

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th. August, 2009
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Members Present:

Mrs. J. Stonehouse – Chairman J. Lacey H. Dhillon
Mrs. M. Cliffe P. Elverson

In Attendance:

R. Catmur – Parish Clerk

**3 members of the public
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1 Apologies received

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs. Mason and Wesley.

2 Absence noted and approved

The absence of Councillor Mrs. Mason and Councillor Wesley, who were both on holiday, was noted and approved.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on 13th. July, 2009

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th. July, 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

Mr. Meikle returned 5 pictures of Edingale village that were surplus. The Chairman recalled that, in the past, a charge had been made for a picture and asked the Clerk to establish the price.

Clerk 01/09

Mr. Pilgrim was pleased to report that Edingale had won the Best Kept Small Village award and in addition had won the Best Village in the Area. A post, measuring some 10 feet, was part of the prize that was given to the successful village for a year. Some discussion ensued as to where the post should be located and it was agreed that it should be placed on the grass bank on the left hand side, as one enters the village. The Clerk will contact Highways for permission.

Clerk 01/09

The certificate will be hung in the village hall and it was agreed that the £200 prize should be used for a specific project. The Clerk will arrange for the PC's congratulations to be in the Church magazine.

Clerk 11/08

It was felt that the presentation for the BKV, ideally, would coincide with the presentation for the Open Gardens, which had been arranged for 21st. September. Invitations will be sent to local dignitaries and refreshments will be arranged. Finally, it was agreed that the PC would lead on the presentation on 20th.. September.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that the hedge at the top of Schofield Lane would be cut at the end of September at the owner's expense. It was confirmed that a timetable for the Acorn bus had been displayed at the bus stop. However, from 6 September, the route was being taken by Invincible.

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Clerk's report – continued

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LDC had advised that they were against relocating the electoral venue to the Hall because of an insurance problem.

He had received a complaint, regarding the corner upon entering the village, that had several signs, that were an eyesore. The Clerk had attempted to ease the situation but the sign advertising office space available was chained and padlocked to street furniture. The Chairman suggested that it was a job for the community gang.

Clerk 25/08

7 Correspondence

South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust with information on Swine Flu.
Time 2 Time Summer issue 2009.

8 Councillor's business

Councillor Cliffe reported that the hedge, adjacent to the football field, was very overgrown and was reaching into the Harlaston Road. The Clerk will write to Highways.

Clerk 25/08

Councillor Dhillon thought that the bridge over Pessall Lane required an inspection and asked that the poor state of the Lane be included with the letter to Highways. He went on to report on the successful open garden project and asked for the PC to take the lead at the presentation on 21st. September, which will coincide with the BKV presentation. He concluded by advising that the Peter Nottage project would be completed by the end of October, at which time there would be another presentation and he hoped the PC would, again, take the lead. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to LDC fully endorsing the support of the PC to the project.

Clerk 25/08

Councillor Lacey was pleased to report that Mill Lane was now signed as a bridleway and a huntsman's gate had been fitted to the gate across the road. However, a similar gate needed to be installed by the river and he was unsure if the river had been made 'horse friendly'. The Clerk will contact Rights of Way.

Clerk 17/08

The Chairman tabled a letter from Matthew Ellis in which he thanked the PC for their support with his flag campaign.

Clerk 25/08

9 Village sign/signpost at Raddle Lane/National Forest entry signs

The Chairman asked if the PC wanted to have National Forest signs. The Clerk pointed out that they provided 50% of the cost. Councillor Dhillon felt that the PC should deal with the Village sign first but it was agreed that the Clerk will obtain costs for the next meeting.

Clerk 28/08

It was agreed that all of the pieces of the Raddle Lane signpost would be taken to Councillor Lacey.

Councillor Elverson advised that he was waiting for costs and specification on a suggested design. Councillor Dhillon wanted the village to be involved with the design and it was agreed that it would be put on the web site and ask anyone who was interested, to submit a design by the end of the year. The Chairman will announce the request for designs at the meeting on 21 September.

Chairman

It was agreed that the sign, when agreed, would be bought and stored.

10 Donation to open gardens

The sum of £439.88, agreed at the last meeting, was approved unanimously.

11 Staffordshire Flag

Councillor Elverson suggested that the Staffordshire flag be located in the School. A question arose as to whether planning would be required and the Clerk will ask LDC.

Clerk 25/08

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12 Community transport

The Clerk advised that he had received advice that the Clerk at Elford had offered to liaise with other interested villages to look at improving transport.

13 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report.

Expenditure	YTD	Budget	2008/2009
	£	£	£
Ground maintenance	2,727	3,500	3,117
Village Hall - grass	89	650	527
Blakeways hedge		130	125
Dog bins		520	520
Expenses	1,535	4,600	4,136
Insurance/Audit	302	500	485
VAT	300	nil	nil
SPCA membership	190	190	nil
Donations	114	250	250
Under/Over spend	5,743		2,840
Precept	£11,000		£12,000
<u>Cheques this month</u>		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
LDC	598.00		
Open gardens	439.88		
Greenlands Garden	555.00		

14 Investment

The sum of £42,230.71, plus interest of £3.56, matured on 10th. August. The Clerk suggested that it be reinvested for a further month, less £600. This was agreed.

15 Planning applications

The Clerk reported that he had taken planning application No.09/00444/FUL, on behalf of the Village Hall, for the erection of play equipment and associated works, from the computer. The Clerk was instructed to write to LDC, fully supporting the application.

Clerk 16/08

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16 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 14th. September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Chairman

Date