

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th March, 2013
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 J Startin

Cllr I Van Arkadie

In Attendance:

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

6 members of the public

1. To receive Apologies. Cllr Sprason had apologised; his apology was accepted.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation.

Cllr Mason declared an interest in item 13.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February.

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

3 members of the PTA of Mary Howard School attended to request a contribution from the Parish Council towards their fundraising for an upgrade of the school's IT equipment. A demonstration meeting will be held at the school at 3.30 on 29th April. Further consideration would be given by the Council at the next meeting. Two residents attended to express opposition to the planning application in Pessall Lane. A further resident attended to observe the meeting, and the Chairman said that members of the public were welcome to attend Parish Council meetings.

5. To receive the Clerk's Report.

(a) **Blakeways Close Hedge** The work on the hedge had been completed by a specialist contractor. A good job had been done and the hedge would now grow to a height which would be easy to maintain. The Chairman had met residents on site to explain this to them and this concluded the matter. The contractor would be asked to quote for work on the lime tree near number 1.

(b) **The Black Horse** Enforcement had confirmed that permission for change of use would be required.

(c) **Highways** The blocked drains had been reported but there had been no improvement so Highways would be contacted again. Action:Clerk

(d) **Community Paths Initiative Funding** was available for work on footpaths but the deadline was April 1st. The information would be passed on to the local walking group. *Action:Clerk*

(e) **Broadband** A letter had been received from the County Council regarding improvements to provision by 2015. They would be reminded about the problems faced in this area. *Action:Clerk*

6. To receive Correspondence.

Cllr Arnold, email giving background to mobile toilet hire firm appeal
Communities, Councils and Clerks, newsletter
Christopher Pincher MP, acknowledgement regarding flooding letter
Buckinghamshire Building Society, confirming gross tax on investment account
Village Hall Committee, copies of letters regarding use of car park
National Forest photographic exhibition poster
HMRC RTI information
Holy Trinity Church, thanking for donation
Poster about stray dogs harming sheep locally

7. Councillor's Business.

Cllr Mason said that as the village was again entering the Best Kept Village competition everyone should do their best to keep the village tidy, and if possible attend the tidy up day on 13th April.

Cllr Cliffe commented on Cllr Arnold's letter about the planning appeal and hoped that more villagers would assist in monitoring any breaches in planning conditions. Cllr Dhillon had prepared a letter to the District Council about this and everyone agreed that it could be sent.

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

Cllr Arnold had confirmed that the planning inspector had received all the information, and that if any effluent was observed by residents leaking from the toilet units onto the roads it should be reported to enforcement.

9. To consider any planning applications.

13/00128/FUL - 71 Croxall Road, Edingale, first floor rear extension

RESOLVED no objection

13/00137/FUL - 14/16 Pessall Lane, Edingale, alterations to floor layouts

RESOLVED to object due to parking issues and loss of privacy for neighbours

12/00078/FULM - Land at Hogs Hill, Haunton, erection of 2 wind turbines, amended plans. RESOLVED to reiterate the Parish Council's objection to this scheme. *Action:Clerk*

10. To consider the Housing Survey.

RESOLVED to ask the District Council and Housing Association to proceed with the survey; Councillors would assist with the distribution, residents would then post back the finished surveys. *Action:Clerk*

11. To consider the Village Hall.

Councillors were pleased with measures recently taken by the Trustees to ensure that the area around the hall was kept tidy.

12. To consider a Parish Plan.

RESOLVED to produce a leaflet inviting residents to attend the Annual Meeting on May 7th and asking them for their views on how the village should develop in the future.

Action:Clerk

13. To consider request by Mary Howard School PTA.

The Clerk confirmed that it would not be possible to use the capital fund for this as this could only be used for fixed assets. It was hoped that other sources of funding could be found, and it was discussed whether a contribution from the precept could be possible, particularly if the facilities could be opened up for the wider community to use.

RESOLVED to defer a decision to the next meeting.

14. To consider Registers of Interests.

The last register was received and would be sent to the District Council, all could now be put on the website.

Action:Clerk & Cllr Sprason

15. To consider adopting a Model Publication Scheme.

RESOLVED to adopt the scheme.

16. To receive the Financial Report.

(a) A letter to NATWEST bank was signed.

(b) RESOLVED to invest the remaining sum from the capital fund in an investment account with the Cooperative Bank for 12 months.

Action:Clerk

(c) Bank reconciliation noted.

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

Approved payments to Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses; Mr N Fleming, hedge laying.

18. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 9th April

The meeting closed at 21.20

Signed Chairman