

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Parish Meeting

Location: Edingale Village Hall

Date: Thursday 5th May 2022

Time: 7.15 pm

### Minutes

Present: Cllr Startin (Chair), Cllrs Cliffe, Cllrs Lacey, Mason, Meikle and Purkess.

Mrs M. Jones (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

1. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 13th May 2019.**

Approved

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

#### Mary Howard School

Claire Evans, Executive Headteacher of the Mease Federation Schools (Mary Howard in Edingale and St Andrews in Clifton) gave a report. She described the issues faced during the lockdowns and improvements that had been made since then. The School was working hard to publicise what it had to offer and to attract new families and were very proud of all that the school did for the children. The building had been recently repainted and new facilities added for the children, including a trim trail and summer house. They had also introduced wrap around care including breakfast club and a holiday club to help working families. The school wished to work with the village to address issues such as traffic, they were pleased that the Parish Council was looking at this issue. Cllrs asked whether the school children could produce posters to raise awareness of the Best Kept Village competition, this request would be passed on to the After School Club, also whether the children could take part in the Summer Show competitions, details of which would be forwarded to the school. The Parish Council would share the link to Mary Howard's website on its site.

#### Edingale Village Hall

Louise Purkess reported on the Village Hall's finances, which were in a strong position after the receipt of nearly £30,000 of Covid recovery grants from Lichfield District Council. The Summer Show had been very successful and raised around two and a half thousand pounds. However rising costs were a concern, especially electricity which was expected to double. The Hall was in use virtually every day for regular lettings or events, and they were considering applying for an alcohol licence.

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Jon Wells, the incoming Chair, said they were looking at the feasibility of various alternatives to heat the building, including solar panels. They were also looking into extending the building to provide a bigger kitchen and more storage space. Ongoing maintenance of the park was an issue, especially the zip wire. He thanked Lisa Thorpe for doing an excellent job in her years as Chair. He also thanked all those who helped with the hall.

### Holy Trinity Church

Ken Pilgrim, Churchwarden, thanked the members of the community who had recently helped to tidy the churchyard and paint the fence. Work had taken place inside the church over the past year, with the installation of new toilet, catering and storage facilities. Due to lack of staff, parishioners travelled to local churches to take part in services so the church was not used every week, however Edingale's congregation was larger than others.

### **3. To receive information on works to Chetwynd Bridge**

Officers from Staffordshire County Council Highways had been due to attend the meeting but had postponed this as an expected report had not yet been completed. It had been suggested that an 18-tonne weight limit may be required for the bridge. Those present said that this would cause difficulties for local farmers and other businesses, and that they should make a case for access. There was no acceptable alternative without a long diversion and heavy vehicles would instead travel through Lullington and Edingale. A letter would be sent to the Officers, with copies to the County and District Cllrs and MP, asking them to attend a public meeting to hear how local people would be inconvenienced and to propose solutions.

### **4. To receive questions and comments from residents.**

It was noted that roadside parking had improved.