

Annual Parish Meeting

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

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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. Ms Fowler 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.