

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd September, 2013
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr Mrs N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr Mrs M Cliffe

Cllr H Dhillon

Cllr J Startin

Cllr S Sprason

In Attendance:

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

Mr Miles King, Midlands Rural Housing

Mr Ellis and his adviser

3 other members of the public

1. To receive Apologies None received in time for the meeting.
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 5th August.
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

Miles King had attended regarding the Housing Survey Report; the Parish Council supported its recommendation that there was a need for 5 affordable homes, which would be kept for local people in perpetuity. The next step was to identify potential sites; anyone owning available land was encouraged to come forward. Some Councillors and representatives of the Housing Association and District Council would go on a village walk to identify sites.

Matt Ellis and his advisor had attended regarding his proposal to sell or lease the Black Horse to the community. Discussion took place about the issue. It was felt that interested residents would need to meet to agree on the way forward. The Parish Council was disappointed that residents had not attended to express their views. They agreed to produce a newsletter and to arrange a meeting of those who were interested in resolving the matter. This would need to be done soon in the interests of everyone concerned.

5. **To consider the Housing Survey Report**

RESOLVED to arrange a meeting between some of the Councillors and other agencies to consider suitable sites for affordable homes.

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

Best Kept Village - The result had been received: Edingale was highly commended. The Clerk had thanked Ken Pilgrim on behalf of the Council for his efforts. An explanation of the marks had not yet been received.

Policies - These had now been published on the website along with Registers of Interests. It would be confirmed to the resident who had requested this that the Registers could now be viewed.

Bromford Housing - They had dealt with the issue of the cars left on their car park, which had now been moved. The Parish Council would be informed in due course about their plans for their empty properties in the village.

Police - The theft of one of the Parish Council's plant tubs had been reported to PC Allsopp, but without a registration number of the white van responsible it was unlikely the thieves would be caught. He hoped to attend a Council meeting soon.

7. **To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins

Woodland Trust - further free trees packs available to order

Website enquiries

Resident letter regarding Registers of Interests

Community scheme at Tesco Distribution, Fradley Park

Alan Toplis, Internal Auditor Report

Bromford Living

Resident response regarding tree trimming

8. **Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Mason stated that she had completed 54 years on the Parish Council; the Chairman complimented her on the value of her continued service to the community. Cllr Mason offered to find out about any projects that the Tesco scheme could assist with in the village, and asked for the Council's agreement to the purchase of bulbs for the planters.

Cllr Cliffe asked about the Christmas lights; this would be on the next agenda. She also enquired why there was no longer a bus to Burton College, and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries. She confirmed that the cars had been removed from the car park by the bungalows. She asked that the grass at the Village Hall be cut again.

Cllr Dhillon said that a meeting of the Village Hall Committee would be held soon. He stated that traffic had been observed going to and from the toilet hire firm at Pessall Lane at night and asked about the conditions of the planning permission; the Clerk would check this and if conditions had

been breached the Planning enforcement department would be informed.
Action:Clerk

Cllr Sprason said that the website was now fully compliant with legislation and that there was a contacts page for the public to send comments to the Parish Council. There was also a What's On section so anyone wishing to promote events should let the Parish Council know.

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

None received.

10. To consider any planning applications.

13/00876/FUL 16 Church Lane - single storey front extension to form lounge (amendment to application 13/00409 previously granted)

RESOLVED no objection

Approvals granted -

13/00644/FUL The Barn, Edingale Fields Farm, Lullington Road; replacement of windows

13/00658/FUL 5 Holding, Pessall Lane; single storey side extension to form kitchen, utility and lobby

13/00628/FUL Willow Cottage, Church Hollow; extension of time for application 10/00644/FUL

11. To consider any progress on the Black Horse

RESOLVED to prepare flyers asking residents who wished to be involved in a community purchase or lease of the pub to attend a meeting to discuss the owner's proposals and possibly form a committee to take this forward. The Chairman offered to deliver these. *Action:Clerk & Chair*
No information had been received from Planning.

12. To consider overhanging trees on Croxall Road

RESOLVED that the Chairman would offer to meet the resident who owned some of the trees to discuss a solution. The Clerk would deal with the Freedom of Information request but redact details in accordance with data protection rules. *Action:Clerk & Chair*

13. To consider the footbridge near Harlaston

RESOLVED to defer to the next meeting when further information should be available.

14. To consider the Christmas Party for Senior Citizens

RESOLVED to contribute £400 towards the Christmas Party which would take place in the Village Hall.

15. To receive the Financial Report.

- (a) Banking - The Coop bank account had been opened but NatWest would need to be asked to transfer the funds by cheque. Councillors expressed concern at recent publicity about the bank and the Clerk would look into other accounts.
- (b) Bank reconciliation - This would be forwarded shortly.
- (c) Performance against budget to date; figures were satisfactory.
- (d) The Clerk's salary had increased by 1% as agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.
- (e) The Internal Auditor's report and comments had been received.
- (f) The VAT claim had been submitted.

16. 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;
HMRC, penalty;
Mr A Smith, Village Hall grass cutting;
Toplis Associates, Audit fee.

19. Date of next meeting.

Monday 7th October at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.25.

Signed Chair