

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014  
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr Mrs M Cliffe

Cllr H Dhillon

Cllr J Startin

Cllr I Van Arkadie

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council; 2 members of the public.

1. **To receive Apologies**

Cllr Mason had apologised and her 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February.**

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 the Black Horse. Nothing further had been heard from the Planning Inspectorate or regarding the hearing on the listing as an Asset of Community Value, and no more could be done for the time being.

5. **To co-opt a member onto the Parish Council to fill the casual vacancy**

Mr Jim Lacey had applied to become a member of the Parish Council. It was proposed that he be co-opted by Cllr Van Arkadie, seconded by Cllr Dhillon.

RESOLVED to co-opt Cllr Lacey.

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

**Village Hall land registration** - The Village Hall Committee had asked for documentary evidence on the disputed land.

**Affordable Housing** - Only one site was now being considered and the Planning department had been asked for pre-application advice. Waterloo Housing hoped to attend the April meeting to report on progress and if the site was acceptable would consult residents after that.

**Hedge laying** - The contractor hoped to be able to lay the Parish Council hedge behind Rowley Close during March.

Village Pump - No further information had been received. This had been discussed some years ago, and remained too expensive.

Annual Parish Meeting - this would take place prior to the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. Local organisations would be asked for reports.

**7. To receive correspondence**

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association - updates, details of planning training course, information on proposed changes to the law on reporting of meetings, and expected change to the 2 signature on cheques legislation.

Community Council - Best Kept Village children's competition, Diary of events

Highways - Neighbourhood Highways Team visit 8/9 July and 18/19 November

Resident of Croxall Road regarding overhanging trees, now cut back.

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

Cllr Cliffe reported on a recent burglary and the police response. It was agreed to invite the PCSO to future meetings.

Cllr Dhillon expressed concern about the financial position of the Village Hall due to increased running costs. He said that more volunteers were needed to assist the Committee to run events and that the Parish Council should help inform residents about this. Cllr Lacey gave details of the regular uses of the Village Hall and of the costs faced by the Committee. The Parish Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> would be used to encourage residents to 'use it or lose it'.

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

None received

**10. To consider any planning matters.**

(a) The application at Alrewas quarry had been granted by Staffordshire County Council.

(b) Consultations on Lichfield Local Plan Strategy - main modifications had been received.

**11. To consider grass cutting at the Village Hall.**

A quote had been received from Greenlands. It was proposed by Cllr Dhillon, seconded by Cllr Cliffe to accept this quote.

RESOLVED to accept the quote

**12. To consider the bus shelter.**

All agreed that no refurbishment was needed at present.

**13. To consider Blakeways Close lights quote.**

Proposed by Cllr Van Arkadie, seconded by Cllr Dhillon to accept the quote from Zac's Electrical.

RESOLVED to accept the quote

**14. To consider maintenance of verge along Croxall Road.**

A suggestion had been received that a group of residents would tidy this area before the judging for Best Kept Village. Les would be asked to trim along the bank under the lengthmen's agreement.

RESOLVED to ask Greenlands to tidy this part of the village. *Action:Chair*

**15. To consider query regarding overgrown bushes and dog fouling.**

The bushes would be trimmed by Greenlands. Environmental Health would take action on dog fouling if evidence was sent to them but the Parish Council would remind residents of the need to clear up after their dogs.

RESOLVED to reply to the correspondent. *Action:Clerk*

**16. To receive the Financial Report**

- (a) The bank reconciliation was noted; some reserves would be carried over; capital funds would be sent to the Cambridge Building Society.
- (b) The forms for the Cambridge Building Society were completed by the signatories.

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

Approved payments to Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses; Mr K Pilgrim, Best Kept Village entry fee; Cambridge Building Society, capital fund; Holy Trinity Church, donation; Cllr Mason, repayment for planter.

**18. Date of next meeting. 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

**7.00 Annual Parish Meeting**

**7.30 Parish Council Meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed Chair .....