

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Members Present:

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

H. Dhillon Mrs. M. Cliffe P. Elverson C. Wesley

In Attendance:

R. Catmur – Parish Clerk

Action

1 Apologies received

Apologies had been received from the Chairman, Councillor Janet Stonehouse.

2 Absence noted and approved

The absence of Councillor Stonehouse was noted and approved.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on, 9th. February 2008

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on, 9th. February 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

No members of the public were present.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had written of her concerns, regarding the state of Raddle Lane. Apparently, lorries were cutting the corner and destroying the grass. The Clerk will write to Highways.

National Forest had advised the Chairman that the area that they had developed off Mill Lane, named The Mease Wood, was open to the public but they were unaware that, in order to access the site, it was necessary to cross private property.

Clerk 22/03

7 Correspondence

South Staffordshire NHS offering World Class Commissioning for South Staffordshire.

A reply to a letter written to SCC, regarding waste recycling centre at Lichfield, by the Clerk had been received. They had advised that they had

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taken every step they could but the site would remain closed for two days a week. They agreed that the incidence of flytipping had increased.
Community Council of Staffordshire membership application form.
SCC update on Joint Waste Strategy.
SCC Mapping Services Agreement – copyright requirements. The Clerk was authorised by the PC to sign the Contractor Licence to enable the receipt of Ordnance Survey mapping data.

Clerk 12/03

8 Councillor's business

Councillor Dhillon pointed out that the road surface of Pessall Lane was in desperate need of attention. The Clerk will write to Highways. He went on to state that the dog mess between Rowley Close and Pessall Lane was a disgrace. The Clerk will arrange two notices.

Clerk 25/03

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Councillor Wesley asked the Clerk to write to Highways, thanking them for their work on Croxall Road but pointing out that a drain cover required attention, between Croxall Hall and the junction. He suggested a letter to Croxall Hall, complimenting them on the display of flowers. He recommended a further letter to the widow of Mr. Timmis, offering our condolences and pointing out the excellent work that he had done when a Councillor for Edingale. Finally, he asked if a 20mph speed limit could be sought from SCC. Councillor Dhillon advised that, following a meeting of the School Governors, a letter would be sent to the PC making such a formal request.

Clerk 20/03

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9 Dates for Annual Parish and Statutory meetings

It was agreed that the date for the Statutory meeting would be 11th. May at 7.15pm. After some discussion it was agreed that the date of the Annual Parish meeting would be decided at the next meeting.

10 Ground maintenance cost for the Village Hall

The Clerk tabled a letter from SCC, advising that the cost for ground maintenance at the Village Hall would be £533 for the year ending 31st. March, 2010, an increase of 5%. This was agreed by the PC.

11 Procedure for receiving anonymous communications

The Clerk advised that the Chairman firmly believed that any communication that was not signed should be ignored. This was agreed but Councillor Mason asked what action the PC should take if the subject raised was serious. The PC agreed that in such circumstances, the PC would react.

12 Flower tubs

It was agreed that the sum of £70 be made available to Councillor Mason to purchase tubs and flowers. She pointed out that 25 gardens would be opened to the public on 5th. July and thought that a request for funds for the programmes etc. would be sent to the PC.

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13 LDC Playscheme Action

It was agreed that £100 would be paid for the LDC Playscheme.

14 Village sign

SCC had advised that it was dependant upon where a Council wished to locate a sign as to whether they would give their permission, although, provided it did not interfere with traffic, it was not normally withheld. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Clerks at Kings Bromley and Alrewas to enquire the cost of their signs, before a decision is made whether to have one or two signs.

Clerk 22/03

15 Village walks

Councillor Stonehouse had completed all of the walks around the Village and marked all of those that required attention. The Clerk will contact Rights of Way at SCC.

Clerk 22/03

16 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	4,065	4,000	3,043
Insurance/Audit	469	469	485
VAT	807	nil	
Notice board	735	735	nil
Hatchett Lane - resurfacing	1,220	1,220	nil
Donations	1,085	1,000	700
Under/Over spend	-1,455	-790	-624
Precept	£12,000	£12,000	£8,120
<u>Cheques this month</u>		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
R.Catmur	2,007.95		

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Greenlands Garden	214.00
Mrs. N. Mason	70.00
Holy Trinity Church	735.00
Lichfield District Council	100.00

17 Investment

The Clerk reported that the sum of £36,484.69 plus interest of £18.47, would mature on 12 March. He suggested that it be reinvested for a further month, less £3,100. This was agreed.

18 Planning applications

No planning applications had been received.

19 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 6th. April, 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Chairman

Date