

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council; 1 member of the public.

1. **To receive Apologies**

Cllr I Van Arkadie had apologised and his apology was 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 6th January.**

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 enquiry was made regarding any correspondence about the Black Horse. Responses had been sent on behalf of the Parish Council and by residents to the Planning Inspectorate; a decision was not expected for several weeks. No date had been confirmed for the review into the listing as an Asset of Community Value. Members of the Action Group would be informed of any news.

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

**Councillor Vacancy** - Councillor Sprason had resigned due to work commitments.

A notice had been displayed giving residents 14 working days to request an election; the District Council was expected to confirm shortly that co-option could be done as soon as possible. One application had been received so far.

**Village Hall land registration** - This was now completed, excluding a small area of land claimed by Severn Trent which it was not possible to challenge. An enquiry regarding the boundary on the plan would be sent to the solicitor. The information would be sent to the Village Hall Committee.

**Overhanging trees** - A resident had enquired why this had not yet been resolved; the street light was still obscured and straw had been knocked into the road. Cllr Startin explained that the trees could now be trimmed as there were no leaves on, he would arrange this as soon as he had informed the owner of the trees.

Sewers - Severn Trent had inspected the reported leak near Blakeways Close.  
Police They had been asked to increase patrols but had said they were unable to do so as no incidents had been reported. Residents should report any incidents to the local police, as this would help to increase their presence in Edingale.  
Grass cutting at the Village Hall - One quote had been received, and another was expected soon; a decision would be made at the March meeting.  
Highways - A request for improved anti speeding signs to be put in place near the school had been sent. Councillors suggested that the school also be contacted.

**6. To receive correspondence**

Ansons - Voluntary Registration of Village Hall  
Edingale Village Website enquiry - Rowley Close footpath  
Planning Inspectorate - Willington C Gas Pipeline Examination  
Lichfield District Council - enforcement, The Barn, Mill Lane  
Lichfield District Council - Invitation to Chairman's Annual Dinner  
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association - updates  
Local Government Boundary Commission - Review date extended  
Zac's Electrical - quote for Christmas Lights at Blakeways Close

**7. To receive Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Dhillon stated that the Village Hall Committee had not met since January.  
Cllr Cliffe had asked Christopher Pincher M.P. when Drakelow Power Station would be developed, this would be in 2017.  
Cllr Mason advised that a replacement planter had been purchased for Blakeways Close; compost and plants would be bought in due course. It was agreed to allocate £100 for the planters in future budgets. She also asked for refurbishment of the bus shelter to be on the next agenda.  
Cllr Wesley said that he was disappointed that Cllr Sprason had resigned, as he had been an excellent member of the team; he thanked him for his work on the Parish Council. Cllr Sprason said he would continue to support the village.  
Cllr Wesley would contact Mr Pilgrim regarding the war memorial.

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

None received

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

(a) No planning applications had been received.  
(b) A response had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Black Horse, prepared by the Clerk with advice from Price Planning.  
(c) Further information had been received regarding Willington Gas Pipeline  
(d) Development at Mill Lane had been reported to enforcement, permission would be required, although the business could operate in the meantime.

**10. To consider amendments to the website.**

Mr Sprason would carry on with his work on this after leaving the Council and offered to continue to liaise with the web host and the Clerk to finish the project.  
RESOLVED this was approved with the Council's thanks.

**11. To consider repair of the wall by the village pump.**

Discussion took place regarding the cost of this work, which could be funded from capital. Most of the Councillors felt the quote from the specialist builders was too expensive. Cllr Mason felt it should be done, as this was the last pump in the village and was a landmark at the entrance to the village.

RESOLVED that enquiries would be made about the ownership of the land where the pump was situated. *Action:Clerk*

**12. To consider query regarding rights of way in Rowley Close.**

An enquiry was received from a resident regarding an obstructed footpath. It was agreed that this was not a right of way and went across private land.

RESOLVED to contact the resident to explain. *Action:Clerk*

**13. To consider further hedge laying proposal.**

Discussion took place regarding the management of a Parish Council hedge next to the Rowley Close open space. A quote had been received from the specialist hedge layer who had done similar work for the Parish Council. Cllr Startin would liaise with the householder affected.

RESOLVED to accept the quote and discuss the matter with the householder.

**14. To consider reinvestment of capital fund monies.**

It had been agreed to spread the risk by investing part of the capital fund with another provider, but the Clerk had found few accounts for Parish Council funds, and interest rates were low. A Cambridge Building Society Notice account was discussed; they would be contacted regarding the number of signatories required.

RESOLVED to invest monies for 18 months with Cambridge Building Society. *Action:Clerk*

**15. To receive the Financial Report**

- (a) The bank reconciliation was discussed; sufficient reserves were in place.
- (b) The annual donation to the Church as agreed in the budget would be approved at the next meeting.
- (c) The insurers had confirmed that the Parish Council had the correct level of cover for its needs.

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

Approved payments to Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses; Mr K Pilgrim, flag costs; Society of Local Council Clerks, membership fee; Ansons, legal fees.

**17. Date of next meeting. 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.**

Monday 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed Chair .....