

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th January, 2014
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; 7 members of the public and representatives of the Black Horse Action Group.

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 December.**
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 Black Horse Action Group commented on two outstanding issues; the review of Lichfield District Council's decision to list the Black Horse as an Asset of Community Value and the planning appeal against the refusal of change of use for the pub to residential. The Parish Council was waiting to be notified of the hearing date. They would discuss the planning appeal later in the meeting and report back to the group.
Thanks were passed on from those who had attended the Senior Citizens' Christmas meal to the organisers, and positive comments had been made on the community spirit of the event.
Other issues raised were Best Kept Village 2014, replacement flags for the flagpole at the school, hedge trimming, faulty street lights, faster broadband, and a parked van.
5. **To receive the Clerk's Report**
Grass cutting - A notice had been placed in the Parish magazine and on the notice board. More quotes would be requested.

Highways - They had been contacted regarding reflectors and drains and would be chased up as these had not yet been attended to.

Christmas Lights - a resident had asked about lights at Blakeways Close and a quote for this would be requested from the electrician who had surveyed the installations and installed new LED lights at the other sites.

Footbridge - Harlaston Parish Council had confirmed to Staffordshire County Council that they would not proceed and wished the County Council to undertake the works soon. The Clerk would enquire when this would be done.

6. To receive correspondence

Christmas greetings from Chair of Lichfield District Council

Western Power, metering information for Christmas lights

Information Commissioners Office, reminder of data protection registration and information about register of data controllers.

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mason asked that the repair of the wall by the village pump be placed on the next agenda.

Cllr Cliffe said that she had reported an overflowing sewer to Severn Trent. She asked whether any information had been received on speeding near the school.

Cllr Dhillon said that there had been good feedback regarding the Senior Citizen's Christmas meal at the Village Hall and congratulated the members of the committee who had organised it. Takings had been down at the bonfire event. More volunteers were needed to help with events.

Cllr Sprason mentioned that water was rising through a manhole cover near a bench on the meadow at Blakeways and this would be reported. He also mentioned attempted burglaries from garages in Field Farm Road and Blakeways Close and asked if the police could be asked to increase patrols.

Cllr Wesley had been informed about possible unauthorised development in Mill Lane, and enforcement would be contacted.

Action:Clerk

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

None received

9. To consider any planning applications.

No applications had been received.

10. To consider response regarding the planning appeal against refusal of change of use of the Black Horse.

RESOLVED that professional advice would be sought informally via the Black Horse Action Group to assist in the preparation of a response on behalf of the Parish Council to the Planning Inspector.

11. To consider refurbishment of the war memorial.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supported the refurbishment and would inform the PCC that they would contribute towards this.

Action:Cllr Van Arkadie

12. **To receive information on the web site.**
New photographs would be added shortly, and also further information from the Village Hall. The 'What's On' section was being well used.
13. **To consider purchase of commemorative tree plaques.**
RESOLVED to order the plaques as quoted. *Action:Clerk*
14. **To approve the updated Financial Risk Assessment.**
RESOLVED to approve this and to continue to monitor and implement the recommendations.
15. **To consider reinvestment of capital fund monies.**
RESOLVED to reinvest £40,000 with the Buckinghamshire Building Society; the Clerk would find alternative investments for approval at the next meeting.
Action:Clerk
16. **To receive the Financial Report**
(a) The bank reconciliation was noted, sufficient funds remained for the rest of the financial year.
(b) The interim audit had been carried out, and there were no issues of concern.
17. **To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.**
Approved payments to Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses; Mr L. Watkins, tree planting and drain clearing; Zac's Electrical, lighting installation, Information Commissioner, annual fee, Playground Safety Services, play equipment refurbishment.
18. **Date of next meeting.**
Monday 3rd February at 7.30 p.m. The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed Chair