

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Members present:

Cllr Wesley (Chair)

Cllr M Cliffe

Cllr S Dhillon

Cllr J Lacey

Cllr Startin

Cllr Van Arkadie

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

Cllr Wesley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive apologies
Cllr N Mason had apologised due to illness, the apology was accepted.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest
None received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 7th November 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 landowner of the forestry land along Mill Lane advised that the forest had been closed off until February as there had been problems with dog owners and other visitors abusing the right of permissive access. Dogs had not been kept on leads as requested on the signs, and had entered the house and chased livestock. The privilege was regrettably being withdrawn, although the landowner was sorry to do this. The National Forest had been informed and the Parish Council were asked to make local people aware. Information would be put on the website and Cllr Van Arkadie would inform Harlaston Parish Council.

Mr Pilgrim brought the Best Kept Village certificate; Cllr Wesley would arrange for this to be framed for display at the Village Hall. He asked about the Christmas lights on the island, which had been pulled down by vandals; Cllr Wesley said that this would be discussed later. He thanked the Parish Council for paying for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch, around 70 people had attended, the event had been well organised and very enjoyable.



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

Croxall Road pavements - although Highways had reported that these were not dangerous residents still had concerns especially for the elderly, and this would be monitored.

Severn Trent - they had been asked to check for possible sewage in the river, but no pollution had been found.

Parking on grass verge - Bromford Housing Association were in discussions with the tenant about improved parking arrangements.

Phone kiosk - an objection letter regarding the removal of the kiosk had been sent to the District Council, citing the poor mobile signal.

Meeting dates - it was agreed to hold the next meeting on 9th January 2017 as the 2nd was a bank holiday.

Pessall Lane parking and speeding traffic - this would be chased up.

6. **To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins

Tamworth and District Civic Society, Remembrance Service

Memorial Restoration Company

Grounds Maintenance Enquiry

Costas letter re Valued Independent Persons scheme

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

Cllr Van Arkadie wished to make the Parish Council aware of the ongoing situation at Meadow Lane in Harlaston, where people were living in makeshift motor homes. There had been incidents of antisocial behaviour. Lichfield District Council had applied to the court for a possession order, which had not yet been granted as more evidence was required. County Cllr Alan White had been very helpful, as had Bromford Housing Association, but Harlaston Parish Council had been disappointed at the lack of police response.

Cllr Wesley reported that the brand new set of lights had been pulled off a tree at the island, left on the ground and the cable snapped, leaving only one set there, before the lights had been switched on. Cllrs were concerned that no one had witnessed what had taken place. It was agreed that it would not be a good use of public money to replace these, and Cllrs were asked to explain why if there were any complaints from the public about the light display.

8. **To consider any planning matters**

None

9. **To consider Village Hall funding**

The Village Hall Committee had advised that they would have quotes for maintenance work by the end of the year, so it was hoped that a decision could be made at the meeting on 9th January. Advice on the Parish Council's power to fund this was being obtained from SPCA.



10. **To consider siting of second defibrillator**
Cllr Wesley had met a liaison officer from Highways who had advised that the defibrillator could be sited on the island, however 2 licences costing over £500 would be required for the authority to do the work, and a contractor would cost around £1000. It was suggested that instead the Clerk write to Western Power to request that it be sited on their pole at Meadow View. RESOLVED to make this request.
11. **To consider specification for grass cutting quotes**
Cllrs considered a plan of locations for grass cutting. It was agreed to send this to various individuals and firms who had expressed an interest in quoting for the work. RESOLVED to obtain three quotes.
12. **To consider the draft budget for financial year 2017-18**
Cllrs considered the draft budget proposals. The Clerk advised that an increase in spending over the last few years due to price rises, the high cost of grass cutting, and assistance for the Village Hall required an increase in the precept. It was proposed by Cllr Wesley, seconded by Cllr Startin and unanimously RESOLVED to request a precept of £13,000 from the District Council and to approve the draft budget.
13. **To receive the Financial Report**
(a) The bank reconciliation was given. A cheque had now been banked and the current account stood at £3723 prior to December's payments.
(b) The Clerk had met the Auditor for the interim audit. He had advised on complying with the Transparency Code; on claiming VAT, which could only be done on goods or services ordered and paid for in the name of the Parish Council; and on the use of capital funding for Village Hall maintenance. The Clerk had also contacted SPCA who had sent an information document which was handed to Cllrs. Further legal advice would be sent shortly.
RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.
14. **To approve the payments on the payment schedule.**
Mrs M Jones, salary, expenses, £259.71;
Cllr Wesley, Chairman's expenditure £10;
Information Commissioner, annual fee £35
RESOLVED to approve the payments
15. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 9th January 2016

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

