

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 5th June 2017
at 7.30 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

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

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, and 6 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies
Cllr Van Arkadie had apologised and his apology was accepted.
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest
Cllr Startin declared an interest in item 7.
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2017
The Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed by the Chair.

To adjourn the meeting, hold the public session, and reconvene the meeting

The Chair of the Village Hall reported on a healthy reserve with over £7,000 currently in the bank. On July 24th, a full refurbishment would begin, funded by the Parish Council. A 5-year plan was being developed, the priority was the car park, followed by a sound system. A £500 grant had been received from Staffordshire Community Foundation towards decorating materials, and the jumble sale had raised more than £700. Cllr Wesley congratulated the Committee on their efforts.

A member of the public enquired about a large oak tree which required pruning, and whether the Parish Council was responsible. Cllr Mason had formerly taken an interest in this; the Clerk would check previous Minutes. Cllr Wesley would forward details of local tree surgeons who could advise on what should be done and if there was a tree preservation order.

An enquiry was made about the Black Horse pub. The Clerk had contacted Planning Enforcement, who had said that the owner had been advised to apply for planning permission for change of use. Residents said that as it was currently in use as a residential property there appeared to be a breach of planning permission, they were still concerned as they did not want to see the pub close permanently, and wished the Asset of Community Value to be renewed next year.



Discussion took place on poor internet connections in Edingale. A resident had contacted BT and local MP Chris Pincher, but Openreach had no plans to install another relay box at the Croxall end of the village or improve the wiring and so it seemed likely that speeds would continue to be slow and intermittent. A rebate had been given to the resident who had complained about paying for such poor service, but BT seemed unable to improve connections for local residents.

4. To receive the Clerk's Report

Maintenance - Highways had confirmed that drain clearing along Croxall Road would be dealt with on the normal schedule.

The damaged stile had been reported to the rights of way team.

Notice board - Cllr Cliffe would keep the spare key in case it was needed.

Plant tubs - Mr Anthony Mason had offered to purchase and plant the tubs and would be reimbursed as previously.

Council vacancy - the casual vacancy notice had been displayed; if no election was requested the vacancy would be advertised locally and filled by co-option.

5. To receive correspondence

SCPA - bulletins

Chair of Lichfield District Council, invitation to Civic Service, no Cllrs were able to attend

Request from a resident for action to be taken on potholes in Pessall Lane

Natural England, River Mease community consultation

Trent Rivers Trust regarding workshop

Central Rivers Initiative, AGM 7th July

Police & Crime Commissioner, Cyber crime information

6. To receive Councillor's Reports

Cllr Cliffe said that the Village Hall Committee had also discussed a memorial for Cllr Mason, this would be on a future agenda.

Cllr Dhillon said that the pavement in front of the new houses in Pessall Lane was in a poor state and unsafe, this could be the responsibility of the builders but would be initially reported to Highways.

Cllr Lacey said two access only signs by the mini roundabout in Lullington Road had been turned round the wrong way, this would be reported.

7. To consider any planning matters

Application 17/00599/FUL Ivanhoe Cottage, demolition of garage and construction of dwelling adjacent to the existing property. The property was outside the village settlement boundary. A transport assessment indicated that the existing access would be used. NO OBJECTION although concerns would be expressed about the narrow road, vehicular access and additional traffic.

Application 17/00724/FULM The Grange, Croxall Road, erection of new storage shed. Cllr Startin did not join the discussion or vote. NO OBJECTION



8. To consider potholes in Pessall Lane

Correspondence had been received from a resident who had reported the potholes to Highways and been informed they would not take action. It was agreed that the road had not been built for the current amount of traffic, and the Parish Council shared the concerns about safety for road users. RESOLVED that Highways would be contacted and the resident informed.

9. To consider traffic speeds on Croxall Road

The 20 is plenty team had confirmed this scheme could only last for a term. Other possible solutions such as Speed Indicator Devices, gateways, speed gun were discussed. RESOLVED not to take any further action at this stage.

10. To consider invitation to River Mease catchment area workshop

Cllr Startin would attend this event on 4th July.

There had been a request for information to follow up the previous consultation and a reply would be sent.

An invitation had been sent for the Central Rivers Initiative AGM but no one was available to attend.

11. To receive the Financial Report

The bank reconciliation was given.

The insurance had been renewed.

The Clerk had completed the Pensions Declaration of Compliance.

A Financial Services Compensation Scheme form was signed for the Buckinghamshire Building Society.

12. To approve the payments on the payment schedule

Mrs M Jones, salary, expenses, £390.31;

Printlux, BKV signs, £30.00;

L.Watkins, maintenance, £362.25;

RESOLVED to approve the payments

16. Date of next meeting:

Monday 3rd July 2017

The meeting closed at 20.50 p.m.

