

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley (Chair)

Cllr S Dhillon

Cllr Cliffe

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr Lacey

Cllr J Startin

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

1. **To receive apologies**
Cllr Van Arkadie had apologised due to a bereavement.
RESOLVED to accept the apology.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
Cllrs Cliffe and Mason declared an interest in item 9.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 7th September.**
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**
No members of the public had attended to raise any issues.
5. **To receive the Clerk's Report**
Defibrillator - An application had been made on the British Heart Foundation website for a defibrillator, training pack and cabinet.
Festive illuminations - these would be switched on between 1st December and 6th January, KFL Electrical would be asked to do this as in previous years, usage information would be sent to Western Power.
Parking at Pessall Lane/ Croxall Road junction - A request for double yellow lines had been passed to Cllr White of Staffordshire County Council for inclusion in his Divisional Highways Programme, but this was oversubscribed so it was unlikely to be funded.

Village Hall grant funding - The Clerk had looked into various sources of funding for sports facilities, including a Multi-Use Games Area, and outdoor gym equipment. Residents had indicated in a recent survey that these would be used by all age groups. Applications would be made to relevant funding bodies shortly. An application for lottery funding for improvements to the car park had been submitted, and also one to the Police and Crime Commissioners' fund for flood lights. Road closure - the railway bridge on the A513 at Elford would be repaired overnight between 11pm and 5.30 am from 19th to 23rd October so the road would be closed during those times.

General Power of Competence - The Council could resolve to use this power as the Clerk had now passed the Certificate in Local Council Administration. This power gives eligible Councils the freedom to 'do anything that an individual may do'.

6. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins

Community Council AGM

Staffordshire Playing Fields

Chair of Lichfield District Council Charity Event

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Mason described the arrangements for the charity payments and the Christmas Lunch.

Cllr Cliffe said that two properties in the village had been empty for months, which was unsatisfactory at a time of housing shortages, and they risked deterioration. The housing association would be contacted.

Action:Clerk

Cllr Cliffe also asked about the damaged railings near the school, which had been reported to Highways but had not yet been replaced.

Cllr Lacey reported that a resident had been bitten by a horse while using the public footpath in a field beyond the river near Mill Lane, he asked that Harlaston Parish Council be contacted about this.

Action:Clerk

8. To consider any planning matters

No applications had been made.

9. To approve a donation for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch

This had been very popular last year. The sum of £500 had been identified in the budget for this financial year for this event. Proposed Cllr Dhillon, seconded Cllr Startin and RESOLVED that a donation of £500 be made. The organisers would be contacted by Cllr Mason.

10. **To consider tasks for the Neighbourhood Highways Team**
The team would visit at the end of October and would be asked to clean the speed limit signs and trim vegetation from around them, and to clean gully tops to improve drainage. *Action:Clerk*
11. **To appoint an Auditor for the financial year**
RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Toplis Associates.
12. **To receive the Financial Report**
The bank reconciliation was noted.
The figures for payments compared to the budget for the half year were in line with expectations.
Options on the maturity of the fixed rate investment with the Cooperative Bank were discussed, it was agreed to reinvest the sum and the interest for 12 months and the authority form was signed prior to being sent to the bank. *Action:Clerk*
RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.
13. **To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.**
Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses, £252.70;
Mr L Watkins, Village Mowing, £600, Village Hall mowing £160;
Eon, lighting maintenance £28.78;
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, financial training £20
RESOLVED to approve the payments
14. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 2nd November 2015

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.