

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 5th January 2015
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr Wesley (Chair)
Cllr N Mason M.B.E.
Cllr J Lacey
Cllr Dhillon
Cllr Startin

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council.

- 1. To receive Apologies**
Cllr Cliffe and Cllr 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 1st December.**
The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair.
- 4. To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session, and to reconvene the meeting**
No members of the public had attended.
- 5. To receive the Clerk's Report**
Dog fouling - Environmental Health had put up some more signs to inform dog owners.
M.P. Surgeries - The Clerk had offered to put up a notice about these in future.
Parking at Pessall Road junction - PCSO Costas Karpi had been asked to look at this problem. The school would be contacted about parking problems during drop off and pick up times, and be asked to contact parents. *Action:Clerk*
Drains - Highways had cleaned the gullies in Croxall Road in early November.
- 6. To receive correspondence**
SPCA bulletins, election information.
Lichfield District Council - Precept information; Parish Forum date;
Environmental Health on dog fouling
Chris Pincher MP - surgeries
Department for Communities and Local Government - Transparency code
Came & Co Local Council insurance brokers - newsletter

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mason asked for the Parish Council to be proactive prior to the next election, sending information to residents about who the Councillors are and what the Council does. This could be added to a joint Village Hall newsletter.

Cllr Dhillon asked for the bus company to be contacted about extending the service to the Aboretum. The Clerk had previously contacted Solus and Staffordshire County Council about a service to Alrewas, and had been told funding was not available; they would now be asked how much funding was required, and whether a link to the Arboretum was possible. Action:Clerk

Cllr Wesley reported that the Christmas lights at Blakeways Close had been vandalised during an attempt to steal them, the lights had been cut and the transformer blown out so the electrician had replaced them and made it safe. The additional cost from public money was regrettable. He also reported on burglaries of tools and equipment from local premises.

8. To consider any planning matters

An application had been made to the District Council for extensions at 16 Blakeways Close (ref. 14/00724) but no paperwork had yet been received. If the deadline for comments was before the next meeting an extension would be requested.

The following applications previously considered had been granted:
14/00613/FUL 15 Pessall Lane; Single and two storey side and rear extensions to form double garage, utility, porch, cloaks, bathroom, bedroom with en suite and canopy and new bay window to front
14/00637/FUL and 14/00638/FUL Broadfields Farm, Pessall Lane; Side extension to existing grain store
14/00679/FUL Mease Meadows, Lullington Road; Siting of temporary mobile home for agricultural worker

The following application had been refused;
14/00803/FUL Riverswood, Lullington Road; Extension to existing garage

The Planning Inspectorate had confirmed that the development of Willington C gas pipeline had been granted.

9. To consider the acquisition of a wreath for Remembrance Day Cllr

Van Arkadie had proposed that the Parish Council acquire a wreath each year in order that a member could attend the Remembrance Day service to place it on the war memorial on behalf of the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Dhillon and seconded by Cllr Mason and RESOLVED that this be approved.

10. To consider the Black Horse

Information had been sent to the licensee and action group as requested at the last meeting. A suggestion had been received that a village shop could be run from the premises, but it was felt that it would not be viable. Cllr Lacey reported that food was now only provided with advance booking, and the pub was only open Thursdays to Sunday lunchtime. It was agreed that the Parish Council had done as much as possible to support the pub and the action group.

11. To consider meeting dates for 2015

An

amended list would be produced; to take account of the election in May the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual meeting of the Parish Council would be held during week beginning 11th May.

12. To consider a draft policy for applications for Parish Council grants

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draft policy, guidelines for applications from local voluntary groups, and application form were considered. It was proposed by Cllr Wesley, seconded by Cllr Dhillon and RESOLVED that this be approved. The Clerk would send this information to local groups in order that applications could be considered at the February meeting.

13. To consider the draft budget for financial year 2015-16

The draft budget was considered. It was proposed by Cllr Wesley, seconded by Cllr Mason and RESOLVED that this be approved.

14. To receive the Financial Report

(a) Bank reconciliation - This was noted.

(b) Precept - forms had been received from the District Council and would be completed and returned by the end of January.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses;
Mr Z Cook, installation of lights, £200

RESOLVED to approve the payments

16. Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd February 2015

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed Chair