

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th. February, 2009
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Members Present:

Mrs. J. Stonehouse – Chairman J. Lacey Mrs. N. Mason MBE

H. Dhillon P. Elverson C. Wesley

In Attendance:

R. Catmur – Parish Clerk

Action

1 Apologies received

Apologies had been received from Councillor Cliffe.

2 Absence noted and approved

The absence of Councillor Cliffe was noted and approved.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on 12th. January, 2009

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th. January, 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

5 Public session

No members of the public were present.

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that Greenland Garden had advised that they would maintain the price of grass cutting at the same level as last year.
He circulated a copy of the report on the Halloween walk.
He went on to say that he had received an e-mail, regarding No.7 Holdings, Pessall Farm, that suggested, that the resident trading from the premise was in breach of his contract conditions and action was being taken.

7 Correspondence

A circular had been received from Neighbourhood Watch advising that they were launching an on-line watch system (OWL).
A letter from LDC with a proposed code of practice for 'A' boards.
Community Council of Staffordshire – News and Views.

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8 Councillor's business

Councillor Lacey reported that the ground beneath the kissing gates was full of mud and required attention. The Clerk will ask Les Watkins to fill the holes with rocks and gravel.

Clerk 20/02

The Chairman advised the meeting that Harlaston had, on display, a laminated map indicating all of their footpaths and asked the Clerk to request one for Edingale. Councillor Elverson suggested that the map be sent in PDF format for inclusion onto the web site.

Clerk 20/02

She went on ask the Clerk to publicise on the notice board and the Church magazine, the annual cost of providing dog bins ,which were being used by responsible dog owners and to include a request that others, who allow their dogs to foul pavements and other replaces, would start to use the facility and a create a better environment for other villagers.

Clerk 12/02

Mrs. Stonehouse concluded by pointing out that the willow trees in the School by the side of the bus stop needed to be trimmed. The Clerk was instructed to ask the School to attend to them or, if necessary, the PC would arrange to have them cut, possibly under the lengthsman agreement.

Clerk 20/02

9 LDC Summer Play Programme

A letter had been received from LDC asking for financial help with running the summer play programme. The last donation for this project was in 2007 for £150. The PC were in favour of making a donation but required assurance that it would benefit Edingale children and the whole programme would be publicised. The Clerk will write to Mary Cooke.

Clerk 20/02

10 Best kept village

A letter from Community Council of Staffordshire, advising the details of the Best Kept Village, had been received. After some discussion it was agreed that the committee, who were organising the open gardens, be asked to take this project forward, with Councillor Mason leading. The PC would fully support them and would pay the £12 entrance fee.

Clerk 20/02

11 Village sign

Councillor Elverson suggested that a village sign would be good for the village and proposed a competition for the best design. Further discussion ensued and all Councillors were in favour of the proposal and the Clerk was instructed to contact SCC to establish what restrictions there would be to erecting such a sign on their property.

Clerk 20/02

12 Walks around the village

The Chairman stated that there had been a good turnout for the latest walk and she believed even more people would take part when the map, previously referred to, was on the notice board.

The Clerk tabled a letter from SCC that asked for bids under the Community Paths Initiative. It was pointed out that there was a requirement for fingerpost signs and these will be identified at the next meeting.

Councillor Mason advised the meeting that a sign on the corner of Rowley Close needed attention. The Clerk will contact Greenlands.

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13 Freedom of Information Act – compliance

The PC adopted the model Freedom of Information Act – compliance.

14 Web site

Councillor Elverson reported that the site was progressing satisfactorily.

15 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report.

Expenditure	YTD £	Budget £	2007/2008 £
Ground maintenance	4,005	4,100	3,373
Village Hall - grass	439	616	498
Blakeways hedge	110	130	125
Dog bins	520	520	520
Expenses	1,673	3,000	3,043
Insurance/Audit	469	469	485
VAT	807	nil	nil
Notice board	735	735	
Hatchett Lane - resurfacing	1,220	1,220	nil
Donations	350	350	
Under/Over spend	1,672	960	-1,845
Precept	£12,000	£12,000	£8,120
<u>Cheques this month</u>		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
R.Catmur	156.57		
SCC	104.39		
Derryford	263.20		

16 Investment

The sum of £36,465.39 would mature on 12th. February. It was agreed to reinvest that sum, plus interest, for a further month. The rate of interest for the last month was 0.69% and earned £19.30.

17 Planning applications

Planning application No.08/01280/FUL for the conversion of existing garage into granny annex and erection of a double detached oak framed timber garage at The Old School House, School Lane was approved by LDC.

18 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 9th. March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Chairman

Date