

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14th. September, 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 Stonehouse.

2 Absence noted and approved

The absence of Councillor Stonehouse was noted and approved.

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on, 10th. August, 2009

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th. August, 2009 were approved and signed by the Acting Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

Mr. Pilgrim discussed the arrangements for the presentations of the best kept village and the open gardens. He stated that he was responsible for the safety of the area opposite the School and the 'ladies' were looking after the Village Hall area. It was confirmed to Councillor Mason that the entire village had been invited, including the children from the School. A cheque for £200 was passed to the Clerk, that was part of the prize for winning the competition. The allocation of this cheque will be an item for the next agenda.

Clerk 09/10

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 National Forest

Alan Leader, a representative from the National Forest, advised that the majority of villages in the National Forest area had signs indicating as such and it was their intention for all villages to have such signs. He advised patience, as he had recently introduced Barton to the scheme and it had been both frustrating and had taken a number of months. He stated that the cost of each sign was £160 and if the legs of the existing signs could be used, labour was £65 each. He pointed out that some Councils were prepared to pay for installation but Mr. Pilgrim interjected, that he

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National Forest – continued

would be prepared to install them without charge to the PC. It was agreed that this would be an item on the next agenda. He went on to state that his organisation would pay 75% of the cost of both the signs and the installation.

Clerk 09/10

7 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that he had intended to have Christmas lights on the October agenda but he had informed that the installation at Blakeways Close required attention and he would therefore contact the electrician upon his return from holiday.

Clerk 28/09

At the recent Parish Forum meeting, delegates were informed of a Police initiative entitled 'You Say We Pay'. Grants of up to £2,000 were available to reduce crime, anti social behaviour or would improve the neighbourhood.

This will be an item on the next agenda.

Clerk 09/10

At the same meeting, reference was made to the introduction of flood wardens, to whom other agencies would contact for local information and feedback. The Chairman had indicated that she was prepared to take on this role and that was unanimously agreed.

Chairman

Discussion on the remaining pictures of the village continued and it was agreed that they would be displayed at the presentation and offered for sale at £75 each. It was further agreed that if some pictures still remained, they would be advertised on the web site, in the Parish magazine and on the notice board.

The Clerk advised that the bridge on Pessall Lane had been inspected during November last year and a further inspection had confirmed that it was sound, although some vegetation should be removed. He went on to advise that footpath No1, Raddle Lane to Lullington Road, had been inspected and currently had a barley crop across the whole field. The Rights of Way Officer agreed to write to the farmer and point out his obligation to maintain the footpath.

A visit was made to Mill Lane and it was agreed that the solution to that problem would be long term. English Heritage intended to investigate if the two protected fish were present where it was intended to ford the river. If they were not, then the next step would be to recreate the crossing

The Rights of Way Officer will write to the two landowners where footpath No. 13 is located, as it is completely impassable.

The Clerk continued with advising that HomeZone were currently clearing the garden of 5, Woodyard Drive and a meeting had been arranged at Elford to discuss rural transport.

Finally, he asked, on behalf of Councillor Stonehouse, that if any Councillor witnessed unauthorised HGV's travelling through the village, to report it to PC Richard Allsop. It was agreed that all attachments to street furniture would be removed when next the community gang visited the village.

Clerk 30/09

8 Correspondence

SPCA Nominations for officers.

Vitalise supporting local disabled people and carers.

SPCA 70th. AGM 7 November at 10.30 am in the Council Chamber.

Community Council of Staffordshire AGM 24 September.

South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust AGM 30 September.

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9 Councillor's comments

Councillor Mason was advised that the old notice board had been removed from the village hall to make way for their new sign. Councillor Dhillon agreed to have it reinstated. Further discussion ensued, regarding arrangements for the BKV presentation and it was agreed unanimously to contribute £50 towards the cost of refreshments. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

C. Dhillon

Clerk 01/10

Councillor Elverson was pleased to report that, the problem of getting from the village web site to Clarence, had been overcome.

10 Staffordshire flag

The Clerk reported that planning permission was not required to erect a flagpole to fly the Staffordshire flag. This will be an item on the next agenda to decide on its location.

Clerk 01/10

11 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report.

Expenditure	YTD £	Budget £	2007/2008 £
Ground maintenance	3,200	3,400	3,373
Village Hall - grass	89	616	498
Blakeways hedge		130	125
Dog bins	520	520	520
Expenses	1,609	3,000	3,043
Insurance/Audit	302	485	485
VAT	300	nil	nil
SPCA membership	190	190	180
Donations	554	250	
Under/Over spend	5,236	1,419	-1,845
Precept	£12,000	£12,000	£8,120
<u>Cheques this month</u>		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
R.Catmur	73.41		
Greenlands Garden	473.00		

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12 Investment

The sum of £41,634.27 plus interest of £3.97, matured on 8 September. The Clerk had reinvested the total for a further month, less £1,000. He pointed out that the interest rate had fallen from 0.12% to 0.06% from 8 September.

13 Planning applications

The paperwork for planning application No.09/00444/FUL, reported at the last meeting, had been received. The Clerk had written to LDC fully supporting the erection of play equipment, as instructed.

14 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 12th. October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Chairman

Date