

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 3rd October 2016
at 8 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 I Van Arkadie

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, no members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies**
Cllr J Startin had apologised as he was working. His apology was accepted.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 5th September 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**
No members of the public had attended this session.
5. **To receive the Clerk's Report**
Parking in Pessall Lane - this had been discussed with PCSO Costas who would continue to monitor it but advised that fixed penalties were unlikely to be imposed. Councillors requested that Lichfield police should be asked about the way forward to solve this problem, and be informed that councillors were concerned about public safety at the junction and the risk to the school children.
Pavements in Croxall Road - a works order had been raised.
Defibrillator - the replacement door had now been delivered, but as the pub was not an ideal site, an alternative location was required.
Summer Show - this had been very successful, with over £3,000 raised.
Broadband speeds - District Cllr Yeates had asked for any areas less than 2mb to be reported to him, as he had a contact who could advise on this.

6. **To receive correspondence**
SPCA bulletins
Highway Infrastructure Asset Management consultation
BT phone boxes consultation
7. **To receive Councillor's Reports**
Cllr Mason reported on the success of the Summer Show and thanked all who had worked hard, it was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to the Village Hall committee. There had been a good community feeling to the event.
Cllr Dhillon had received a letter for the Parish Council from a resident of School Lane regarding the drains. It was agreed to send a letter to the Trustees of Mary Howard School, Severn Trent, and the Garland family to try to find out who was the beneficial owner of the road. In the meantime Les would clear the drains when required.
Cllr Lacey said that the pub only seemed to be open on Friday nights, the Wednesday quiz was now taking place at the Village Hall, and food was no longer being served. He expressed concern about the viability of the business.
Cllr Van Arkadie said that he would raise the issue of treatment of the moss on the paths near the church with the PCC.
Cllr Wesley said that the drains on the A513 between the railway bridge and the Arboretum were flooding. This would be reported to Highways.
8. **To consider any planning matters**
There had been no applications. Decision notices would now be online.
9. **To consider expenditure on Edingale Village Hall.**
An informal meeting had been held with members of the Village Hall Committee prior to this meeting. It had been agreed that Cllr Dhillon would advise them using his accountancy expertise. The Committee would produce a list of priorities for maintenance, beginning with the electrical improvements outlined in an electrical report to ensure public safety and compliance with insurance requirements. Drainage would be the next priority, and then the car park. RESOLVED that the Parish Council would pay the necessary costs where possible from the capital fund which could be used to fund asset replacement.
10. **To consider use of open space at Rowley Close.**
This had been raised at a previous meeting, after complaints about noise nuisance over the summer. It was agreed that the area was being used as intended and there were currently no problems there.
RESOLVED that no action was required at this time.

11. **To consider a donation for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch.**
The event had been a great success last year and £500 had been included for it in this year's budget. It was proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Van Arkadie that a contribution of £500 be made for the Christmas Lunch again. It was RESOLVED that this would be funded under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the benefit of residents of the parish.
12. **To consider invitation to meet representatives of Natural England.**
RESOLVED to invite the representatives to a Parish Council meeting. If this was accepted local farmers would be encouraged to attend.
13. **To consider purchase of wreaths for Remembrance Day services.**
The Chair would attend the Remembrance Day service at the Hall of Memory in Tamworth to represent the fallen of Edingale. Cllr Van Arkadie would attend the service at Holy Trinity Church in Edingale on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Parish Council.
RESOLVED to purchase two wreaths.
14. **To receive the Financial Report**
The bank reconciliation and an analysis of spending against budget was given. Forms to reinvest the Fixed rate deposit account with the Cooperative Bank for 12 months were signed. It was proposed by Cllr Dhillon, seconded by Cllr Van Arkadie and RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.
15. **To approve the payments on the payment schedule.**
Mrs M Jones, salary, expenses, £248.39;
Eon, lighting maintenance, £29.50;
Ace Environmental Services, Village Hall drainage, £1986.00;
Mr L Watkins, village and playing field mowing, £760;
RESOLVED to approve the payments
16. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 7th November 2016

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.