

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Location: Edingale Village Hall

Date: Monday 7th April 2014 Time: 7 pm

Minutes

Present: Cllr Wesley (Chair), Cllrs Cliffe, Dhillon, Mason, Lacey

Mrs M.Jones (Clerk) Mr Pilgrim and Mr Layland.

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 7th May 2013.

Approved

2. To discuss the Village Hall.

It had been hoped that many more residents would have attended to discuss the way forward. Very few had attended the AGM and Tidy Up Day. The Hall was being used most evenings for a variety of social and sporting events, but the running costs were high, and help had been requested from the Parish Council. More support from residents was needed to attend events and to help run them. They had been told to 'use it or lose it' as the village needed a meeting place.

3. To receive reports from village organisations.

A report had been received from Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council thanked them for this contribution.

Mr Pilgrim reported on preparations for the Best Kept Village competition, and described how the issues raised in last year's Judges' Report were being dealt with. He thanked everyone for their support.

He also said that the Open Gardens event may not happen unless there was more support from residents.

Cllr Mason said that everything was going well at the school, it had been a good year, 60 pupils attended.

4. To receive questions and comments from residents.

An enquiry had been made about speeding near the school.

Mr Layland thanked the Council for the hedge laying behind his property. An update was given on the Black Horse - the result of the planning appeal was still awaited. The Action Group could not make any decisions until this was resolved.

There being no further contributions the meeting closed at 7.40

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DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th April 2014
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr Mrs M Cliffe

Cllr H Dhillon

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr J Lacey

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

1. **To receive Apologies**

Cllr Startin and Cllr Van Arkadie had apologised; their apologies were 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 3rd March.**

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.**

No further comments were made.

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

Police - PCSO Costas Karpi had indicated that he would attend the June meeting.

Affordable housing - Waterloo Housing were waiting for information from the planning department and hoped to be able to report to the May meeting.

Speeding on Croxall Road - a member of the public had telephoned about this problem, which would be discussed with PCSO Costas.

Verge on Croxall Road - Les had strimmed this but would not be asked to clear the dead bushes, as these were the householders' responsibility.

Tree plaques - these were to be delivered shortly.

Hedge laying at Blakeways Close - the work had now been done.

Dog fouling - posters had been put up.

Certificate in Local Council Administration - the Clerk had registered for this.

6. **To receive correspondence**

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Holy Trinity Church, donation thanks
Community Council - membership renewal information
Edingale Village Hall Management Committee
Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan
Police and Crime Commissioner's fund.

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Cliffe had spoken to Highways about potholes and was awaiting a response. Cllr Mason suggested Mr Staley at Croxall Hall be thanked for the flower display. Cllr Dhillon confirmed he was in agreement for Cllr Lacey to replace him as the Village Hall representative from the Parish Council. Cllr Lacey reported that the footpath outside the church was covered in moss and that the adjacent house had a significant amount of water leaking out of the property. A letter advising the owner about this would be sent.

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

District Cllr Arnold had reported on a lead theft at Croxall. County Cllr Alan White had advised that a Speed Indicator Device and '20 is plenty' signs would be used at the school for the September term.

9. To consider any planning matters.

Black Horse - the Planning Inspector had visited the site 2 weeks ago. It was not known when a decision would be reached.
Planning Course - The Clerk had recently attended a course on responding to planning applications.

10. To consider Harlaston Footbridge

John Dixon of Staffordshire County Council attended the meeting to present 3 options for consideration. Cllrs felt it was important to retain the route.
RESOLVED to opt for replacement of the footbridge and confirm this in writing to the County Council. *Action:Clerk*

11. To consider the future of the Village Hall and approve a donation to Village Hall funds.

Discussion took place on how best to support the Village Hall Committee, as the long term financial position gave cause for concern.
RESOLVED to approve a donation of £850 out of the precept, and to invite members of the Committee to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the way forward.

12. To consider a donation towards the War Memorial.

A quote of £400 had been received from a specialist for the refurbishment and addition of a name to the War Memorial in the Church.
RESOLVED to accept the quote, and to confirm this to the Parochial Church Council. *Action:Clerk*

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To receive the Financial Report

(a) Cambridge Building Society had confirmed the opening of the new Capital Fund account.

(b) The bank reconciliation was received. The end of year accounts would be finalised shortly in preparation for the annual audit.

(c) Repeal of s.150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 - revised Financial Regulations would be considered at the May meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report

13. To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.

Approved payments to Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses;

L. Watkins, mowing;

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, annual fee;

Blinford Graphics, tree plaques;

Eon, energy charge;

Edingale Village Hall, donation.

14. Date of next meeting. TUESDAY 6th May 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed Chair