

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd November 2014
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.**

Members present:

Cllr Wesley (Chair)

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr M Cliffe

Cllr J Lacey

Cllr Van Arkadie

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council; 6 members of the public.

1. **To receive Apologies**
Cllr Startin 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 1st September.**
The Minutes were approved. They were signed by Cllr Mason.
4. **To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session, and to reconvene the meeting**
Cllr Wesley welcomed the members of the public who had attended. It was reported that an ex-prisoner had been going from door to door around the village trying to sell household items, and this raised concerns for elderly residents. The Parish Council would contact the local police to express these concerns, and would inform residents about this.

Representatives of the Village Hall reported on an excellent turn out for the Halloween event. They appealed for helpers for the forthcoming fireworks party, especially to light the fireworks. The Village Hall Committee wished their thanks to be put on record to the organisers of Open Gardens and to all those who had opened their gardens, as this had raised £2000 for the Village Hall, which was extremely welcome. They described the improvements they had planned, and the programme of forthcoming events at the Village Hall.

A representative of the Black Horse asked whether the Parish Council could help to encourage residents to support the pub. It was agreed that the pub was offering good food, and it was disappointing if it was not busy enough. Various ideas were put forward to encourage people from further afield to visit. An appeal for residents to support it would be included on the next newsletter.

Two new residents had attended the meeting and were welcomed to Edingale.

5. To receive the Clerk's Report

Road Signage - This had been discussed with Highways; the times of the Speed Indicator Devices by the school had been amended so that they were flashing at the times when older children were leaving and returning to the village.

Let's Play - The group were very grateful that a donation had been confirmed.

Website - Various amendments had been made. Any recent photographs of the village and local events would be welcome.

6. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins and Gazette

Staffordshire County Council - websites for bus timetable information (links would be shown on the website)

Healthwatch Staffordshire Directories

Edingale Swifts - appeal for local people to go along to matches to support them at Scotland Lane, including cup match on Sunday 9th November

National Forest - Grants for planting woodland

Archives and Heritage Service newsletter

Staffordshire County Council - no funding available for a bus link to Alrewas

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mason said that pansies had now been planted in the tubs.

Cllr Van Arkadie asked about the footbridge replacement, which was due to start the following week.

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

None received

9. To consider any planning matters.

No applications had been received.

10. To consider an update on the Black Horse.

This had been discussed during Open Forum.

RESOLVED that information would be circulated in a newsletter.

11. To consider query regarding fence at Rowley Close.

This issue had been raised at the last meeting. The resident had been contacted about his query regarding the removal of a fence but had not provided any further details.

RESOLVED that no further action would be taken at this time.

12. To consider the dedication of the War Memorial.

The dedication of the refurbished War Memorial would take place at the Remembrance Day Service at Holy Trinity Church at 10.15 on 9th November.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Lacey and Van Arkadie would represent the Parish Council.

13. To consider the Christmas Lights.

A quote had been received from the electrician who had installed the lights in previous years.

RESOLVED to approve the quote

14. To receive the Financial Report

(a) Bank reconciliation - this was noted.

(b) Payments against budget were noted. The next budget would be prepared shortly.

(c) The bank had confirmed that the new fixed rate interest account for deposit funds had been opened.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses;
L.Watkins, village and playing field mowing and maintenance £480;
Grant Thornton, audit fee £120; Lichfield Web Design, annual fee £285.60;
Edingale Village Hall, Senior Citizens' Party £500, Let's Play, £180.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

16. Date of next meeting. Monday 1st December 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed Chair