

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 1st December 2014
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr N Mason M.B.E. (Chair)

Cllr M Cliffe

Cllr J Lacey

Cllr Dhillon

Cllr Startin (from item 5)

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council; 7 members of the public.

1. **To receive Apologies**

Cllrs Wesley and Van Arkadie 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 3rd November.**

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 Mason welcomed the members of the public who had attended.

Mr Ellis asked whether the Parish Council would request a brown sign on the A513 indicating the Black Horse. The Clerk would make enquiries with Highways.

Comments were made about the excellent food served at the Black Horse; everyone was encouraged to recommend the pub to others. It was said that the community should use it or lose it, the pub was still mainly used by a few regulars; a follow up survey would be produced to find out what residents wanted at the pub.

A request was made that foliage obscuring a lamp on Church Walk be trimmed; the contractor would be asked to do this.

A report by the Village Hall Committee was given and Cllr Cliffe was thanked for her help. Improvements to the lighting had been ordered, and other refurbishments were planned. Forthcoming events would include the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch and Children's Christmas Party.

An offer of Christmas trees was made to the Village Hall, Church and pub. The Christmas lights had been switched on and looked very festive.

5. To receive the Clerk's Report

Christmas Lights - these had now been installed and were displayed from December 1st.

Newsletter - this had been produced to inform residents of recent news for the Parish Council, and had been delivered by Cllr Wesley. The Village Hall Committee had suggested producing joint newsletters for residents.

Electoral Review - The Local Government Boundary Commission had made final recommendations. Lichfield District Council would have 47 Councillors rather than 56. Edingale would remain part of a smaller Mease Valley ward, which would be represented by one District Councillor.

6. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Lichfield District Council, electoral review recommendations; Parish Forum date

Christopher Pincher M.P., reply regarding mobile phone coverage query
Staffordshire County Council, local member's fund

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Cliffe said that no information had been published about Christopher Pincher M.P.'s recent surgery in the village so very few people had attended. The Clerk would write to request that dates of future surgeries be sent to the Parish Council so that they could be advertised. She also said that parking around the Pessall Lane junction was causing difficulties for other road users, so this would be reported to the local police. *Action:Clerk*

Cllr Van Arkadie had sent a written comment about a wreath for the Remembrance Service, which would be put on the next agenda.

Cllr Mason said that the Christmas Fair had been well attended and gave details of the forthcoming Senior Citizen's lunch.

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 Village Hall improvements.

Details had been given in a report received from the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that the Parish Council would assist when figures and quotes were available, and could consider match funding when details of other grants had been received. The Parish Council could earmark a sum towards this annually, but would need to ensure that measures were taken to ensure such funding was accountable.

RESOLVED to consider this further in the New Year.

11. To receive the Financial Report

- (a) Bank reconciliation - This was noted.
- (b) Budget - The budget for the following financial year would be considered at the next meeting.
- (c) Audit - RESOLVED to confirm Toplis & Co as the Auditors. An Interim Audit had been conducted and advice received on the Council's financial affairs.
- (d) Donations - guidelines would be prepared by the Clerk on how to apply for Parish Council funding, for consideration at the next meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

- Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses;
- L. Watkins, hedge trimming £70;
- Cllr Mason, reimburse cost of plants £39.65;
- Eon, lighting maintenance £28.78;
- Information Commissioner, annual fee for data protection registration £35.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

13. Date of next meeting: Monday 5th January 2015

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed Chair