

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Location: **Edingale Village Hall**
Date: **Tuesday 13th May 2025**
Time: **7pm**

Minutes

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

Chair and Treasurer of Edingale Village Hall Committee; Liz Fowler of Environment Agency's Flooding Resilience team; Mrs M. Jones (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 7th May 2024.**

Approved.

2. **To receive reports from village organisations and a representative of the Environment Agency's flood resilience team.**

Environment Agency - Liz Fowler attended to answer questions and offer help regarding the risk to villagers who were unable to enter or leave the village due to flooded roads, with flooding events becoming more common.

Cllr Startin asked whether electronic gauges could be installed at Croxall to record river heights and give up to date figures on the Mease. Liz said that the EA could not fund these but could send information on possible costs for the Parish Council to consider. She said that few people in Edingale had signed up for the EA's flood alerts and she could send information for the parish magazine; Cllrs explained that there was a very effective Facebook page where alerts were shared to villagers. She explained that drivers should not drive through flood water, even if they knew the expected height of the water. Cllrs made her aware of the proposed Severn Trent pipeline which was likely to have an effect on the local rivers. The EA was only able to fund areas where houses flooded. Ms Fowler was thanked for attending, it had been useful to exchange information.

Edingale Village Hall – the Chair thanked the volunteers who had organised the Summer Show, chaps and ladies nights and other successful events. There were now less regular bookings. The lottery grant had provided welcome upgrades to the hall, and the Parish Council was thanked for the contribution towards the doors. The treasurer said that reserves, although currently adequate, should be boosted, as overheads were high and events did not meet these costs.

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

Holy Trinity Church – unable to attend this year.

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

None received.

Report to Edingale Parish Council

Dear Members of the Parish Council,

I would like to extend my sincerest apologies for my absence at tonight's meeting. With the recent OFSTED inspection at St. Andrews last week and the imminent inspection at Mary Howard Primary School, I am unable to attend. However, I wish to provide you with an update on our school.

Mary Howard is a happy and vibrant family-oriented school. We have diligently worked to embed our values and vision within the school community. Currently, we have 37 children enrolled, with six new starters this year alone. Our Reception intake was five this year, and we anticipate a potential intake of seven for September, bringing us close to our Published Admission Number (PAN) of nine. While we still do not have any children in Year 1, we are optimistic about future growth especially as our reputation is growing through word of mouth and our Phonics, and Sats outcomes which appeared in the local newspaper.

Our Parent-Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) is doing a fantastic job raising funds for our outdoor learning initiatives. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone from Edingale who contributed to the Aviva match funding. We have obtained quotes and are nearly ready to commence work on these exciting projects.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Sivieri for his invaluable contributions to our school community, as well as Anthony Mason for leading our commemorative flag-raising event in honour of the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

The support of our community is essential for us to flourish, and I am pleased to report that our reputation is steadily growing. We have received positive feedback from our recent SIAMS inspection, and we are preparing for our OFSTED inspection, which is expected shortly.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope to be there in person next time. Thank you for your understanding.

*Grow and
Flourish*

*Koinonia-Love
Perseverance
Wisdom*

Kind regards

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*"Though it is the smallest of all
seeds when it grows, it is the
largest of garden plants and
becomes a tree, so that the
birds come and perch in its
branches."*

Parable of the Mustard Seed