

# Annual Parish Meeting

Location: Edingale Village Hall

Date: Tuesday 7th May

Time: 7 pm

## Minutes

Present: Cllr Wesley (Chair), Cllrs Cliffe, Dhillon, Mason, Sprason  
Mrs M.Jones (Clerk) and approximately 40 residents.

### **1. To discuss the closure of the Black Horse.**

A large gathering of residents aired their concerns about the closure of the pub; the surrender of the licence, alterations taking place for residential use and why no enforcement action from planning had taken place. Over 50 residents had signed a petition opposing the closure and the application for change of use.

The Chair explained that the Parish Council had been corresponding with the enforcement department; a Change of Use application was expected shortly, they had said they would not issue a stop notice and work was done at the owner's risk.

The Parish Council had prepared forms to nominate the Black Horse as an Asset of Community Value, and these would be sent to the District Council the next day. This was a new initiative which meant if accepted onto the list the community could object to any sale and have time to raise funds to buy it.

The Chairman suggested that individuals or a group could take the initiative and negotiate with the owner. Residents said that the property had not previously been widely advertised for sale and so there had been no viable offers. They felt that an independent valuation could be arranged, although the value could be lower because trading levels had been low for the last few years.

A suggestion was made that the Village Hall could be converted into a pub or social club, but it was agreed that the focus now should be on saving the pub or it would be gone forever.

Residents were asked to sign the petition if they had not already done so, and agreed that the next step was to strongly object to the Change of Use application when it was submitted.

**2. To receive reports from village organisations.**

Reports had been received from Edingale Village Hall Management Committee, Mary Howard CE Primary School and Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council wishes to thank them for their contribution.

**3. To receive questions and comments from residents.**

The Chairman asked for comments and suggestions on the future of the village as it was intended to prepare a Parish Plan incorporating residents' views.

It was suggested that all residents should support the Village Hall as it was currently the only social facility and the village needed to preserve existing amenities. Every means of restoring the pub should be explored before consideration was given to converting the Village Hall into a pub or social club, and although the Parish Council could probably assist financially with improvements there would need to be more people coming forward to help on the Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council had access to a capital fund from the sale of land at Rowley Close but was only able to spend this on assets.

Regarding a query about future building the Chairman explained that there had been a recent survey into possible need for low cost housing but the results had not yet been received.

There being no further contributions the meeting closed at 7.40.

# **EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013  
at 7.45pm 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

In Attendance:

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council  
2 members of the public

1. **To Appoint a Chairman. To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office** Cllr Wesley was proposed by Cllr Cliffe, seconded by Cllr Sprason; RESOLVED. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
2. **To appoint a Vice Chairman.** Cllr Mason was proposed by Cllr Dhillon, seconded by Cllr Sprason; RESOLVED.
3. **To receive Apologies.** Cllr Startin had apologised; this was accepted.
4. **To receive Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation.** None received.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April.** The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
6. **To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session (maximum 15 minutes) and to reconvene the meeting**  
A member of the public raised further queries about the Black Horse pub closure, following the discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting.
7. **To receive the Clerk's Report.**  
**Dog fouling** - Lichfield District Council had confirmed that they could supply and install a waste bin for £295, thereafter £2.20 a week for emptying. It was agreed that this was too expensive and better signage would be requested. *Action: Clerk*  
**Path on Croxall Road** - Correspondence would be sent shortly.  
**Village Hall** - Comments had been received about the car park surrounds and gate and would be passed to the Village Hall Committee.
8. **To receive Correspondence.**  
Christmas Lights information from Western Power  
CPRE, appeal for funding and annual report  
Clerks and Councils Direct

Forestry Commission, Changing Landscape Scheme Application for Catton Estate  
Came & Company, Insurance renewal  
SPCA bulletins  
Mr Wilson, Blakeways/Rowley Close; this would be put on the next agenda.

### **9. Councillor's Business.**

Cllr Dhillon reported that the Village Hall had a successful and well attended fun day recently. He queried the efficiency of the drainage to the new properties at Pessall Lane; the Clerk would enquire of Severn Trent about this. He also asked that the potholes on Pessall Lane be reported to Highways. *Action:Clerk*

Cllr Dhillon also asked that it be minuted that residents should form a committee to carry forward suggestions regarding the Black Horse, to find and collate evidence including an independent valuer's report with which to approach the owner formally.

Cllr Sprason informed the meeting that sadly Paul Elverson, former Councillor and website organiser, had passed away. A letter would be sent to his family offering condolences and thanks for his contribution to the Parish. *Action:Clerk*

A representative would attend the funeral.

Cllr Sprason also reported a tree which had fallen on the footbridge near Harlaston and asked that it be reported to Natural England. *Action:Clerk*

Cllr Mason asked that Chetwynd Bridge at Croxall be reported as needing repair, and also holes in the road needed repair. *Action:Clerk*

Cllr Cliffe enquired about the grass cutting which had only been half done, and this would be followed up. *Action:Clerk*

Cllr Cliffe asked that Highways be contacted regarding measures to reduce speeding through the village. The School and PCSO should also be consulted. *Action:Clerk*

Cllr Wesley reported on a blocked drain in School Lane, this would be reported to the County Council. *Action:Clerk*

### **10. To receive District and County Councillor's comments.**

None.

### **11. To consider any planning applications.**

13/00409/FUL 16 Church Lane, Edingale - single and two storey extensions.

RESOLVED no objection

13/00320/ABN Riverswood, Lullington Road, Edingale - machinery store.

RESOLVED no objection

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

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

### **12. To consider any action regarding the Black Horse.**

The forms nominating the Black Horse as a Community Asset would be sent off with a copy of the signed minutes from the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April. RESOLVED to inform the owner about the discussions at the Parish Meeting and about the application.

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

Councillors felt it was important to register the Village Hall with the Land Registry. The Parish Council would pay for this and would therefore donate less to the

Village Hall than last year. RESOLVED to contact the solicitors and arrange for the registration to be done. *Action:Clerk*

**14. To consider changes to the website.**

Cllr Sprason explained that improved access would make it easier to add on information, and that it needed modernising with more use of pictures and a what's on section. A meeting would be arranged with the administrator.

*Action: Cllr Sprason*

**15. To consider quotes for tree trimming.**

A further quote had been received, which was higher than the initial one. RESOLVED to contact the resident living near the tree to enquire whether trimming or removal was most appropriate. *Action:Clerk*

**16. To receive the Financial Report.**

- (a) Natwest had taken off 2 signatories from the mandate in error. The Coop Bank application would be proceeded with.
- (b) The bank reconciliation and receipt of the precept was noted.
- (c) The Audit had been completed and the notice displayed. The Annual Return would be considered at the next meeting.

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

Approved payments to Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses; SPCA, annual subs; Mr L Watkins, grass cutting; Community Council, subs; Lichfield District Council, dog bin emptying; Staffordshire County Council, grounds maintenance.

**18. Date of next meeting.**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 21.10

Signed ..... Chairman