

# EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES

### Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 7.30 pm, at Edingale Village Hall

Members present: Cllrs Startin (Chair), Baughen, Cliffe, Layland, Mason, Meikle.

Present: 1 member of the public, Mrs Pritchard (Clerk).

**021/26 To receive and approve Apologies** . Apologies received from Cllr L. Maskery.

**022/26 To receive any Declarations of Interests.** None.

**023/26 To approve the draft Minutes of the Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.** It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026, having been circulated, be confirmed, and signed as a correct record.

**024/26 To adjourn the meeting, to hold the public session (15 minutes), to reconvene the meeting.** A resident raised concerns regarding the potholes at the junction by Croxall Hall and requested that the Parish Council liaise with the County Council to address the issue. The Council noted the concern and agreed to contact the County Council to report and seek remedial action.

**025/26 To receive County and District Councillor Reports.** County Cllr provided an update on Chetwynd Bridge.

**026/26 To receive the Clerk's Report.** The clerk report was NOTED.

- Solicitor has confirmed receipt of payment for the work on the lease of land off School Lane. The application has been submitted and they will let the Council know when they receive an update
- Precept analysis form was sent to LDC for 2026/27 and receipt confirmed
- Atlas Tower Group have requested a support from parish letter to include in letters to potential landlords
- The Sakura Cherry Tree has been delivered and planted
- SCC winter maintenance team have confirmed the grit bin on Blakeways Close is due to be filled in the next few weeks, it was last filled in August 2025

**027/26 To consider any Planning matters.** None.

**028/26 To consider the Local Council Award Scheme.** The Council discussed the award scheme and agreed that further review was required. It was RESOLVED that the matter would be included on the agenda for the meeting in March 2026 for detailed consideration.

**029/26 To consider review of the Financial Risk Assessment.** The Council RESOLVED to approve the policy.

**030/26 To consider review of Standing Orders.** The Council RESOLVED to approve the policy.

**031/26 To consider adopting the IT Policy.** The Council RESOLVED to approve the IT Policy.

**032/26 To ratify Earmarked Reserves.** The Council RESOLVED to approve the earmarked reserves.

**033/26 To confirm appointment of Internal Auditor for financial year 2026-27.** The Council RESOLVED to approve the Internal Auditor for 2026-27 and confirm receipt of the letter.

**034/26 To receive Councillors' Reports and questions.**

- Footpath fingerpost near to Blakeways Close requires repair
- Resident raised concern that a bus driver was experiencing difficulty manoeuvring in School Lane
- Best kept Village Competition online briefing attended
- Parish Network met in January 2026
- Work has begun on the wildflower area in Blakeways Close
- Croxall Road leaves have been cleared
- Large quantity of leaves on the footpath opposite the end of Hatchett Lane which require clearing
- 8 Tree Guards and posts have been removed from trees on Harlaston Road and an update on the situation has been circulated to Harlaston Parish Councillors
- Request for the Council to consider the provision of a new additional noticeboard for the village and a noticeboard for the bus shelter to include information on local history
- Reported fly-tipping incidents on Harlaston Road and Lullington Road reported to the District Council
- Tree report for the village requested

- Fireworks thrown into a residents garden in the village and was reported to police

**035/26 To receive Correspondence.** The Correspondence was noted.

- SPCA – limit for S137 for 2026/27 has increased to £11.60 per elector, January bulletin
- Cllr M. Deaville has sent thanks to the Parish Council for supporting the LGR letter
- Midlands Air Ambulance response received
- Severn Trent Water – Packington Pipeline Update

**ACTION:** Clerk to publish the road closure information from Severn Trent Water.

**036/26 To receive the January 2026 Bank Reconciliation.** The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

**037/26 To approve payments on the February Payment Schedule.** The Council RESOLVED to approve payments. Cllr Startin to approve. Staff costs: salary, expenses, pension, PAYE £405.45; Scribe: Finance Software, £28.80; Microsoft, 365, £8.49;CPRE (DD) £6, subscriptions for Dec 2025 & Jan 2026; The Village Gardeners: Grounds Maintenance, £90.

**038/26 To confirm date of next meeting (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026).** Date NOTED.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:42pm

..... Signed ..... Date