

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th August, 2013
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr Mrs M Cliffe

Cllr H Dhillon

Cllr J Startin

Cllr S Sprason

In Attendance:

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

5 members of the public

1. **To receive Apologies** Cllr Mason, Cllr Van Arkadie. The apologies were accepted.
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 1st July.**
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**

Mr Jim Lacey informed the meeting that he was now Chair of the Village Hall Committee. He also spoke about affordable housing for the village. Residents discussed The Black Horse. The planner was waiting for further information from the applicant, so it seemed unlikely that this would go to the next planning committee, and it was agreed to ask about the expected time frame. Proposals for the sale or lease of the pub to the community had been received by the Parish Council an hour before the meeting and would be given further consideration on the next agenda. It was agreed to keep District Councillor Sue Arnold informed.

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

School Transport -The County Council were not proceeding with the plan.

Verges - The County Council had been asked to cut these.

Clerk's Day - Training had been given on rights of way and open spaces legislation, allotments, HS2 mitigation.

Neighbourhood Highways Team - They had been asked to clear all drainage grips, and to clean signs and remove vegetation around them.

Clerk's Pay scale - this had been revised.

Footbridge - Cllr Van Arkadie had said that Harlaston Parish Council were unlikely to agree to the County Council's proposals. He would be asked for more details and this would be discussed on the next agenda.

6. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins
HMRC Tribunal Report

7. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Cliffe said that two non- roadworthy cars had been dumped in the residents' car parking spaces by the bungalows and asked that the Housing Association be informed. She enquired whether Highways had replied regarding measures to reduce speeding, but they had not yet done so. She also commented on the bad state of certain properties in Pessall Lane, and the housing association would be contacted about this.

Action:Clerk

Cllr Dhillon said that a meeting had been held of the Village Hall Committee and that Jim Lacey had been elected Chair, with other members remaining on the committee as before, and all moving forwards. The car park gate would be discussed at their next meeting. Cllr Sprason reported a street light not working in Hatchett Lane; the Clerk would report this.

Action:Clerk

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

Cllr Arnold had hoped to attend the meeting and would be sent details.

9. To consider any planning applications.

13/00658/FUL 5 Holding Pessall Farm - single storey side extension to form kitchen, utility and lobby. No objection had been made.

13/00644/FUL The Barn, Edingale Fields Farm - replacement of windows and doors at front and rear of property. No objection had been made.

13/00409/FUL - 16 Church Lane - single and 2 storey extensions and alterations - Granted.

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

RESOLVED to acknowledge the letter from Mr Ellis. The options would be discussed at the next meeting. It was hoped further information on the change of use would have been received by then.

Action:Clerk

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

The Solicitor had forwarded a letter from the Land Registry explaining that the delay was caused by staff shortages.

12. To consider overhanging trees on Croxall Road.

Highways had confirmed that they were not responsible for these. The owners of the properties on Croxall Road which were responsible would be contacted to ask them to trim the trees which were overhanging and causing straw to be knocked off wagons into the road and blown into the properties opposite. The streetlight was also obscured.

Action:Clerk

13. To consider Housing Survey Report.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supported the findings of the Housing Survey, which had found a need for a small number of affordable homes for local people. Midlands Rural Housing would be invited to the next meeting to discuss the next step. *Action:Clerk*

14. To consider changes to the website.

Cllr Sprason had discussed changes required with the Clerk and met the web-host to discuss how to implement these. A letter of thanks would be sent to him for his hard work on this. Policies and Registers of Interests would be uploaded shortly, indexes would be changed, village events would be added and new photos would be added.

15. To approve a Health and Safety Policy.

RESOLVED to approve the Health and Safety Policy. This would be made available on the website and sent to contractors used by the Council.

16. To consider decision of HMRC Tribunal.

RESOLVED to pay HMRC's fine following the failure of the appeal.

17. To receive the Financial Report.

- (a) Banking - The Coop bank had been chased up regarding the account opening which had now been done. A switching form was signed by all.
- (b) Bank reconciliation - This would be forwarded shortly.
- (c) Clerk's salary - There had been a 1% increase nationally, backdated to 1st April. This would be on the September payment schedule.

18. 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; Viking, stationery; Staffordshire parish Council Association, Clerk's Day

19. Date of next meeting.

Monday 2nd September at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.45.

Signed Chair