

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd June 2014
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr J Lacey

Cllr J Startin

Cllr I Van Arkadie

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council; 3 members of the public.

1. **To receive Apologies**

Cllr Cliffe and Cllr Dhillon had apologised. The 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 6th May.**

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**

A meeting of the Black Horse Action Group had been held prior to this meeting. They had been informed that discussions were ongoing between a potential tenant and the owner of the property regarding a lease of the ground floor of the Black Horse to reopen it as a pub. The Action Group would support this proposal and had given feedback on what local people wanted from a pub. The Parish Council agreed that this was a positive move and would support this as the best option to get the pub open again.

Other points were raised about heavy goods vehicles travelling through the village at unsocial hours, and about the village website.

5. **To consider any matters for the attention of the police**

The local police would be contacted again to ask them to attend a future meeting.

6. **To consider the Black Horse**

The planning appeal against change of use had been dismissed, and enforcement would be informed about the proposal to reopen the pub. The Parish Council were very pleased with the news about a new tenant.

7. To receive the Clerk's Report

Paths around the churchyard - these were still slippery due to a leak from a pond, the householder had explained this would be dealt with soon and would be reminded that it could be dangerous. Les had been asked to treat the moss. Bus service - a new company had taken over the service, with an improved timetable.

Electoral Review of Lichfield - draft proposals had been received. The Mease Valley ward would be made smaller, with only one councillor; responses were invited.

8. To receive correspondence

EON - Lighting in Schofield Lane
Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of Lichfield
Forest Scene, National Forest newsletter
SPCA Gazette and weekly bulletins

9. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Van Arkadie reported on the County Council consultation on mineral extraction, and said that in future existing workings near the Arboretum would be expanded.

Cllr Wesley reported that a large clump of ivy had fallen from the bank on the Croxall Road, Les would be asked to remove it as it was hanging over the roadway.

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

Cllr Arnold had sent her apologies.

11. To consider any planning matters.

Enforcement had investigated development at White Knights at Croxall. They had visited and reported on the new houses at Pessall Lane.

12. To consider the Village Hall.

None of the committee had attended.

13. To consider progress on affordable housing.

The planning department had confirmed that the only available site was not acceptable. RESOLVED to ask for any landowners who had available land for affordable housing for local people, to contact the Parish Council. Notices would be put on the notice board and in the Parish magazine. *Action:Clerk*

14. To consider replacement of lighting unit in Schofield Lane

Eon had reported that this needed replacement, although local people preferred to leave the light unlit. Proposed Cllr Van Arkadie, seconded Cllr Wesley, RESOLVED to inform the residents that the light would be disconnected unless they objected. *Action:Clerk*

15. To consider regularity of meetings

RESOLVED to continue to hold monthly meetings, but to not hold a meeting this August, on a trial basis.

16. To consider tasks for the Neighbourhood Highways Team.

They would be asked to clear gullies, clear highways signs and remove unofficial signs, trim Croxall Road bank and cut back vegetation on Edingale Lane.

Action: Clerk

17. To approve the accounts for financial year 2013-14 and agree to submit the Annual Return

RESOLVED to approve the accounts and submit the Annual Return to the External Auditors.

18. To consider an updated Asset Register

Amendments and additions were agreed, and values would be obtained for these.

19. To receive the Financial Report

Bank reconciliation - this was noted

Financial Regulations - these would be sent to all Councillors.

Council Tax 2015-16 - a letter explaining changes had been received from the District Council.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

20. 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 £850; A. Mason, reimburse plants and compost £80.69

21. Date of next meeting. Monday 7th July 2014.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Signed Chair