**Annual Parish Meeting**

Location: **Edingale Village Hall**

Date: **Tuesday 7th May 2024**

Time: **7.30 pm**

**Minutes**

Present: Cllr Startin (Chair), Cllrs Baughen, Cliffe, Mason, Meikle, Sivieri. Church Warden of Holy Trinity Church, Bill Field; Chair of Edingale Village Hall Committee, Jon Wells; Mrs M. Jones (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 15th May 2023.**

Approved

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

Holy Trinity Church - Mr Field thanked the Parish Council for part funding tree trimming. He was pleased to report a good relationship with the school. Coffee mornings would be held on Fridays in June, everyone was welcome to attend. Expenditure was needed for clock repairs, and possibly to improve the heating. Cllr Startin advised there could be match funding opportunities. Mr Field asked about the old gate in Church Road and Cllr Meikle offered to organise a working party to refurbish it. Nicky Busby was unable to attend (Report attached)

Edingale Village Hall – Mr Wells explained that the Committee maintained the Hall and park, and provided events and activities to benefit the community. There was small but active committee who had worked hard to organise the Summer Show, Theme Night, Chaps Nights, Ladies events and family pub nights. Unfortunately some events were not well attended by villagers and regular bookings were down; the school would no longer use the hall, the auction was only fortnightly and other groups had a small number of attendees. The Hall had been awarded a National Lottery Grant of £19,500 towards refurbishments for the toilets. Cllr Mason suggested that the Parish Council could consider a contribution using the capital fund if required. Mr Wells thanked Cllr Maskery for an excellent job as Treasurer. (AGM Report attached)

Mary Howard School – The Head Teacher was unable to attend but had sent a report read by Cllr Startin, which is attached.

1. **To receive questions, comments and suggestions from residents.** None received.