

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
at 7.30 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr Wesley (Chair)

Cllr Cliffe

Cllr Dhillon

Cllr Mason

Cllr Van Arkadie

Mrs M Jones, Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies

Cllr Startin had apologised and his apology was accepted.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no pecuniary interests to declare.

3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

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

A report was given on the Village Hall. There was currently £7,500 in the bank, of which £4,000 could be required to match fund a grant if awarded by Lafarge. The Halloween event had been well supported and raised £700. The Fireworks event had been a success, with over £1095 profit. A lot of tickets had already been sold for the forthcoming 40's Night. A Bazaar and Christmas Jumper event would be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. A grant of £20,000 had been awarded for an outdoor gym, and local young people were involved in designing this. £1,200 had been awarded for kitchen equipment by County Councillor Alan White. The youth meeting had been well attended and options for a youth club were being explored as well as indoor soccer. The inspection report was awaited for the play park. An IT expert from the village had offered to install WIFI once the phone line had been arranged. A request was made for another rubbish bin and dog waste bin to be installed near the Village Hall; the Parish Council would consider this at the next meeting. The Chair congratulated the Committee on their hard work.

Victoria Monteith, Bromford Neighbourhood Coach, attended and discussed the types of issues she could assist with, such as parking on verges, barking dogs and untidy gardens. She would also look at how to encourage their residents to take part in Best Kept Village.

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

Bromford Housing - The pathway near the bungalows had been reported and work completed. The Neighbourhood Coach had reported earlier.

Knotweed - Cllr Mason had reported knotweed on Edingale Lane, Highways had checked but it was not on their land. Cllr Mason would try to find out who owned the land and report back.

CPR training - the session had taken place on 30th October.

Bus service meeting - a follow up meeting with Cllr White would take place in Clifton on 16th November. Cllr Mason would attend.

Toilet hire firm - the planning permission had allowed storage.

Play group - they were unable to send anyone to this meeting.

Good Councillors Guide, 2 copies had been purchased.

**6. To receive correspondence**

SPCA bulletins, AGM invitation 4th December

Eon, Annual Street Lighting Maintenance Report

Staffordshire County Council consultation on Rights of Way, maintenance information on [www.highwaysyourway.info](http://www.highwaysyourway.info) website

Lichfield District Council, changes to Council Tax Support Grant 2018

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

Cllr Van Arkadie said that grit bins would no longer be filled by Highways.

Cllr Mason said that a drain was blocked near the end of Croxall Road on the road to Catton. The finger post near the corner of Rowley Close and Blakeways Close was rotten. These would be reported and other sign repairs chased up.

Cllr Wesley had received congratulations from Christopher Pincher MP on Edingale's success in the Best Kept Village competition, this would be shared with Mr Pilgrim, who had organised the entry.

**8. To consider any planning applications**

17/01446/CLE - New Buildings Farm application for retrospective planning permission for storage building. RESOLVED no objection.

17/01552/FUL - Meadow View application for single storey extension and raising of garage view. A decision was deferred until Councillors had been able to view the documents.

Black Horse - Enforcement had made an unannounced visit and found that the downstairs area had been made habitable, the owner had been asked to rectify this. Cllr Van Arkadie would pass on the information to local people.

**9. To consider proposal for the Parish Council to be responsible for the maintenance of the play area**

The Village Hall Committee had asked for ongoing support for equipment maintenance and repairs up to £2000 per year and would remain responsible for insurance and own the assets. Representatives of both groups would meet to draw up a business plan and any agreement required once the inspection report was received. RESOLVED to consider this at a future meeting.

**10. To consider suggestions for traffic calming**

Discussion took place with a local resident who had expertise on traffic matters, regarding measures which could be put in place. He offered to undertake a survey of speeds on the approach to the school if a camera could be borrowed. This would provide evidence on whether signage would improve safety around the school.

**11. To consider the Christmas lights**

A set had been damaged last year at the island. It was proposed by Cllr Van Arkadie that they be replaced, seconded by Cllr Mason and RESOLVED. Cllr Wesley would ask the electrician to arrange this and to switch them on from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**12. To consider the precept and draft budget for financial year 2018-19**

Councillors considered and agreed the draft budget figures and agreed to request a precept of £13,000, the same figure as last year. Lichfield District Council had confirmed they would no longer pay the Council Tax Support Grant so Band D council tax would rise by 4%, approximately £2 per household.

**13. To receive the Financial Report**

(a) Current account - the bank reconciliation was given.

(b) Capital Fund - The fixed rate deposit account had been closed and the monies transferred to the Co-op 14-day account. The Cambridge BS account would have a variable interest rate rather than a tracker from December. The Buckinghamshire Building Society's fixed rate deposit bond would mature on 30th November. It was agreed to reinvest this in a further bond and the form was signed to authorise this.

(c) The Clerk had met the Auditor for the half yearly internal audit.

**14. To approve the payments on the payment schedule**

Mrs M Jones, salary and expenses, £245.19;

Mr L Watkins, maintenance, £563;

Let's Play donation, £180; Senior's Christmas Party, donation, £500;

Lichfield Web Design, website fee, £297.60;

EON, lighting maintenance, £30.53;

SPCA, Good Councillors' Guides, £9.22;

K.E. Pilgrim, Flags, £17.91;

Alrewas Poppy Appeal, poppy wreaths, £40.00.

RESOLVED to approve the payments

**15. Date of next meeting;**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.