

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 5th September 2016
at 7.30 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr Wesley (Chair)

Cllr M Cliffe

Cllr N Mason M.B.E.

Cllr S Dhillon

Cllr J Lacey

Cllr J Startin

Cllr I Van Arkadie

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, 3 members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies**
None.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Lacey declared an interest in planning item 8(b).
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 25th July 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**
Cllr Wesley welcomed the members of the public to the meeting. An enquiry was received about School Lane drainage; Staffordshire County Council had written to say that School Lane could not be adopted as it did not meet the criteria for the width of the road and the number of houses, also it lacked street lighting. They had no responsibility to maintain the drains and suggested that the Land Registry should be contacted to identify the owners of the road who would be responsible for paying for drain clearing. A copy of a letter by a resident explaining his concerns to Highways was produced. The drains had been successfully cleared by the Parish Council's contractor but this would not be funded from next year. It was clear that this should be the responsibility of those who owned the road, and residents had been given the information on how to find this out.

Two members of the Village Hall Committee had attended to explain about remedial work which was required before resurfacing the car park. A drainage survey had been done which had revealed that the manholes were in poor condition and had needed urgent repairs to

make them safe in time for the Summer Fair. This survey had revealed the poor state of the drainage and interim work had been done which had also addressed the unpleasant smells. Cllrs were given a tour of the car park to explain measures required to deal with the surface water. This would require substantial expenditure and the Parish Council was asked to consider assisting with this. The meeting then reconvened.

5. To receive the Clerk's Report

Overgrowing bushes in Rowley Close - these needed trimming again, and the Council's contractor would be asked to do this work.
Neighbourhood Highways Team - they had been asked to clear gullies and tidy signs during their visit in mid September.
Summer Show - all Councillors were encouraged to support this by entering and attending if possible. Cllr Mason would speak at the opening on behalf of the Parish Council.

6. To receive correspondence

SPCA bulletins
PCC funding of anti - crime initiatives
National Forest - woodland management advice
SCC Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Consultation
Resident - regarding a fence erected on the Rowley Close open space preventing access to the woodland copse - a reply would be sent explaining that this was private land, and the owners were able to prevent public access.

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Van Arkadie reported that moss was again growing on the tarmac path to the vicarage by the church and making the surface slippery. He would make enquiries to clarify ownership and who should deal with it. A resident had asked about a hedge to the rear of Rowley Close; the owner had previously agreed to maintain it after the Parish Council had it laid to a reasonable height, it had now been cut and Cllr Van Arkadie would report back to the enquirer.

Cllr Wesley reported that there were 2 dead badgers on the verge on the road to Harlaston, this was a health hazard, and would be reported to Environmental Health at Lichfield.

Cllr Cliffe asked for the grass to be cut in the Village Hall field in time for the Summer Show.

Cllr Mason said that there was a good display in the flower tubs. She advised that a request for funding for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Meal would shortly be made.

8. To consider any planning matters

(a) Applications granted:

3 Field Farm Drive, single storey extension to rear;

Oak View Farm, Pessall Lane, conversion of milking shed to ancillary accommodation;

Mytholme Cottage, Croxall Road, single storey outbuilding to form 4 car garage, workshop, snooker room, gymnasium and associated facilities - certificate of lawful use.

(b) Consultation on the Allocations Document for the Local Plan. The Parish Council had been asked whether it wished to suggest any housing sites to the District Council. A site had been previously suggested for affordable housing off Harlaston Road opposite the pumping station but there had been concerns from planning about access. RESOLVED not to proceed with this.

9. To consider expenditure on Edingale Village Hall

Several recent requests had been made for funding for the car park, play equipment, and drainage and it was expected that an electrical report would also identify expenditure. It was agreed that an action plan was required to prioritise what was required and produce a planned maintenance schedule. After considerable discussion it was proposed by Cllr Van Arkadie and seconded by Cllr Dhillon then RESOLVED to arrange a meeting between the Committee and Councillors to discuss how to proceed in the long term, after proper consideration of estimates and priorities. The Parish Council would then be in a better position to make decisions on the spending of public money, such as whether to spend capital or raise the precept to assist with the maintenance.

10. To consider traffic and parking around Pessall Lane/Croxall Road

It was agreed that parking on the corners around the school remained a problem, and a letter would be sent to the Head Teacher asking staff and parents not to park in School Lane or around the junction. It was suggested that a safe alternative would be to park in Moores Croft and walk through the field. The police would be asked to give fixed penalty notices for any illegal parking.

A letter had been received from the householder who had been requested not to park on the verge outlining his difficulties, and it was agreed to ask the housing association for their assistance, as it was their responsibility to ensure the property matched the requirements of tenants.

11. To consider use of open space at Blakeways Close/Rowley Close

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was decided to defer this item to the next meeting.

12. To consider village maintenance

Quotes would be obtained for next year's maintenance in due course. It was agreed that Edingale had done well again in the Best Kept Village Competition, taking third place, and a letter of thanks would be sent to Mr Pilgrim and the committee members.

13. To receive the Financial Report

The bank reconciliation and an analysis of spending against budget was given. RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

14. To approve the payments on the payment schedule.

Mrs M Jones, salary, expenses, £264.40;
Mr L Watkins, village and playing field mowing, July and August £920;
HAGS-SMP Ltd, playground repairs £1558.80;
Grant Thornton, Audit Fee £120;
Wel Medical Ltd, cabinet door £191.94;
TW Services, car park repairs £936.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

15. Date of next meeting:

Monday 3rd October 2016 at 8pm (to follow a meeting regarding the Village Hall)

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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