

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 7th April 2015
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:
Cllr C Wesley (Chair)
Cllr N Mason M.B.E.
Cllr M Cliffe
Cllr S Dhillon
Cllr J Startin

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

1. **To receive Apologies**

Cllr Van Arkadie and Cllr J Lacey had apologised as they were on holiday. 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 2nd March.** 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**

Edingale had been entered for Best Kept Village 2015 by Mr Pilgrim; a map and information would be placed in the notice board.

The Village Hall Committee Chair said that the AGM would take place on Saturday 11th April at 10 a.m. New Committee members were very much needed as some existing members were leaving. The meeting would be followed by another volunteer clean up session. The Chair said that the Parish Council would support the Village Hall Committee in any way possible.

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

Election - All nomination forms for those wishing to serve as Parish Councillors had to be taken to the District Council by April 9th. The list of those nominated would be published from 10th April.

Neighbourhood Highways Team visits - They would be asked to clean the road signs around the village and clear dead wood from the bank along Croxall Road.

Best Kept Village - Various matters that needed attention before the judging would be reported.

Footpaths - The Rights of Way team had said that landowners' permission would be required before improvements could be made to the path leading to and from the new footbridge. Comments had been received from the Walking Group on stiles that needed replacement and these would be passed on to the team.
Transparency code - New regulations had been introduced for the publication of financial information. This would be considered on the next agenda.

6. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins and Gazette

Community Council - SOS village mentoring scheme, plus membership information

Eon regarding fixed term contract, this would not be cost effective

Resident letter to Highways regarding verges in Raddle Lane

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr

Mason asked for the sum of £70 for the purchase of plants for the tubs around the village. This would be approved at the next meeting.

Cllr

Cliffe had contacted Highways again about the potholes but no date could be given for the repairs.

Cllr Cliffe had spoken to the Doctor at Alrewas who would cooperate with the Council's plans for community transport to the surgery.

Cllr Cliffe reported that only 10 children had attended the Easter Egg Hunt; other local events were taking place that day but it was disappointing that it had not been well supported as the committee had worked hard to organise it.

Cllr Wesley reported that tree branches were overhanging the playing field; as this area was the County Council's responsibility it would be reported to them. He had also had a report that the drains outside the school were blocked by silt after heavy rain; the gully emptying team would be asked to deal with this.

8. To consider any planning matters

Applications: 15/00333/FUL 1 Field Farm Drive - single storey rear extension to form family room - RESOLVED no objection.

15/00009/ADV - two free standing signs, Access to Croxall Lakes - granted

14/00724/FUL - extensions, 16 Blakeways Close - granted.

Lichfield District Council consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy, Draft Charging Schedule; Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

9. To consider proposal regarding community transport

Options on how to provide transport to Alrewas to use facilities such as the surgery and shops were discussed. Requests to the County Council and bus operators to extend the bus service to Alrewas or the Aboretum had not been successful. Provision of a minibus was discussed but this would be expensive and complicated to administer. RESOLVED that discussions would be held with local taxi firms on running a regular service; an update on this would be discussed at the next meeting.

10. To consider progress on improvements at the Village Hall

RESOLVED that the Clerk would assist the Committee by investigating grant funding sources and filling in applications forms. Lottery and Landfill opportunities were available for work on the car park and forms had been prepared; these would be signed by the Committee and the Clerk would submit them when completed.

11. To receive the Financial Report

- (a) The bank reconciliation showed a balance of approximately £2,700 until the receipt of the precept.
- (b) The end of year spending against budget figures were considered.
- (c) An update on the capital fund was given.
- (d) Dates for the forthcoming annual audit were given.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses;
Mr L. Watkins, Village Mowing, £200, Village Hall mowing £80;
Eon, electricity charge, seasonal illuminations £7.69;
Community Council, annual membership £25;
Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association annual subs £194;
Mr K Pilgrim, reimburse Best Kept Village fee.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

13. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 13th May 2015
Annual Parish Meeting 7.30p.m.
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 8.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.