

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 25th July 2016
at 7.30 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr Wesley (Chair)

Cllr M Cliffe

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr J Lacey

Cllr J Startin

Cllr I Van Arkadie

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, 4 members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies**
Cllr S Dhillon had apologised as he was on holiday.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 6th June 2016**
The Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed by the Chair.
4. **To adjourn the meeting, hold the public session, and reconvene the meeting**
A representative of the Village Hall committee reported that they currently had around £6,000 in the bank, due largely to the Open Gardens donation. This could be spent on new cupboards for the kitchen, or for allotments or tennis courts on the land at the side of the hall. A questionnaire would be sent out to ask residents for their views about the use of the land, and clearance work had begun. The application for tarmacking the car park had been delayed until drainage and tree roots issues had been investigated, they would ask the Council for a donation when there was more information. The play park repairs had been done, a joiner was needed to repair the seesaw and the zip wire also needed repair. A full electrical inspection was being quoted for.
Planning of the Summer Show on 17th September was going well; it would be a bigger event than last year, with morris dancers, classic cars and tractors, live music, 10 or 15 stalls, and a dog show. Show entries were coming in. More volunteers were helping, and others were welcome. The Chair of the District Council would open it, and a representative of the Parish Council would also speak.

A query was raised about the drains in School Lane; the Chair said that Highways had previously been contacted and had said that as it was an unadopted road the drains were the responsibility of residents. The Parish Council's contractor had previously cleared a drain, and would be asked to do so again as a short term answer. Severn Trent had said they were not responsible. The school would be made aware of the problem and asked to take it further. Highways would be asked for a detailed explanation of the situation, and told that it was a long standing problem, and a health and safety issue for school pupils and residents, due to the flooding that occurred after heavy rain. They would also be asked whether the road could be adopted. Gully tops throughout the village required cleaning, and an enquiry would be made about this.

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

The poor state of the pavements had been reported to Highways. The Raddle Lane sign had been reported to Lichfield, and they had agreed to order a new one.

The tree growing over the property at Rowley Close would be removed, the property owner had been given contact details of the tree surgeon.

'No invited trader' zones; individual streets could apply, residents interested in the scheme should contact PCSO Costas for details.

6. **To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins

Invitation to Councillors to attend Lichfield District Council's Parish Forum, 14th July

Invitation to Chair to attend Armistice Day ceremony in Tamworth

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

Cllr Mason reported that drainage gullies around the village were blocked. She also suggested that residents be given information about what the Parish Council was responsible for; it was agreed that this could be added to the next newsletter.

Cllr Cliffe said that traffic continued to speed into the village at the Pessall Lane junction; it was suggested that a letter be sent to the police asking for the Safer Roads Partnership to monitor it. She also mentioned parking at the junction; occupiers of nearby properties would be contacted.

8. **To consider any planning matters**

The Parish Council had been consulted on an extension at 3 Field Farm Drive; the planning department had been contacted to confirm that there was no objection to this.

9. **To consider request for donation towards Village Hall car park**
This item was deferred as the Village Hall Committee were investigating the need for drainage work.
10. **To consider installation of second defibrillator**
The second defibrillator had been donated with an unlocked cabinet and the British Heart Foundation had advised that it should be accessible as quickly as possible. However Cllrs felt that the device could be tampered with or removed. It was proposed by Cllr Lacey and seconded by Cllr Van Arkadie to purchase a replacement door for £150. The siting of the defibrillator at the Black Horse would be discussed in due course.
11. **To consider query regarding Blakeways Close**
A resident had queried the siting of posts near the edge of a property. Cllrs said that these were not on the highway and did not risk an obstruction to the emergency services.
12. **To receive the Financial Report**
There was currently £10,000 in the current account and £109,000 in the capital fund, as a sum had been transferred for asset replacement. Payments against budget were in line with expectations for the first quarter of the year. RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.
13. **To approve the payments on the payment schedule.**
Mrs M Jones, salary, expenses, June and July, £424.26;
Lichfield District Council, annual bin emptying charge, £780;
Mr L Watkins, village mowing, playing field mowing, £680;
Edingale Village Hall, annual room hire, £132;
A. Mason, bedding plants, £60.61

RESOLVED to approve the payments
14. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 5th September 2016

The meeting closed at 20.20 p.m.