

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th October, 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

Cllr I Van Arkadie

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council, 12 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 2nd September.** 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**

An action group had been formed to explore how to re-open the Black Horse; it had held an initial meeting and had agreed action points. A further proposal had now been received from the owner and would be considered at the next meeting. The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council's availability to act as intermediary and to assist in any way required.

Other residents raised issues about affordable housing, about grass cutting at the Village Hall, about potholes still not having been repaired and about tractor and lorry driving in the village. Highways and the police would be informed again about the latter issues.

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

Trees in Croxall Road The Clerk had corresponded with the owner and Cllr Wesley would discuss the matter with him. Cllr Startin would arrange for the hedge to be cut before the Spring and then trimmed annually.

Volunteers Tesco's volunteer scheme organiser had been advised that the school needed some sheds painting and had contacted them.

What's On Info - The Clerk would send any details to the website.

Registration of Village Hall land - the solicitor had sent further information which would shortly be discussed by the committee.

Woodland Trust trees - these would be delivered to Cllr Startin's address next month. A date for planting would be discussed at the next meeting.

6. To receive correspondence

Resident response to overhanging trees correspondence
N Power - Willington gas pipeline Development consent order
Zac's Electrical - quote for further lights work
Western Power - request for information on Christmas lights for billing
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association - bulletins
Grant Thornton- audited Annual Return
Lichfield and District Volunteer Centre - information on volunteering
Staffordshire County Council - fear of crime campaign

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mason reported that all the gullies needed clearing of leaves.
Cllr Cliffe asked about chasing up Highways regarding traffic slowing and potholes. Severn Trent had been working in Pessall Lane and it was agreed to contact them regarding sewage disposal. *Action:Clerk*
Cllr Dhillon had attended a recent Village Hall Committee meeting; various events were planned including Halloween on 31st October, Bonfire Night on 2nd November. Dance classes had begun. The financial position was steady. Miles King would attend the meeting on 21st October to talk about the possibility of using some land for affordable housing.
Cllr Sprason said that the notice board section of the website was now available to promote local events. He asked that the voluntary assistance of Simon Boden in clearing gullies and footways along Schofield Lane should be noted; the Parish Council expressed its thanks to him.
Cllr Startin reported that a Parish Council hedge in Rowley Close needed laying to make it easier to maintain; a quote would be obtained.

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

None received.

9. To consider any planning applications.

- (a) Application 13/00942/FUL The Barn, Edingale Fields Farm, Lullington Road - variation to application 13/00644/FUL; change of window colour from brown to black. RESOLVED no objection.
- (b) Application 13/01006/FUL 2 Blakeways Close, Edingale - loft conversion and raising of ridge height to form 2 bedrooms and en-suite and installation of dormer windows. RESOLVED no objection.
- (c) Enforcement - RESOLVED to query compliance with conditions at toilet hire firm in Pessall Lane and whether they will now take action regarding the Black Horse, since refusal of permission for change of use. *Action:Clerk*
- (d) Proposed Willington C Gas Pipeline Development Consent Order - RESOLVED no objection.
- (e) Application No: L.13/07/817 MW - Proposed 11.5 hectare extension to Alrewas quarry and the establishment of a new access to allow restoration

to agriculture and nature conservation habitat with imported inert restoration materials at Alrewas Quarry, Croxall Road, Alrewas
RESOLVED no objection.

10. To receive an update on potential affordable housing sites

A village walk had taken place; Cllrs Wesley, Mason and the Clerk had met representatives of housing and planning to discuss 5 possible sites. These were off Harlaston Road, off Lullington Road, and part of the Village Hall land. Midlands Rural Housing would now consult landowners before deciding on the most appropriate site and consulting all residents.

11. To consider any progress on the Black Horse

The planning application for change of use had been refused.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council contact enforcement to ask them to take action with regards to the conversion works. *Action:Clerk*
A first meeting of the residents' action group had taken place, and action points agreed; a further meeting would be held shortly to discuss progress and the further proposal.

12. To consider the footbridge near Harlaston

Cllr Van Arkadie reported back on the decision by Harlaston Parish Council not to proceed with repairs due to the costs and time which would be required for the project.
RESOLVED to ask Staffordshire County Council to repair the footbridge.
Action:Clerk

13. To consider the Christmas Lights

A quote had been received for installing further lights near the school and preparing the lights for switching on near the centre of the village.
RESOLVED to approve this.

14. To consider tasks for the Neighbourhood Highways Team

The team would be asked to clear the drain gullies of leaves and debris.
Action:Clerk

15. To receive the Financial Report

(a) Banking - The Cooperative Bank account was in use; the fixed rate account for part of the capital fund had yet to be arranged. The NatWest account had been closed. A bank reconciliation was received.
(b) The audited Annual Return had been received and the notice and accounts published. The auditors commented on the large capital sum.

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; Eon, lighting.

17. Date of next meeting.

Monday 4th November at 7.30 p.m.
The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed Chair

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