

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017  
at 7.30 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley (Chair)  
Cllr M Cliffe  
Cllr N Mason  
Cllr S Dhillon  
Cllr J Lacey  
Cllr J Startin

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, and 2 members of the public.  
Cllr Wesley declared the meeting open.

1. **To receive apologies**  
Cllr I Van Arkadie had apologised. His apology was accepted.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**  
None received.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
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**  
Mr Pilgrim reported on the Best Kept Village competition. He had paid for the entry and posters and would be reimbursed £18.10 at the next meeting. He said that other villages had invested in better signage and Edingale's signs were past their best. The Council agreed with the need to renew them before judging began on 1<sup>st</sup> May, and he offered to arrange this.  
He said that the tree planted in the Rowley Close open space for HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee had died. This would be on the next agenda, to consider whether to replace it and if so with which species.
5. **To receive the Clerk's Report**  
Highways - the query about why Edingale was not on the gritting route, had been passed to the Highways Infrastructure Liaison Manager who had explained that gritting routes were looked at annually and routes would be reassessed later in the year for next winter. The damaged sign at Pessall Lane had been reported and given a works order, but was not classed as urgent.

Garden waste collecting - an enquiry was made to District Councillor Yeates who said that it was imperative to make savings, they may need to charge or lose the service, many other councils were charging, but they were still considering how to proceed. The Parish Council's concerns about possible fly tipping had been passed on. Councillors suggested stopping the service in winter and asked whether it could be more cost effective for Parish Councils to take over the service and subcontract the operation.

Annual Parish Meeting - the Village Hall, Church and Mary Howard School would be asked to report to the meeting on May 8th. It would be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which included the election of Chair for the following year and consideration of policies.

**6. To receive correspondence**

SCPA - bulletins

Staffordshire County Council - information about the joint working workshop; Community Paths Initiative bids; Public Rights of Way Definitive Map. The Definitive Map had been modified, it was available to view at the District Council offices and Tamworth Library

Eon - rate rise

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

Cllr Mason reported on the dumping of tyres by Mill Lane, this would be reported to Lichfield District Council who were responsible for the removal of fly tipping. It was agreed to commend Anthony Mason for his litter pick in the lane.

Cllr Cliffe asked for Les to remove a stump by the bungalows. She said there were still potholes in Pessall Lane, which had been inspected by Highways. Cllr Wesley said the recent meeting in Stafford had clarified that action on these depended on the depth of hole; Highways would not deal with minor ones until deeper ones had been dealt with, they had to prioritise the work due to limited resources.

Cllr Dhillon reported that the public footpath signpost near Rowley Close was leaning over and this would be reported to Staffordshire's Rights of Way team.

Cllr Lacey said that the defibrillator at Meadow View, opposite the Black Horse was now installed and available for use if required.

Cllr Wesley had received a letter from the contractor about the mowing. An error had been made during the quoting process and the Council needed to look at this again. It was only fair to inform the other party and ask them to requote on the same specification. A decision would be made at the next meeting and the existing contractor would continue to cut the grass in the meantime.

8. **To consider any planning matters**  
(a) Application 17/00325/FUL 2 Blakeways Close; there had been no objections from the public. The ridge height would be raised but this was not in close proximity to neighbours. RESOLVED no objection.  
(b) Consultation on Local Plan Allocations Document, this had been advertised on the notice board; no development was proposed which would affect Edingale.
9. **To consider the Black Horse**  
Following the previous meeting the matter of change of use had been reported to Lichfield District Council's Planning Enforcement team. No further information was available on a possible Lease but it was thought that local people felt the proposed cost was unreasonable.
10. **To consider the Village Hall**  
The quotes were still not available for consideration but it was hoped that these would be produced in time for the next meeting and would be considered on the next agenda. Ideally any refurbishments would be made during August when the school did not require the use of the hall, and before the Summer Show in September. The AGM and community gardening day would take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April.
11. **To receive the Financial Report**  
(a) The bank reconciliation was given. There was approximately £2,500 in the bank at the end of the year. A donation to the churchyard would be made when the application form was received, and the usual donation to the Village Hall would be considered in due course.  
(b) Grant Thornton had sent the Audit paperwork for 2016-17, and the end of year figures were being prepared for the Annual Return. An internal audit would be arranged, and the Annual Return would be signed at the next meeting.  
(c) Cambridge Building Society's passbook would be sent for updating.  
(d) The Pensions Regulator had confirmed the staging date, and details of auto-enrolment were clarified.
12. **To approve the payments on the payment schedule.**  
Mrs M Jones, salary, expenses £236.87; Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association, subs £198; Eon, seasonal lights £9.03; KFL Electrical, defibrillator installation £126.  
RESOLVED to approve the payments
13. **Date of next meeting:**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 and Annual Meeting of the Council 8.00 pm

The meeting closed at 20.25 p.m.