

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 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

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. Cllr Van Arkadie had apologised due to work commitments. RESOLVED to accept the apologies.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**  
None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**  
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 reported that the recent Children in Need event organised jointly with the school had been successful and raised around £300 for this good cause. The Fireworks event had been well supported and had gone well. An appeal had been made for anyone willing to be trained to let off the fireworks next year. Forthcoming events were the children's Christmas party on the 20<sup>th</sup> December and the community clean up day on 30<sup>th</sup> January, with further events being planned. Contracts were being drawn up for hirers and the hire rate would increase from February, hirers would also pay for storage of equipment. The bank balance was healthy, although sums had been paid for the broken windows and it had been necessary to change the locks and install a more secure key safe. The AGM would take place in April and new committee members would be needed as key members were stepping down then.

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

Moles - the mole catcher from Clifton had been asked to look at the mole hills but had not felt they represented a hazard. No further action would be taken at present, but this would be monitored.

Parish Council land - details would be clarified with the Land Registry.

Grant funding - The Clerk had continued to assist the Village Hall Committee by looking into sources of funding, including an application to Staffordshire County Councillor Alan White's Local Member's Fund towards refurbishments. The application to the Lottery Reaching Communities Fund for a grant towards the car park had been unsuccessful, but it could be worthwhile to apply to the Lottery again for a lesser sum for another purpose such as sports facilities.

6. **To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins, Chairmanship course December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Information Commissioner registration renewal information  
Lichfield District Council Parish Forum, Tuesday 19th January

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

Cllr Mason referred to the Village Hall car park and said that the Parish Council should help fund work on it. She also praised the organisers of the Seniors Christmas Party and asked for an official letter to be sent from the Parish Council thanking them for putting on such an excellent and enjoyable event. *Action: Clerk*

Cllr Cliffe referred to previous comments about empty rental housing and said that one house had been occupied and another was being sold. She asked for potholes in Pessall Lane to be reported to Highways. She said that residents should not park on the grass opposite the school. Cllr Dhillon agreed that the potholes in Pessall Lane should be dealt with as a lorry had suffered a burst tyre in a pothole; the lane was not designed for the heavy traffic currently using it, and Highways should be asked what could be done about this. *Action: Clerk*

8. **To consider any planning matters**

(a) Application for consideration; 15/01288/FUL Oak View Farm, Pessall Lane, formation of a menage with timber fence plus associated works. RESOLVED no objection.

(b) Previous applications granted;

15/00820/FUL Granny annexe at Broadfields House, Croxall Road

15/00853/FUL Orangery, Croxall Mill Farm, Croxall Road

15/00328/FUL Demolition of existing cottage and erection of 3 bedroom dwelling, White Knights Cottage, Croxall

9. **To consider a request for a donation towards fireworks**

An application had been made by the Village Hall Committee for the Parish Council to contribute to the purchase of fireworks. Proposed Cllr Lacey, seconded Cllr Startin and RESOLVED to contribute £250 towards this year's event.

10. **To consider financial assistance for the Village Hall**

After a discussion on whether to use public money to support this village asset it was agreed to carry on as previously, with the Village Hall Committee paying for running costs out of income, but applying for donations for specific projects when required. The interest from the capital fund could be used to fund assets. More consideration would be given shortly to match funding work on the car park and to supporting local fund raising and making grant applications for this. RESOLVED to pay room hire for Parish Council meetings and to pay for the annual play area inspection.

11. **To consider the draft budget for 2016 -17**

Discussion took place on whether to increase the precept but as there was expected to be a slight surplus at the end of the year and reserves were in place, it was RESOLVED to request the same precept next year.

12. **To receive the Financial Report**

(a) The bank reconciliation was noted and payments were compared to the current budget, being in line with expectations.

(b) A new one year bond had been opened with the Buckinghamshire Building Society, £536.50 interest had been added to the investment.

(c) £263.63 had been received for a reclaim of VAT paid  
RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

**(c) To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.**

Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses, £231.86;

Mr L Watkins, playing field mowing £160;

Information Commissioner, annual registration fee £35;

Edingale Village Hall, donation £250.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

**(d) Date of next meeting:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.