

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr M Cliffe

Cllr H Dhillon

Cllr J Lacey

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr J Startin

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council; 4 members of the public.

1. **To receive Apologies**

Cllr I Van Arkadie had apologised. The 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 2nd June.**

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**

The volunteer who maintained the hedging at the Village Hall land said that he would not be able to do so indefinitely. He was reassured that the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council were grateful for his assistance; if he was unable to continue in the future they would both ensure that the hedge was maintained.

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee said that the hall was in a good position now, with a full committee and several other helpers. It was fairly well used, they had taken measures to reduce outgoings and they were planning improvements to the lighting and car park. He thanked Mr Pilgrim and the rest of the helpers who had made the Open Garden weekend such a success.

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

Affordable housing - notices had been displayed on the notice board and parish magazine asking for anyone with land available for this to come forward.

Path by the Church- the owner of the adjacent property had sealed their pond but water was still flowing. The Clerk would contact the water authority.

Lighting in Schofield Lane - a resident had confirmed he was in agreement with the decision not to replace the unit; the Clerk would inform Eon.

War Memorial - the refurbishment had been completed; a photo would be taken of the memorial in the church for the website.

Planning query - an entry on the SHLAA list from the department suggested 200 houses could be built in Raddle Lane. Such development was out of scale with the village, it would not be supported, and an application was not expected to be made.

The Black Horse - this had now re-opened as a pub, and the Parish Council supported this venture. The owner had confirmed that he would not be pursuing a review of the decision to list the Black Horse Inn as an Asset of Community Value. Planning enforcement would close their file.

Police - had been asked to attend a Parish Council meeting when possible.

Highways - they had been asked to clear the drainage gullies.

Parish Council land at Blakeways Close -The registration documents were in the records; the Land Registry would be informed of the current address.

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6. To receive correspondence

National Forest poster for notice board

Lichfield DC Lights Out Initiative to commemorate World War One

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association bulletins

PCSO Costas Carpi suggestion regarding community defibrillators

Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, People Power Fund

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mason asked about trimming of the hedge and trees in Blakeways Close; this would be done by Les after the mowing work was finished. She congratulated everyone involved on the success of the Open Gardens weekend, and asked that a letter be sent thanking Mr Pilgrim for his organisation of this. Cllr Cliffe asked for more people to support the Village Hall committee at events. She requested that Highways be asked to trim back vegetation at the verge by the junction with Scotland Lane.

Cllr Wesley had received a report of Japanese Knotweed on the Harlaston Road and this would be reported to Highways. He commented that the potholes had now been filled.

Action:Clerk

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

Cllr Arnold had intended to be present. She would be invited to the next meeting.

9. To consider any planning matters.

Enforcement had confirmed that the building at White Knights at Croxall was permitted development. An application had recently been made for single and two storey side and rear extensions at 15 Pessall Lane, no paperwork had been received yet.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not object.

10. To consider HGVs breaching weight restrictions.

A report had been received of a possible breach, this had been forwarded to the police who would contact the firm involved. Trading Standards had also been informed, as this was their responsibility.

RESOLVED to ask residents to report any details of potential breaches; times, dates, firm and registration number. *Action:Clerk*

11. To consider the Village Hall.

As explained during the public session quotes were being sought for refurbishments. Any proposals would be discussed at a future meeting.

RESOLVED to commend the Committee for their hard work and enthusiasm.

12. To approve the Asset Register

Additions and values were agreed

RESOLVED to approve the updated Asset Register.

13. To receive the Financial Report

(a) Bank reconciliation - this was noted. Cllr Dhillon compared this against the bank statements.

(b) Updated Financial regulations had been sent to Councillors

(c) The Annual Return had been received by the Auditors

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

14. 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 June £615, July £560;

Lichfield District Council dog bin emptying £686.40;

M.Webster, war memorial refurbishment £395.

15. Date of next meeting. Monday 1st September 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed Chair