

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Parish Meeting

Location: Edingale Village Hall

Date: Monday 15th May 2023

Time: 7.15 pm

### Minutes

Present: Cllr Startin (Chair), Cllrs Baughen, Cliffe, Mason, Meikle, Purkess, Sivieri.

Headteacher and Deputy of Mary Howard School, Rachel Mills and Jo Bennett

Chair of Edingale Village Hall Committee, Jon Wells

Mrs M. Jones (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 5th May 2022.**  
Approved

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

Mary Howard School - Miss Mills had recently taken over as Executive Head of the Mease Federation. She was enjoying the role and was working on improving the facilities in this lovely school where the behaviour of the children was outstanding. The main concern was on attracting new families to the school, as numbers were expected to be lower this year, and the Parish Council discussed how it could help to spread the word in the community about the school. The children would join in with local events if invited, such as Best Kept Village and the Summer Show. Miss Mills and Miss Bennett were thanked for coming to the meeting.

Edingale Village Hall - Mr Wells explained that the Village Hall had held its 51<sup>st</sup> AGM, its mission was to maintain the Hall and park, to provide events and activities to benefit the community. He thanked all who had volunteered their time over the last year; the events committee had been very effective and had worked hard to organise the Summer Show, Open Gardens, Theme Nights, Chaps Nights and family pub nights. Rising energy costs were a problem, solar panels had been fitted to help and the Parish Council were thanked for paying half the cost. Grants had been obtained for kitchen equipment and to pay for the Coronation event, which had been a fantastic village occasion.

The Parish Council would be asked to fund a scheme to refurbish the toilet area.

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Mr Wells thanked the Committee Members who worked very hard and asked that any negative comments should be directed to him or put in writing. He said it had been a good year.

Cllr Startin thanked everyone for what they had done.

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

A resident asked about the rewilding area beyond the zip wire in the park, and how they could help improve this. The Village Hall Committee would be happy for volunteers to take it in hand, and the Parish Council would appreciate regular reports on what had been done. Cllrs Mason and Meikle would follow up on this suggestion with the resident.