

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
at 7.30 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley (Chair)

Cllr Cliffe

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr S Dhillon

Cllr Lacey

Cllr Van Arkadie

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council, 14 members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies**  
Cllr J Startin had apologised as he was away.  
RESOLVED to accept the apology.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**  
None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June.**  
The Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session, and to reconvene the meeting**

Cllr Wesley welcomed the residents who had attended. Most of them had come to discuss the proposal for the siting of wind turbines off land at Raddle Lane. This had been advertised locally by Hallmark Power to find out local opinion before deciding whether to submit a planning application. Information had circulated around the village pointing out the possible consequences of wind turbines being built locally, but it was not known who had produced these.

Various objections were raised by those present, such as the effect on wildlife, construction traffic, effect on property values, low level noise, effect on health, setting a precedent in the area, spoiling the landscape and the height of the proposed turbines (as tall as the spire of Clifton Church).

Other residents were neutral on the issue and had attended to find out more, such as how visible it would be at this distance, whether noise would be heard and whether it was an appropriate site with enough wind. Answers to such queries would only be available if an application

was made and expert reports were commissioned on the likely effects of the turbines.

The Chair commented that the Parish Council would send a letter in response to the consultation, reflecting the concerns of those present, who were largely opposed to the siting of turbines. He said that it was important that all those who wished to comment did so individually, as that would carry more weight. If an application was made in due course, residents could at that stage decide to set up a protest group. If an application was made before the next Parish Council meeting in September an additional meeting could be arranged, but this was unlikely.

An update was given on the Black Horse pub. This was still open on Thursday to Sunday evenings, with limited hours. Food was now being served at a reasonable price of £6.50 for traditional pub food, and had received favourable comments. It was important to keep supporting the pub.

Complaints were received about cars being parked at the bottom of the hill on the left outside the Airey houses. This was close to the bend and an accident had almost occurred recently. The Clerk was asked to write to householders about this. Parking at the junction with Pessall Lane was still a problem, lorries were unable to pass and other vehicles could not see oncoming traffic. Highways would be asked whether they could prevent people parking there and whether fixed penalty notices could be issued, and the School would be asked to request staff not to park there. Road markings needed to be reinstated as soon as possible after the recent resurfacing.

Finally the Chair told those present that Cllr Norah Mason MBE would shortly reach the milestone of 55 years on the Parish Council. She had joined in August 1960 and served on the Parish Council ever since. She was thanked for her hard work and for everything she had done for Edingale over the years. Cllr Mason was presented with an engraved crystal vase to mark this achievement and was given flowers. She replied that it was a great pleasure to have represented the village.

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

Stiles - a damaged stile on Public Right of Way 1 had been reported and work at the site would be done shortly.

Village Hall - an update had been provided by the Committee Chair. She reported that the holes in the car park had been filled by Cllr Startin. New picnic benches had been donated by Storm King Plastics. There was a problem with damp, which needed investigation and could require a lot of work to put right. The jumble sale had raised over £500. A car boot sale was planned for 12<sup>th</sup> July. Plans were being made for the Summer Show on 5<sup>th</sup> September; residents and Councillors were asked to support this event.

Website -Transparency Code information had been added.

Sewage odour - Severn Trent had dealt with the issue at Pessall Lane.

**6. To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins

Parish Forum agenda

Cllr Bacon, Chair of Lichfield District Council request to attend a future Parish Council meeting

Letter regarding mobile libraries from Cllr Ben Adams

National Village Hall Forum letter

**7. To receive Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Dhillon asked that the grass at the green behind Rowley Close be cut as close to the hedge as possible. He asked who should cut the hedge along the footpath; it was thought that it was the residents, and Cllr Van Arkadie would check his deeds on this to clarify the matter.

Cllr Dhillon also mentioned a problem with moles but it was agreed that the Parish Council did not have a responsibility to deal with this.

Cllr Van Arkadie said that he had contacted Highways regarding a road sign at the junction with the A513 which was difficult to read. He also reported on an overgrown right of way, which would be reported.

Cllrs agreed that since the recent road surfacing work the lines should be repainted as soon as possible and the signage removed; the Clerk would ask Highways for this to be done. *Action:Clerk*

**8. To consider any planning matters**

**Wind Turbine proposal, Land to the East of Raddle Lane**

Cllrs felt it was important that as many residents as possible should comment on the proposal in order to have their views heard rather than rely on the Parish Council, who had limited powers, and more notice would be taken of individual responses. It was agreed to support residents' views. RESOLVED to write to Hallmark Power stating that many residents were opposed to the proposal and had attended the Parish Council meeting and written to the Council to share these views. On this basis, if an application was made, the Parish Council would be highly likely to object.

*Action:Clerk*

**9. To consider a defibrillator for Edingale.**

Cllrs felt that it would benefit residents to install a defibrillator in the village, but required more information on the practicalities of operating such a device and on training. RESOLVED to invite a representative of the Ambulance Service to talk to the Council.

10. **To receive the Financial Report**

The bank reconciliation was noted. It was agreed to include details of the Clerk's salary and expenses with meeting paperwork. Cllrs Dhillon, Van Arkadie and Lacey agreed to have agenda paperwork provided by email to save postage costs.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

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

Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses, July £245.46, August £231.71;  
Mr L Watkins, Village Mowing, £400, Village Hall mowing £240;  
Tutbury Crystal, Chairman's allowance, gift, £63.80; Moss Office  
Supplies, stationery, £32.35.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

12. **Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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