

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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

Cllr I Van Arkadie (from 7.40)

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

1. **To receive Apologies**  
None received.
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 7<sup>th</sup> July.**  
The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session, and to reconvene the meeting**

Mr Pilgrim informed the Council that Edingale came second in the Best Kept Village competition for 2014 and the certificate had been displayed. It was hoped to do even better next year.

Mr Pilgrim had raised the leak by the church with the water company again, but had found their response unsatisfactory. The matter was not being dealt with appropriately and was getting worse while the results of water samples were awaited. Someone had slipped on the wet path, so this was a health and safety issue. The Parish Council agreed to write to complain to the water authority.

A resident reported that the Black Horse was offering excellent food, friendly service and had a range of events planned for the month. Local people should be encouraged to use the facility to keep the pub open for the village.

Information on opening times, bookings for food, and special events such as a quiz would be displayed on the notice board.

A member of the Village Hall committee reported that they were meeting again after a summer break the following week. Bookings had been made, and events were planned at Halloween and Bonfire Night.

The Open Gardens event had raised a good sum for local facilities; it had been an enjoyable event with more gardens joining in this year.

An enquiry was made about affordable housing by residents wishing to stay in the village when downsizing; however no land had been made available by landowners so far. The Village Hall Committee would be asked to reconsider using part of their land, although they had voted against this previously due to the loss of green space.

The School thanked the Parish Council for putting Edingale forward for '20 is plenty'; the Speed Indicator Device had been installed, although it was not showing vehicle speeds yet.

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

Best Kept Village - Edingale came second in this year's competition. Thanks were sent to Mr Pilgrim for arranging this.

Leak by the Church - The water authority were being very slow to deal with this. Les would be asked to clear the moss again in the interests of safety. The Clerk would write a letter of complaint to the water authority.

Affordable housing - the call for sites notices had been displayed on the notice board and parish magazine but there had been no response from any potential landowners. This would be reported back to the Housing Association.

*Action:Clerk*

#### **6. To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins and Gazette

Letters regarding overgrowing bushes at Rowley Close

Staffordshire County Council - Supporting People Review, Libraries

Consultation, Amey Infrastructure Partnership

Lichfield District Council - Voter Registration changes information, Poster asking residents not to put food waste in green bins

Community Council- village photograph competition, £50 prize, details on the notice board

#### **7. To receive Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Mason asked about the Senior Citizens Christmas Party; this would be on the next agenda. She also requested that the Parish Council spend funds on the Village Hall car park; spending on the Village Hall would be considered at a future meeting. She requested spending the sum of approximately £50 on spring bulbs for the planters; it was proposed by Cllr Dhillon, seconded by Cllr Cliffe and RESOLVED to approve this.

Cllr Cliffe commented on the proliferation of Estate Agents' signs which were attached to road signs. The Clerk would ask the District Council to take action. Cllr Dhillon requested that the Clerk ask for an update on progress with faster broadband. Some local villages had already seen improvements and a likely date for Edingale would be requested. He also asked for an enquiry to be made as to whether government money could assist with the provision of an improved mobile phone signal in this area.

*Action:Clerk*

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

Cllr Arnold had been invited to attend but was unable to do so. She had offered to assist with any issues of concern.

**9. To consider any planning matters.**

(a) Consultation responses had been sent confirming that the Parish Council had no objection to the following applications;

14/00613/FUL	15, Pessall Lane - side and rear extensions
14/00637/FUL, 14/00638/FUL	Broadfields Farm, Pessall Lane - agricultural store
14/00679/FUL	Mease Meadows, Lullington Road - temporary caravan for agricultural worker

(b) 14/00803/FUL Riverswood, Lullington Road, extension to existing garage;  
RESOLVED no objection

**10. To consider a request for a donation from the Playgroup**

Councillors discussed the request and it was RESOLVED to ask a representative of the playgroup to attend to answer queries. *Action:Clerk*

**11. To consider trimming of bushes at the entrance to Rowley Close**

Since receiving correspondence from a resident about this, it was reported by Cllr Lacey that the bushes had been trimmed so that the path and pillar were now clear. The Clerk would respond to the resident. *Action:Clerk*

**To amend the Standing Orders to comply with recent legislation**

RESOLVED to amend Standing Order 1h regarding the recording of meetings. *Action:Clerk*

**12. To receive the Financial Report**

- (a) Bank reconciliation - this was noted.
  - (b) An invoice dating from 2012 had been received from the County Council for grounds maintenance. Various queries would be made about this before payment could be approved.
  - (c) The Audited Annual Return had not yet been received.
- 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 and maintenance August £590.

**14. Date of next meeting. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed Chair .....