

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st July, 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

Cllr S Sprason

In Attendance:

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Cllr Mrs S Arnold, District Councillor

5 members of the public

1. **To receive Apologies** None received.
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation.** None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June.**  
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**

Members of the public discussed the planning application at the Black Horse with Councillors and Councillor Arnold; the planning department had confirmed that further information had been requested from the applicant. The objection had been sent in, it was very well collated by a resident and had emphasised the importance of the pub to the village. It had been confirmed that the nomination of the Black Horse as an Asset of Community Value had been approved by Lichfield District Council.

The Village Hall was also discussed. The Parish Council were sorry to hear that the Chairman had recently resigned for personal reasons and she would be thanked for her hard work in the role over the last 2 years. It was hoped that the remaining committee could carry on the activities at the Village Hall, but more residents would be needed to offer help to the remaining 4 members of the Committee.

A query was raised about a hedge in Blakeways Close and Cllr Startin offered to liaise on this with the resident affected.

5. **To receive the Clerk's Report**

**Clerk's Day** - The Clerk would attend this training on July 2<sup>nd</sup> as there were topics of relevance to Edingale.

**Highways Updates** - Chetwynd Bridge had been added to the maintenance programme, speeding had been added to the Divisional Highways programme. Potholes would be mended in due course. Les had cleared the drain in School Lane.

**Tree Offer** - The free tree pack had been applied for.

**Overhanging Trees** - Highways had been asked if it was their responsibility to cut these back as straw was being knocked off high vehicles onto the road and nearby properties, a reply was awaited.

**Housing** - The Survey Report had been received and would be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins

Various website enquiries including requesting removal of signs cluttering the village, information required on facilities such as children's activities. Group of residents regarding cutting of overhanging trees on Croxall Road. A resident enquiring about Registers of Members Interests.

7. **Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Mason asked that a letter be sent thanking the outgoing Chairman of the Village Hall for doing so much for the village, all agreed. *Action:Clerk*

Cllr Mason also reported that the area around the pump had been cleared and tidied by residents.

Cllr Cliffe had requested that a sign advertising events in another village be removed. She reported on traffic in Pessall Lane, she had contacted planning enforcement regarding breach of conditions and Cllr Arnold offered to follow this up.

Cllr Dhillon referred to a gate in the fence next to the Village Hall car park and would refer this to the Committee. He also advised of a public consultation on school transport.

Cllr Van Arkadie reported on progress with the footbridge at Harlaston and on discussions about the fallen tree.

Cllr Sprason said that he hoped to deal with improvements to the website soon when work permitted.

Cllr Startin asked that an enquiry be sent to Highways as to why the verges had not yet been cut. *Action:Clerk*

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

Cllr Arnold reported on issues at the District Council, her role as Deputy Police Commissioner, and matters concerning Edingale such as housing.

9. **To consider any planning applications.**

13/00628/FUL Willow Cottage, Church Hollow. Demolition of existing outbuilding and garage, repositioning of retaining wall and construction of a single and two storey extension to form utility, WC, lounge, bedroom with

en suite and detached double oak framed garage (extension of time for application 10/00644/FUL)  
RESOLVED no objection.

**10. To consider any progress on the Black Horse planning application.**

The Council would hear shortly from the planner whether this would be recommended for approval or refusal. If it went to Committee this was likely to be in August, if so a resident would be asked to speak in objection to the application.

**11. To consider any progress on registration of the Village Hall land.**

A group of Councillors had met the solicitor and agreed the boundary. The application for registration would now proceed via the Land Registry.

**12. To consider grass cutting at the Village Hall.**

Following the previous meeting Mr Alan Smith had agreed to cut the grass over the summer. Payment rates for the work were discussed and agreed. The Clerk was asked to inform County Grounds service that they should not do any work on the field this year. Tendering would take place in the Autumn for next year.

**13. To consider tasks for the Neighbourhood Highways Team visit.**

RESOLVED to ask the team to clear drainage covers and tidy up around signs.

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

Cllr Sprason and the Clerk would meet the web host to discuss these before the next meeting.

**15. To approve a Health and Safety Policy.**

RESOLVED that the Clerk would produce a final version for the next meeting.

*Action:Clerk*

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

Bank Accounts - the Co-op Bank had asked for further information on the signatories. The bank reconciliation would be forwarded shortly.

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

Approved payments to Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses; Mr L Watkins, grass cutting.

**18. Date of next meeting.**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m.  
The meeting closed at 21.05.