

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Parish Meeting

Location: Edingale Village Hall

Date: Monday 8th May 2017 Time: 7.30 pm

### Minutes

Present: Cllr Wesley (Chair), Cllrs Cliffe, Dhillon, Startin and Van Arkadie

Mrs Margaret Jones (Clerk) Mr Ken Pilgrim, Mrs Lisa Thorpe, Mrs Sharon Wiltshire and one member of the public. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd May 2016.** Approved

2. **To receive reports from village organisations.**

**Village Hall:** Mrs Thorpe thanked the Parish Council for its decision to contribute to work on the electrics and lowering the ceiling, and said that the refurbishment works were awaiting a start date and would hopefully be done over the summer holiday period. The Hall was currently covering its costs and was looking for grants for play equipment and assistance with redecoration. They would shortly agree on a 5 year plan to prioritise improvements such as a sound system, heating, car park, Wi-Fi and CCTV.

**Holy Trinity Church:** Mr Pilgrim would forward an annual report. He described repairs needed to the building including a £4,500 repair to the roof, problems with damp and rotten vestry flooring, and the need to add toilet facilities, which would be expensive. A new rector with responsibility for Edingale had been appointed, Reverend John Grice, based in Clifton.

**Mary Howard School:** Mrs Wiltshire, Headteacher, said that 54 children were on roll and the numbers were stable. Both schools had received an outstanding report from OFSTED. They had dyslexia status. The school offered wrap around care from 8.15 to 4.15 to assist working parents. They had a qualified sports teacher and would also bring in sports experts. She was grateful for the support of Jackie Tyler and Reverend Grice from the church. The school benefitted from a strong governing body.

Cllr Van Arkadie raised the question of parking near the school; Mrs Wiltshire had stressed this in the newsletter and no staff parked on Pessall Lane. There were also concerns with traffic speeds past the school; it was unfortunate that the SIDs were not permanent and the Parish Council would request this of the County Council along with improved road markings.

3. **To receive questions and comments from residents**

Mr Pilgrim reported on the preparations for Best Kept Village, and how last year's Judges' concerns had been met.