

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Members present:

Cllr S Dhillon (Acting Chair)

Cllr Cliffe

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr Lacey

Cllr J Startin

Cllr Van Arkadie (from 8pm)

In Attendance: Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council, 2 members of the public, Mr Keith Dawson of West Midlands Ambulance Service.

1. **To receive apologies**
Cllr C Wesley had apologised.
RESOLVED to accept the apology.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 6th July.**
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**
Edingale had come first in the area for its category in the Best Kept Village Competition and Cllr Dhillon thanked Mr Pilgrim for his hard work. Mr Pilgrim thanked Cllr Mason and the other volunteers who had helped.
Keith Dawson of West Midlands Ambulance Service was welcomed to the meeting. He explained how defibrillators could help to save lives and explained how he could support the Parish Council in obtaining one or more for the village. A defibrillator could be obtained through WMAS or the British Heart Foundation, and would be installed in a metal cabinet in a publicly accessible place. If anyone had a suspected cardiac arrest people nearby would then phone 999 and be given instructions on how to access and use the defibrillator. Keith demonstrated this and answered a range of questions, and said that the Parish Council would be given every assistance to obtain and install a defibrillator for the village. Cllr Dhillon thanked Keith for an extremely useful and informative visit.

Mrs Prescott reported back on a very successful Summer Show. It had been the first time this event had been held for 25 years. The exhibition and auction had been well supported and visitors had enjoyed the attractions provided. It had been very well supported by people from the village and beyond, there were many smiles to be seen as everyone had enjoyed it. Although the final accounts had not yet been done over £1000 had been raised for the Village Hall.

5. To receive the Clerk's Report

Parking and Speeding in Croxall Road - PCSO Costas Karpi had advised that he would contact the school to ask that staff and parents park more considerately near the Pessall Lane junction. Highways had indicated they would look at speeding in Edingale in due course. They would be asked about parking on the footpath near the bend on Croxall Road. The railings had still not been repaired by the bus stop at the school and Highways would be contacted again about this.

Estate Agents signs - For sale signs had been fastened to road signs again; this was reported to the District Council who asked the agents to remove them as it weakens the signs. Another sign had been put up recently and this would be reported.

Pine needles - The Chair had been told that a resident was concerned that District Council road sweepers would not clear these, however the Parish Council was unable to assist as this was on private land.

Hedge trimmings A resident had complained that these had been left obstructing paths. The Clerk had asked if they could be cleared and this was done by the time of the next bin collection. It was regrettable that the kind residents who had clipped the hedge by the right of way would not now be prepared to do so in future.

Hornets A nest had been reported at the Village Hall; the local pest controller had kindly treated this to prevent children or others being stung.

Grant application An application to the Police and Crime Commissioner's fund had been made for flood lighting at the Village Hall to aid crime prevention and increase public safety.

Clerk's appraisal - This would be done in October.

6. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Staffordshire County Council, Bus timetable changes - withdrawal of last service from Tamworth

Staffordshire Police, local policing team - police visits to meetings

Tamworth and District Civic Society - relaunch 22nd September

7. **To receive Councillor's Reports**
Councillor Mason gave a full report on the Summer Show and congratulated everyone involved.
Councillor Lacey reported that the bridleway near Mill House was blocked by a fallen tree. This would be reported to the Rights of Way team. *Action:Clerk*
8. **To consider any planning matters**
(a) An application had been received for an orangery at Croxall Mill Farm (ref 15/00853/FUL) No objection.
(b) Wind Turbine proposal - nothing further heard about this.
(c) An application had been made for an extension to form a granny annexe at Broadfields House. RESOLVED No objection.
9. **To consider a defibrillator for Edingale.**
RESOLVED to apply to the British Heart Foundation for a defibrillator to be located at the Village Hall as discussed earlier. The Capital Fund could be used for this asset purchase.
10. **To consider request regarding hedge to rear of Rowley Close.**
Residents who maintained the hedge had asked whether the Parish Council could assist with this. Cllrs agreed that as it was a private hedge they would not be able to use public money for this, and RESOLVED not to contribute to its upkeep.
11. **To receive the Financial Report**
The bank reconciliation was noted.
The Annual Return had been returned with no issues of concern to the Auditors. The Chair would sign amendments made to the figures and Cllrs would be sent copies.
RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.
12. **To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.**
Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses, £227.50; Mr L Watkins, Village Mowing, £800, Village Hall mowing £375; Cllr Wesley, Chairman's allowance, gift, £63.80; Grant Thornton, Audit fees, £120.
RESOLVED to approve the payments
13. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 5th October 2015

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.