

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 4th April 2016
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

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, County Cllr Alan White, 2 members of the public.
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To receive apologies**
None received
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
None received
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 7th March.**
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, reported on the problem of dog fouling on land behind the Village Hall. The Chair said that the Parish Council had previously asked dog owners to be more responsible and clear up after their pets. This problem would be discussed later on the agenda.

The Village Hall had arranged two recent successful events; the Barn Dance which had been very well attended and had received compliments, and Easter Egg Hunt with Afternoon Tea which had many more attending than last year. The AGM would be held on 9th April, followed by a Tidy Up Day. A Youth Club had been proposed, but needed more volunteers to be able to proceed. The Committee had no objection to the defibrillator being installed at the Village Hall. Floodlights were to be fitted shortly.

Mr Pilgrim reported on a proposal to site a notice board in Church Walk to improve publicity for the Church, Village Events and Best Kept Village.

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

Drains in School Lane - Severn Trent had been contacted regarding mud in the drains but had not accepted responsibility. Mr Pilgrim said that he would raise the matter of the flooding outside the school with the governors and ask the school to report it.

Defibrillator - as a locked cabinet was required the unlockable one would be replaced. The British Heart Foundation device had not yet been received. The Clerk was awaiting a reply on dates for training.

6. **To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins

Queen's Birthday update

National Forest Changing Landscape Scheme

Came & Co insurance newsletter

Village Hall accounts

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

Cllr White reported back on matters concerning Staffordshire County Council, especially concerning his role as cabinet member for Health and Social Care. Council Tax was increasing in addition to the rise of 2% for social care, but there would still be noticeable cuts, particularly to the service from Highways including pothole repairs. The Local Community Fund would be reduced, but applications from local community groups were still encouraged. He also explained the impact of the proposals for turning all schools to academies, which if it went ahead could reduce local involvement. Local groups such as Parish Councils would have to step forward to provide services affected by the County Council cuts. Cllr White also reported on matters relating to Lichfield District Council, particularly regarding planning.

He explained that there were many changes affecting elderly care and therefore the housing associations, and Cllr Cliffe asked him to investigate why Bromford Housing were selling off housing in the village.

Cllr Mason asked about a tree to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday; it was agreed that planting in the autumn would be more appropriate, so this would be discussed at a future meeting.

Cllr Dhillon said that a good job had been done on the pothole repairs in Pessall Lane and Highways should be thanked. He asked that a blocked drain be reported to the County Council as landowners. He also requested that the County Council be asked about the process of adopting Pessall Lane; it had never been adopted, but now served many businesses and was no longer a farm track.

Cllr Wesley showed photos of the drainage problem in School Lane.

8. **To consider any planning matters**
(a) 16/00131/CLE - (Certificate of Lawfulness) The Paddocks, Lullington Road, Edingale; two stables, horse walker, an extension to the existing manege and a rest room - there had been no objections from residents, although there was a concern that the facilities had been put up prior to getting permission. RESOLVED no objection
(b) 16/00211/FUL - Oak View Farm, Pessall Lane, Edingale; conversion of a milking shed to ancillary accommodation comprising gym, study, bedroom with ensuite - it was agreed that this was an acceptable use for an existing building. RESOLVED no objection
(c) Application for wind turbines at Raddle Farm - The Parish Council's objection had been submitted, it was not yet known if it would be called in to South Derbyshire's Planning Committee
(d) Planning Appeal by Prowind at Haunton Manor Farm - Appeal dismissed by the Secretary of State
9. **To consider brown signs for Village Hall and Church**
RESOLVED that due to the cost and difficulty of the process, this suggestion would not be taken any further. Cllr Cliffe would report back to the Village Hall Committee.
10. **To consider tree trimming at the Roman Island**
A tree surgeon had provided information and a quote. RESOLVED that further quotes would be requested and the work would be scheduled for October. *Action:Clerk*
11. **To consider correspondence from Natural England**
Information had been received regarding trees lying in the river, explaining the effects on the ecology of the Mease SSSI. RESOLVED that this matter would not be taken any further.
12. **To consider parking at Pessall Lane junction**
Concerns about parked vehicles affecting the ability of lorries to turn into the lane had been raised. Mr Pilgrim offered to ask school staff not to park near the junction.
13. **To consider use of a CCTV system**
It was agreed that such a system could help to address some issues affecting residents; RESOLVED that a local firm would be asked to come to explain to Councillors how it could be used in the village. *Action:Clerk*
14. **To consider dog fouling**
RESOLVED to contact Environmental Health to ask whether No Fouling signs could be painted on the pavements. *Action:Clerk*

15. To consider office equipment

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would purchase a laptop and related equipment for the Council's use to a maximum of £500.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would apply to the Transparency Fund for funding for a scanner/printer. *Action:Clerk*

16. To receive the Financial Report

(a) The bank reconciliation was noted.

(b) On- line banking forms were signed by Cllrs Dhillon and Startin.

(c) A letter was signed to request the transfer of funds for assets from the Cambridge Society to the current account with Cooperative Bank.

(d) Pension arrangements would be discussed at the next meeting.

(e) The Internal Auditor would meet the RFO shortly, and the Annual Return would be prepared for signature at the next meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

17. To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.

Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses, £221.10;

HMRC PAYE £35.80

Mr L Watkins, village mowing; £400;

PP Tamworth Ltd, printing; £20;

Eon, Electricity, £7.77;

Wel Medical, defibrillator, £708; Cabinet £1010.10;

Edingale Village Hall, donation for Picnic in the Park £500;

Holy Trinity Church, donation for churchyard maintenance £850.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

18. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 3rd May 2016

7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting

8.00 pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.