

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 19th April 2017
at 7.00 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley (Chair)
Cllr M Cliffe
Cllr S Dhillon
Cllr J Lacey
Cllr J Startin
Cllr I Van Arkadie

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, and 3 members of the public.
Cllr Wesley declared the meeting open.

1. **To receive apologies**
Cllr Mason had apologised due to illness. Her apology was accepted.
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Cliffe declared an interest as a member of Edingale Village Hall Committee. Cllr Wesley declared an interest when informed that his son in law had quoted for electrical installation. They were granted a dispensation to take part in the meeting.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 3rd April 2017**
The Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed by the Chair.
4. **To consider quotes for Village Hall refurbishments and whether to agree a donation towards the costs from the capital fund.**
Cllr Dhillon expressed his concerns about the spending of such a large sum of public money on the basis of the information available.
Cllr Lacey stressed the importance of the hall to the village and said it needed repair so that residents could carry on using the building.
Cllr Cliffe felt it was important to spend the money from the capital fund on currently the only asset for the village.
Cllr Startin felt that the work was required but asked about other projects that might need funding at the Village Hall and stressed the need to manage spending.
Cllr Van Arkadie asked whether this work was the main priority, or whether other grants would be requested.

Cllr Wesley invited the representatives of the Village Hall Committee to contribute. They said that the work specified was essential on



health and safety grounds. They explained that finances and lettings had improved and if the hall was refurbished there would be more lettings, which would generate income for future repairs such as the drainage. There may not be any need for the Parish Council to contribute for further projects. It was essential to modernise the electrical system now and lower the ceiling to make the building safe for the future, to reduce running costs and make the building warmer. The Committee would decorate the interior after the work was completed to reduce the cost.

Future projects such as kitchen improvements and the car park would be paid for by sponsorship and grants, and it was unlikely that the Committee would request any further funding from the Parish Council.

All the contractors had quoted from the same specification prepared by Mr Dayman, who had used them all previously in his professional capacity but had no personal connection with them.

Cllr Van Arkadie proposed that the lowest quote, provided by Falcon Construction, was accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Lacey.

Cllr Dhillon made a further proposal to carry out due diligence enquiries on the Village Hall and contractors. Other Councillors felt that it was sufficient that the Village Hall had previously had surveys and reports done, to establish work required, and that the contractors were legitimate firms. This proposal was not seconded.

Cllr Wesley said that the urgency of the repairs warranted a decision so that the work could be done as soon as possible. With the exception of Cllr Dhillon it was RESOLVED by a majority of councillors to instruct Falcon Construction to organise the repairs as listed in the schedule.

The capital fund would be used, and the VAT could be reclaimed, the fund currently stood at almost £110,000 and the expenditure would reduce this to nearly £80,000.

The Clerk was asked to write to Falcon Construction, to request that the work be done in August, to fit in with users; they would be paid by invoice on completion of the work by Edingale Parish Council. Mr Dayman would liaise with the contractors and manage the project. He was thanked for the work he had done on obtaining the quotes.

5. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 8th May 2017

The meeting closed at 19.40 p.m.

