

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 7th November 2016
at 7.30 pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:
Cllr Wesley (Chair)
Cllr M Cliffe
Cllr N Mason M.B.E.
Cllr S Dhillon
Cllr J Lacey

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

Cllr Wesley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To receive apologies**
Cllr Startin and Cllr Van Arkadie had apologised. The apologies were accepted.
2. **To adjourn the meeting, hold the public session, and reconvene the meeting**

Representatives from Natural England had attended to consult the public on the River Mease, as part of a consultation with residents in local communities. Residents were asked about the good points of living near the River Mease and said it was a lovely area, but when asked about the bad points most commented on the increased frequency of flooding from the river on to local roads. Local residents said that this was the result of the lack of clearance of vegetation and fallen trees from the waterway, and that the situation was deteriorating, with the village being cut off at times. Residents expressed their views during a lively discussion and were told that the information would be passed on to local officers from Natural England.

The issue of parking at Pessall Lane was raised. Police had visited the area near Mary Howard School and had confirmed that there should be no parking within 10 metres of a junction. A PCSO was expected to attend a future meeting to discuss the issue.

3. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**
None received.
4. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 3rd October 2016**
The Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed by the Chair.



5. **To receive the Clerk's Report**
 Highways responses - Croxall Road pavements had been inspected, no hazards were found; Church Lane pavements had also been inspected, and were to be monitored; pothole in Raddle Lane, no action was to be taken as it was on the verge, not the road; drains on the A513 near the Arboretum, a works order had been raised.
 School Lane - letters had been sent regarding ownership, Severn Trent had responded that they did not own the lane and that as it was an un-adopted road usually it was the residents' responsibility to clear the drains. There had been no response from the Garlands or the School.
 Lichfield Police - comments on parking issues around the Pessall Lane junction had been received from Sgt Bailey, and the police would continue to work with the school and monitor the situation.
6. **To receive correspondence**
 SPCA bulletins
 Mrs C Mason, organisation of the Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner
 Lichfield District Council, Parish Forum, 10th January; Civic Dinner, Drayton Manor, 24th March
 Staffordshire County Council, Conversation Staffordshire events
 Countryside Alliance, nominate a business for the rural Oscars.
 Community Council, Grants information for Village Halls
7. **To receive Councillor's Reports**
 Cllr Mason said that spring flowering bulbs were needed for the tubs, it was proposed by Cllr Dhillon and seconded by Cllr Cliffe that £50 be spent on these, all agreed.
 Cllr Dhillon said that his wife was a governor of Burton Hospitals and anyone wishing for information on health matters was welcome to contact Navinder Dhillon, e-mail nkd1@btinternet.com
 Cllr Wesley said that he had received an invitation from the church warden for everyone to attend the Service of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church on the following Sunday.
8. **To consider any planning matters**
 Application 16/01025/FUL Brookhouse Farm, Raddle Lane, first floor extension RESOLVED that there were no grounds for objection, the extension was not overlooked.
9. **To consider Village Hall funding**
 Cllr Dhillon had received various quotes from the Village Hall Committee for electrical, drainage and heating improvements, and more quotes were being obtained. It would be cost effective to do all the work at one time. The Village Hall would need to be closed for the duration of the work. The Parish Council was prepared to support these projects when the quotes were available, but other sources of grant funding should also be explored. Residents would be kept informed.



10. **To consider installation of second defibrillator**
It was proving difficult to find a site for this. Cllrs felt that it could be sited opposite Schofield Lane cottages, and asked that Staffordshire County Council be approached again for advice.
11. **To consider tree trimming on the island in Croxall Road**
Staffordshire County Council would be asked whether they owned the trees on the island and whether they would trim them.
12. **To approve installation of the Christmas lights**
It was proposed by Cllr Cliffe, seconded by Cllr Dhillon and RESOLVED to approve the installation as last year on 3 trees, and to replace one set of lights which had been damaged.
13. **To consider telecommunications in Edingale**
A resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding BT's planned decommissioning of the phone kiosk in Croxall Road. He felt that there was no emergency alternative as mobile reception was poor.
RESOLVED to contact the planning department to express concerns at the proposal.
14. **To receive the Financial Report**
The bank reconciliation was noted.
It was agreed to renew the Fixed Rate Bond with Buckinghamshire Building Society and the form was signed.
The appointment of Toplis Associates as Auditor was approved.
RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.
15. **To approve the payments on the payment schedule.**
Mrs M Jones, salary, expenses, £252.70;
KFL Electrical, survey, £294.00;
Lichfield Web Design, annual fee, 291.60;
Mr L Watkins, village and playing field mowing, £640;
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, wreaths, £40
RESOLVED to approve the payments
16. **Date of next meeting:**
Monday 5th December 2016

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

