

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 2nd March 2015
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:
Cllr N Mason M.B.E. (Chair)
Cllr Cliffe
Cllr Dhillon
Cllr J Lacey
Cllr Startin
Cllr Van Arkadie

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council, 2 members of the public.

- 1. To receive Apologies**
Cllr Wesley had apologised as he was on holiday. This 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 February.**
The word money was added to item 9; subject to this 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**
An enquiry was made about the pub. The Action Group had been told that it was not for sale, so no meeting had been held. Since the last meeting various events had been planned and run by members of the community at the pub. These included quiz nights on Thursdays, a fish and chip night and an open mic night.
An update on the Village Hall was given. The committee was working hard to keep it open, and had a reasonable balance in the bank. There had been a good attendance of volunteers at the Spring clean. There were regular activities throughout each week. Numbers of people attending the planned social events were disappointingly low however. New committee members were always welcome, as some of the existing members were stepping down. Quotes had been received for improvements to the car park and bids would be made for grants from various bodies.

5. To receive the Clerk's Report

Parking - PC Allsopp had agreed to look at parking issues but had not yet reported back.

National Association of Local Councils update - revised information had been sent on regulations governing meetings.

CiLCA portfolio - The Clerk had now completed the work required for the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Clerk's Conference - The Clerk would attend the SLCC Conference on 5th March to keep up to date with recent changes in legislation and regulations.

Candidates and agents briefing - this information session for the May 7th Parish Council election would take place at Lichfield District Council on 3rd March.

The Clerk would attend and report back on the procedure for submitting nomination forms.

6. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Community Council - Staffordshire Diary of Village Festivals and Events - request for details of forthcoming events to attract visitors.

Community Paths Initiative Bids 2015 - bids could be made for rights of way needing improvement. Cllr Van Arkadie suggested requesting improvements to the paths leading to the new footbridge.

Police & Crime Commissioner's Fund - community based organisations can apply for grants to improve safety and reduce crime.

Street Life community website information.

Black Horse Action Group - confirming no meeting held.

Lichfield District Council - revised electoral roll.

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr

Lacey raised the issue of a lack of a bus service to Alrewas and asked whether the Parish Council could consider providing a minibus for community use, with volunteer drivers, sharing the costs with other community groups in the locality. It was agreed to consider this more fully at the next meeting. Cllr Cliffe had spoken to Highways about the potholes; Edingale was nearing the top of the list for repairing these.

Cllr Mason referred to the pump near to the junction of the Harlaston and Lullington Roads; Councillors said that repairs to the brickwork had been considered recently and the Council had decided then not to proceed as this did not belong to the village and was far too expensive; this would not be done.

8. To consider any planning matters

(i) Riverswood, retention of single storey extension to existing garage - an appeal against refusal had been made to the Planning Inspectorate.

(ii) Lichfield Local Plan - this had been approved by the District Council.

9. To consider application for a Parish Council grant

The Village Hall Committee had applied for a grant for maintenance and insurance costs. This had been provided for in the budget, and it was agreed that it was important to support the Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Van Arkadie, seconded by Cllr Startin and RESOLVED to donate £850 to the Village Hall.

10. To receive the Financial Report

The bank reconciliation and details of un-presented cheques were noted. Details of payments under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 were given. End of year spending against budget would be considered at the next meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses;
Mr L. Watkins, trimming ivy, £45;
Moss Office, stationery, £43.19
Edingale Village Hall, donation for running costs, £850

RESOLVED to approve the payments

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th April 2015

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed Chair