

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 1st February 2016
at 7.30 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley (Chair)

Cllr Cliffe

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr Lacey

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council, 3 members of the public
Cllr Wesley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To receive apologies**
Cllr Dhillon and Cllr Van Arkadie apologised due to work, Cllr Startin due to another commitment. Resolved to accept the apologies.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
None.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 4th January.**
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, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, reported on the recent break-in and the damage caused. Quotes were being obtained for repairs.
There had been a good turnout for the Clean-up day, including some new volunteers, who were very welcome. A lot of tasks had been completed by the helpers.
Future events included the Church Quiz Night, Barn Dance, and Easter Egg Hunt. Finances had improved slightly but fundraising would need to continue for future needs such as security, roofing and flooring.

Mr Pilgrim said that he would submit the Best Kept Village entry forms. He had some Neighbourhood Watch signs to put up and the Smartwater signs had been broken; the Clerk would request more from Lichfield Police and ask Highways if they could supply posts.
The Open Gardens event was being planned for the weekend of 18/19 June.

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

Parking on verge - Cllr Wesley had spoken to the person concerned.

Pessall Lane potholes - Highways had raised a works order, it was not known when the work would be done.

Adoption of Pessall Lane query - The County Council had asked to see residents' deeds for further information.

Village Hall Grant - A grant had been awarded from County Cllr Alan White's Local Member's Fund for £1000 towards curtains and shutters.

Village Hall break in - This had been reported to the police and the Clerk had chased up the Police and Crime Commissioner's office regarding the grant application for floodlighting.

Hatchett Lane - Highways had asked if there was any information about flooding in a ditch in Hatchett Lane opposite the church.

6. **To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins and Queen's 90th Birthday information

Staffordshire County Council Iron Man event information

Edingale Village Hall break in report

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

Cllr Mason advised that fire exit signs should be displayed at the Village Hall. She said that she would shortly be buying plants for the tubs in the village, the sum would be approved at a future meeting. She also asked whether a tree could be planted to celebrate the Queen's birthday, and Cllr Wesley asked her to suggest a suitable site at the next meeting.

Cllr Cliffe said that Bromford Housing were selling off their bungalows in the village although older people with local connections wished to rent them. Cllr Lacey asked whether Waterloo Housing would be able to buy these with the funds they had available for affordable housing, and the Clerk would pass on this query. Cllr Lacey said that moss near the church needed treating; the Clerk would liaise with Greenlands about doing this work.

8. **To consider any planning matters**

No applications received.

Lichfield District Council had consulted on various matters including community involvement and developer contributions.

Planning enforcement had been consulted over a query about houses in Pessall Lane.

9. **To consider HM The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations**
Suggestions regarding holding an informal village picnic at the Village Hall to mark the Queen's birthday were discussed. Ideally all groups in the village should take part in this, and it was hoped that someone would come forward to lead the planning of such an event. RESOLVED to discuss this further at the next meeting.
10. **To receive an update on the application for a defibrillator.**
It seemed unlikely that the application for a grant to the British Heart Foundation had been successful, and it was proposed by Cllr Lacey, seconded by Cllr Mason and RESOLVED that two defibrillators should be purchased using the interest on the capital fund, for installation at both ends of the village, one at the Village Hall and one at the Black Horse. The Clerk would write to the landlord of the Black Horse to ask for his consent.
11. **To consider Village Hall grant requests.**
An application had been received for a grant of £850 towards running costs. It was proposed by Cllr Cliffe, seconded by Cllr Mason and RESOLVED to grant this sum to Edingale Village Hall, payable at the next meeting. A further application for £1,000 was deferred to the next meeting subject to the receipt of quotes and a specification for work required. An application for £350 towards a table tennis table had been made due to the need for improved recreational facilities; it was proposed by Cllr Lacey, seconded by Cllr Mason and RESOLVED to approve this grant; the Clerk advised that as an asset purchase by the Parish Council the capital fund could be used and VAT reclaimed.
12. **To receive the Financial Report**
(a) The bank reconciliation was noted.
(b) The precept had been requested from the District Council.
RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.
13. **To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.**
Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses, £191.12;
KFL Electrical, Christmas lights installation, £245.
RESOLVED to approve the payments
14. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 7th March 2016

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.