

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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

In Attendance: Cllr Ashley Yeates, Lichfield District Councillor  
Mrs R Prescott, Chair of Edingale Village Hall  
Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council.

1. **To receive apologies**  
Cllr C Wesley had apologised as he was on holiday.  
RESOLVED to accept the apology.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**  
None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October.**  
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**  
Mrs Prescott asked whether the Parish Council had been approached regarding a donation towards the firework display which would otherwise run at a loss because of the cost of the fireworks. Tickets were priced at only £2 to encourage residents to attend. She was advised to put in a request in writing for consideration at the next meeting; the Councillors felt they would be likely to approve this. There were insufficient helpers to run a barbeque, which could raise more money, however hot food would be available at the kitchen and there would be a bar.  
The Halloween Party had been a success and raised around £700 in profit. Other events planned included the Children in Need event which was planned jointly with the school, the Church Bazaar, the Children's Christmas party, and the Senior Citizen's party.

Cllr Dhillon asked the Village Hall Committee to provide quarterly income and expenditure figures to the Parish Council so that they would be aware of the financial position and could assist if necessary. It was suggested that the Parish Council could raise the precept in order to support the Village Hall and that residents should be informed of its expenditure and urged to support it. Mrs Prescott said that currently only 6 people assisted in the running of the hall, although some others helped occasionally, and more were needed. Cllr Yeates suggested raising the rents, he offered to send information about Village Hall hire agreements and possible grants. Cllr Van Arkadie suggested contacting the Village Hall network for assistance. Mrs Prescott agreed that it was necessary to run the hall on more business like lines and to attract people from outside the village.

Cllr Yeates had attended as District Councillor for the Mease Valley and apologised for not attending since he was elected in May due to other meetings. He asked for anyone with local concerns to phone him for assistance, he would advise and get things done, and recognised the importance of village life. Cllr Cliffe asked if he could find out why houses had been left empty for so long in the village when people needed homes, other Councillors mentioned the lack of a bus service to Alrewas, and asked why the new houses in Pessall Lane had not been completed and sold, and he agreed to look into these matters.

Mrs Prescott asked about the moles in the land behind Rowley Close, the Clerk would make enquiries about this as it could be a safety issue for the public walking there.

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

Village Hall funding - the Clerk was finding it difficult to find the time to spend on filling the complicated forms for Sport England. Cllr Dhillon suggested setting up a group of people from the village to meet to look at grants and fund raising as this was a long term problem.

Defibrillator - a response to the application was still awaited.

Speed survey - Safer Roads Partnership had requested a survey and would respond with the results in due course. Improved signage was needed on the approach to the village from Croxall as the school was the first building in Edingale encountered by traffic and ideally the 20 is plenty initiative should be permanent.

Housing association - the query about empty houses had been reported to them, but no response had been received.

Highways - the Neighbourhood Highways Team would repair railings by the bus shelter, and clean and remove vegetation from signs.

Horses near the right of way in Mill Lane - the ownership had been established and the electric fence had been replaced, there had been no further problems.

6. **To receive correspondence**  
SPCA bulletins, report and accounts, AGM information  
National Forest, Woodland Creation grants  
Staffordshire County Council, consultation on Country Parks,  
information on farmers' health.
7. **To receive Councillor's Reports**  
Cllr Van Arkadie asked that the laying of a wreath at the war memorial  
in the church be made a yearly tradition of the Parish Council. He  
offered to lay the wreath at the Remembrance Service on behalf of the  
Council and it was RESOLVED to approve this.
8. **To consider any planning matters**  
There had been no applications.  
Lichfield District Council's Planning Department had advised that all  
consultations in future would be by email. Details of advice on  
Neighbourhood Plans had been sent.
9. **To consider the Auditor's recommendations**  
The Auditor had reported on the financial year 2014/2015. The  
recommendations in the report had already been acted upon.  
Information required in the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities  
had been published on the website, and registration of part of the land  
assets would be clarified with the Land Registry. *Action:Clerk*
10. **To consider any items for the next budget**  
Cllr Lacey suggested that assistance be given to the Village Hall.  
The extent of the Parish Council's powers to contribute to its running  
costs would be discussed with the auditor. *Action:Clerk*  
RESOLVED to include this in the budget if appropriate, and to discuss  
further at the next meeting.
11. **To consider the Clerk's appraisal**  
An appraisal had been held after the last meeting.  
RESOLVED to approve an increase to the next point on the pay scale  
following the Clerk's CiLCA qualification.
12. **To receive the Financial Report**
  - (a) The bank reconciliation was noted.
  - (b) A reclaim of VAT would be sent to HMRC.
  - (c) The bond with Buckinghamshire Building Society had matured and  
would be re-invested for 12 months in another bond. *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, £238.87;

Mr L Watkins, Village Mowing, £200, Village Hall mowing £80;

Lichfield Web Design, £291.60;

Toplis Associates, audit fee, £110.70;

Carol Tatlow, donation towards Senior Citizen's Christmas Party, £500.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

14. **Date of next meeting:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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