

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th May 2014
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr Mrs M Cliffe

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr H Dhillon

Cllr J Lacey

Cllr J Startin

Cllr I Van Arkadie

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

1. **To Appoint a Chair. To receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
Proposed Cllr Cliffe, seconded Cllr Dhillon and RESOLVED that Cllr Wesley would continue as Chair for the next year. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
2. **To appoint a Vice Chair.** Proposed Cllr Wesley, seconded Cllr Startin and RESOLVED that Cllr Mason would continue as Vice Chair.
3. **To receive Apologies**
None received.
4. **To receive Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation.**
None received.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th April.**
The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
6. **To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session (maximum 15 minutes) and to reconvene the meeting**
It was reported that a very successful community event had been held the previous weekend, which had raised £500 for the Village Hall. A fashion show was planned and the School fete would be held there as a joint fund raiser with the school. The issue of the high utility bills had been addressed. All the Committee were feeling more positive about the future and some extra helpers had come forward. The Chair said that there was total support from the Parish Council for the Committee.
The paths around the church were referred to, and would be dealt with shortly. Two further names would be added to the War Memorial in the Church.

7. To receive the Clerk's Report

Tree plaques - these had arrived and been installed with the trees. Thanks were given to Mr Pilgrim for his assistance.

Footbridge - both Parish Councils had confirmed their support for a new footbridge and the County Council had responded that it was hoped to begin work in September 2014, if the appropriate permissions were received.

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association - notice had been given of the Excellence in Community Service Award and 75th Anniversary Conference. It was unlikely that the Parish Council would be represented.

Best Kept Village - a reminder was given that judging would take place from May 1st onwards; appreciation was due to those who had helped to tidy the village so far. The County Council would be asked if the verges could be cut and the road sides could be swept.

Dog bins - a resident had informed the Clerk that these had not been emptied and the District Council had advised that this would be done the same day.

8. To receive correspondence

SPCA - Excellence in Community Service Award and 75th Anniversary information
Staffordshire County Council - Community Paths Initiative , bids for footpath improvements

Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Service newsletter

Came & Company insurance newsletter

Croxall Hall - information about tree planting plans.

9. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mason thanked everyone who had helped to tidy Croxall Road and Rowley Close in time for the Best Kept Village judging. She also thanked all who had helped at the recent Village Hall event.

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

None had been received. It was agreed to write to invite all the Councillors to future meetings.

11. To consider any planning matters.

A query had been made about the siting of the new houses in Pessall Lane and an enquiry would be sent to planning to ask about conformity with the approved plans. Planning would also be asked whether an extension at Croxall had been approved. Action:Clerk

No decision had yet been made on the Black Horse by the Planning Inspector.

12. To consider the Village Hall.

The financial position was discussed. Although this had improved, further weekend bookings would assist with this. A grant towards electrical costs would be received. RESOLVED to ask the committee for a budget showing income and expenditure, so that the Parish Council could advise and assist if possible.

13. To consider progress on affordable housing.

The housing association were still waiting for information from the planning department and hoped to have made progress with this by the time of the meeting in June.

14. To approve draft Financial Regulations.

These were approved subject to amendments and final copies would be provided for Cllrs. The asset register would be updated for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

15. To receive the Financial Report

Bank reconciliation - this was noted

Precept - this had been sent to the Council's bank account on 29th April

Final accounts for year ending March 31st 2014 - these were noted and explanations given for variations from the budget.

Audit - the notice had been displayed according to regulations, and accounts prepared for the internal audit. The Annual Return would be approved by the Council at the next meeting and forwarded to the Auditors by 16th June.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

Approved payments to Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses;

L. Watkins, mowing and maintenance £645; N. Fleming, hedge laying £340;

Zac's Electrical £245; Community Council, membership £25;

Broker Network, insurance premium £323.80

17. Date of next meeting. Monday 2nd June 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed Chair