

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 15th May 2023
8 pm, at Edingale Village Hall**

Members present:

Cllrs Startin (Chair), Baughen, Cliffe, Maskery, Mason, Meikle and Sivieri

Present: Clerk, Mrs Jones, 3 members of the public

65/23 To appoint a Chair. To receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Startin was nominated by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Meikle and appointed as Chair unanimously. His Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

Cllr Startin welcomed the new Council members, Cllr Baughen and Cllr Sivieri. He thanked the previous Cllrs, Mr Dhillon and Mr Lacey, for their service on the Parish Council.

66/23 To receive and approve Apologies

None, all present.

67/23 To receive Members' Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Registers of Interests

All members completed and signed the Declarations and Registers of Interests.

68/23 To receive any Declarations of Interests

None given.

69/23 To approve the draft Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd April 2023.

The draft Minutes were approved and signed.

70/23 To receive the Clerk's Report

Elections - Lichfield District Cllr Bennion had been elected to replace Cllr Yeates. Cllr training had been booked for new Cllrs. The deadline for the return of expenses form was 1st June, all Cllrs had completed these with a nil entry.

Tree surgery - the work was now done and invoice awaited.

Chetwynd Bridge - no further update. Information on Walton Bridge would be forwarded to Cllrs.

Highways - work had been done at the Mease bridge in Croxall by Staffordshire County Council. Lichfield District Council had put no fly tipping signs at two laybys in Harlaston Road.

Solar panels - work was due this week to install the battery.

71/23 To consider any Planning matters.

20/00647/OUT Land adjacent to Walton House: updated application details had been received. The Parish Council had previously objected and the concerns raised remained. It was RESOLVED to object.

72/23 To review and approve Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Approved.

73/23 To review Assets and Financial Risk Assessment.

Approved.

74/23 To review other Parish Council policies.

The Data Protection Policy and Health and Safety Policy were approved. The Code of Conduct would be reviewed at a future meeting.

75/23 To consider renewal of the Parish Council's insurance.

Approved.

76/23 To consider HS2 funding

The area was unlikely to meet the criteria for funding and the Village Hall's grant finder would look at other options.

77/23 To consider Best Kept Village Community Competition

Cllr Meikle said that the Judges had visited Edingale on 1st May and feedback was positive. A second visit could take place in early June. He thanked everyone for their help and said that the village looked very tidy.

78/23 To consider changes to the bank and building society mandates

It was RESOLVED to remove Cllr Dhillon as a signatory on the Cooperative bank accounts and to add Cllr Sivieri.

Cllr Dhillon would be removed as a signatory on the Buckinghamshire Building Society account.

79/23 To receive Councillors' Reports

Cllr Mason reported on several matters:

The taxi service had now closed as there were not enough passengers, this would be advertised to let everyone know.

The barrels had now been planted.

He had replaced a rail at the children's hut in the play park which had been installed in memory of Norah Mason and would paint the structure in the autumn. The walls around the pump were in a poor condition, could the Council consider repairs to this? It would be considered on the next agenda.

The request for funding for plans for Village Hall improvements should also be on the next agenda, Cllr Maskery would find out an indicative cost.

The Trent River Trust had organised a walk through Pingle Meadow to the River Mease which had been very informative, and very successful with around 40 people attending.

Cllr Meikle had asked for a discussion to take place at the next meeting about setting up a village Nature Trail.

Cllr Startin noted the sad death of Gordon Dale who with his wife Josie had contributed so much to the village on the Parish Council, Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council and Village Hall Committee. This had recently been recognised by the awarding of a B.E.M. and he would be very much missed for all he had done for Edingale over many years.

80/23 To receive Correspondence

SPCA bulletins
Lichfield District Council, elections information
CPRE newsletters and updates
Trent Rivers Trust volunteering leaflet

81/23 To receive a Financial Report

The bank reconciliation stood at £23,395.87
It was RESOLVED to approve the report. See appendix 1.

82/23 To approve payments on the Payment Schedule.

Staff costs; salary, expenses, pension and PAYE, £521.56
Acorn Taxi - April, £146.88
Village Gardeners, mowing £566.48
Gallaghers, insurance premium £419.92
Louise Maskery, reimburse solar battery deposit £1438.50
Anthony Mason, 60.88
It was RESOLVED to approve the payments; Cllr Maskery would authorise these as Cllr Startin was currently unable to log on to the bank account.

Date of next meeting

Monday 5th June 2023.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cllr Maskery', with a large circular flourish to the left and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Appendix 1

Financial Report

(a) Bank rec.

Bank Reconciliation

Balance bf	9,995.92	<u>Current</u>
		Cooperative
		Community
less payments	2,488.33	Acc.
Plus receipts	15,888.28	
Total	23,395.87	23,395.87

Receipts - £175 taxi donation; Lichfield District Council £82.15 CIL payment, £15,500 precept; HMRC VAT reclaim £131.13

(b) Capital funds

Capital Funds

Cooperative	Buckinghamshire	Cambridge	TOTAL
14 Day		Council	CAPITAL
account	Bond	Saver	
1.28%	3%	1.25%	
16,200.16	43,992.01	5,643.91	65,836.08

Received
interest

89.04

(c) Earmarked funds

Resolve to earmark £82.15 CIL payment

Resolve to earmark £65,836.9 as funds to be spent on assets to benefit Edingale