmas meal on December 14th, and entertainment would include carol singing. Cllr Cliffe reported that a lorry had been unable to get around the corner into Pessall Lane because of parked cars and the police had been called to deal with it. It was agreed that the Council would leave it in their hands.

Cllr Dhillon reported on the recent successful events organised at the Village Hall, Halloween evening, Bonfire Night and Hansel and Gretel, which had raised money and provided entertainment for the residents.

He asked that the District Council's planning enforcement department be contacted to request confirmation in writing on the outcome of discussions at the mobile toilet firm. *Action:Clerk*

Cllr Van Arkadie felt that there was a missed opportunity if the pub did not reopen. He informed the Council of a local issue at a chicken farm at Haunton. He enquired whether some trees such as alders could be planted on the land at Blakeways Close to reduce flooding and would enquire of the National Forest whether they could supply these. *Action: Cllr Van Arkadie*

8.To receive District and County Councillor's comments.

Cllr Arnold had informed the Council about the ice busters scheme and about fuel poverty and warmer homes initiatives.

9.To consider the issue of materials and soil dumped behind the Village Hall.

Since the last meeting the building materials had been moved. It was felt that the soil was of poor quality but could be levelled. Councillors felt that the Village Hall Committee should take the lead on this.

10.To consider Village Hall request regarding insulation and heating costs.

Discussion took place regarding a response to the Village Hall Committee's letter asking whether the Parish Council could fund work to investigate improvements to the insulation of the roof and more effective heating. RESOLVED to write to the committee asking for further details of the proposals, suggesting that a loan could be made, and suggesting that other grant schemes be investigated.

11.To consider Highways Ice Busters initiative.

Following a request for another grit bin, Staffordshire Highways had declined and advised that they would grit roadways but that footpaths should be treated using a saline backpack which they would provide, as long as local volunteers were prepared to do this. Cllr Arnold had also recommended this scheme which was used in other parishes. It was agreed to publicise this initiative in case any local volunteers were prepared to come forward.

12.To consider any planning applications.

12/01180/FUL 66 Croxall Road, single storey front and first floor extension to form garage, porch, cloaks and bedroom with en-suite. RESOLVED: No objection.

12/01214/FUL Land at Pessall Farm, Installation of 1.1km section of high pressure steel gas pipe line. This was an extension of a previous permission.

RESOLVED: No objection.

13.To consider the budget and precept for 2013-14.

Following discussion of the figures it was proposed by Cllr Dhillon, seconded by Cllr Van Arkadie and RESOLVED to adopt the budget for 2013-14, and that the precept figure would remain the same as during the current year.

14.To receive the Financial Report.

(a) **Mandate** - NatWest had still not sorted this out.

(b) **Capital** - The account had now been opened with the Buckinghamshire Building Society and a letter asking for transfer of the funds was signed.

(c) **HMRC** - The appeal had failed and an independent review would be requested.

(d) **VAT** - This had now been reclaimed for 2010-12.

15.To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.

RESOLVED to approve payments to the following:

Mrs M Jones, Salary and expenses; Cllr N.Mason MBE, reimbursement for plants; RCD Electrical, installation of Christmas Lights; Edingale Village Hall, Senior Citizens' Party donation.

16. Date of next meeting

Monday 7th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15.