

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 6th February 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

Cllr I Van Arkadie

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, 4 members of the public.

Cllr Wesley declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone.

1. To receive apologies
None
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest
None received.
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th January 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
The owner of the forest land informed the Parish Council that she had closed the Mill Lane entrance. Access to the forest would continue for a trial period of 6 months via Mease Meadows Farm along Lullington Road, where there was a small parking area. No dogs would be allowed as previously there had been problems with loose dogs. This would be permissive access only, the landowner wanted local people to enjoy the wildlife responsibly. This information would be sent to the Parish Council website and the village Facebook page.
The second defibrillator, which had been supplied by the British Heart Foundation, was now installed outside Meadow Way, Main Road, opposite the Black Horse, the electrics would be connected later at a cost of £160. Mr Pilgrim had been thanked for his assistance.
The Village Hall Committee were still waiting for the third quote for the electrical work. Repairs to the small play park would cost £1200. More bookings had been received, the advertising had improved, and promoting on Facebook was useful. A good range of events were coming up, with a range of activities in response to the recent survey.

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

Forest land - a call had been received from the National Forest asking for the Parish Council's comments on the changes to access.

Black Horse - nothing further had been heard since the last meeting.

Highways - the grit bin would be refilled.

Defibrillator - this had now been installed.

Pensions staging date - this was 1st May 2017, the Clerk would complete the Council's Declaration of Compliance after this date.

Best Kept Village - confirmation of Edingale's entry would be sent.

Clerk's training seminar - this had included Social Media. The Clerk enquired whether to set up a Council Facebook page but as there was already an Edingale page Councillors preferred to use that.

6. **To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins and information on a workshop with Staffordshire County Council on 23rd February

Community Council - information on Diary of Village Events, details of the village show in September would be sent

National Forest - information on woodland creation

Enquiry regarding internet speeds

Lichfield District Council, Annual Chairman's Dinner

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

Cllr Cliffe said that Mr Pincher MP had attended a session at the Village Hall but was disappointed at the poor turnout. The Clerk said that the Parish Council had not been notified, this could have been publicised.

Cllr Dhillon reported that after repairs in Pessall Lane debris had been left at the side of the road, it would be reported to Highways.

Cllr Dhillon also said that Burton Hospital had appealed for local people to volunteer to act as assessors of how well it was being run.

The notice would be put on the website and notice board.

Cllr Lacey said that a local resident had asked why Edingale was not on a gritting route, although Elford was, and both were on bus routes.

Highways would be asked about this.

Cllr Van Arkadie said that a local couple wished to sell Pingle Meadow and to give first refusal to the Parish Council so that it could be a village amenity. This would be put on the agenda for the next meeting, when more details including a value could be available. The Clerk was asked to find the minutes from when it had previously been raised.

Cllr Van Arkadie said that the Parochial Church Council had discussed the lack of lighting along Church Walk from Hatchett Lane, and enquired whether the Parish Council would contribute to the cost. It was unclear who owned the land or if it was a right of way. The Chair said that the PCC should make a proposal for the Parish Council to consider at a future meeting.

8. **To consider any planning matters**
There had been no applications.
9. **To consider parking and speeding issues**
Various suggestions had been received from Highways to solve the problem of parked vehicles at the Pessall Lane junction, including a traffic order for yellow lines which would be very expensive, as would changes to the splay. It was agreed to write to school about the continual problems caused by staff parking at this location that had not been resolved, and to ask them again to cooperate so that parking restrictions did not have to be introduced.
10. **To consider quotes for grass cutting**
Three contractors had been asked to quote, one of whom had withdrawn after being shown around. The current contractor had provided the cheaper of the two quotes. It was proposed by Cllr Cliffe, seconded by Cllr Dhillon and RESOLVED to offer the year's mowing contract to Greenlands. The other local firm would be thanked. A request would be made for residents to assist with planting and maintaining the flower tubs near to them during the year
11. **To consider the Village Hall**
The third quote had not yet been received so no decision could be made. Cllr Dhillon asked for information about the relevant legislation to be sent to him.
12. **To receive the Financial Report**
(a) The bank reconciliation was noted. There was currently £2,668 in the current account. The Capital fund was currently £110,171.
(b) The precept request had been sent to Lichfield District Council.
(c) The County Council were invoiced for mowing and lengthmen work.
(d) Donations were due to the Village Hall (for refurbishment) and the Church (for the graveyard), they would complete a grant request form.
(e) Lichfield District Council had issued a charge for 2015 election expenses and would be asked why this had been issued.
13. **To approve the payments on the payment schedule.**
Mrs M Jones, salary, expenses, £275.14;
Edingale Village Hall, annual room hire, £132;
Society of Local Council Clerks, annual membership £31

RESOLVED to approve the payments
14. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 6th March 2017

The meeting closed at 20.40 p.m.