

## **EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th October, 2009  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

### **Members Present:**

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

**H. Dhillon                      Mrs. M. Cliffe                      P. Elverson**

### **In Attendance:**

**R. Catmur – Parish Clerk**

**2 members of the public  
Action**

#### **1        Apologies received**

The absence of Councillor Wesley was noted.

#### **2        Absence noted and approved**

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#### **3        Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on, 2008**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup>. September, 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. Peter Nottage advised the meeting that the opening of the new play area would be on 28<sup>th</sup>. November and all Councillors would be welcome to attend.

Mr. Ken Pilgrim, in an effort to continue the enthusiasm that had been created by the BKV and the Open Gardens, had created an organisation entitled 'Guardian and Guardian Angels of Edingale'. He intended publicising it in the Church magazine and to ask for volunteers.

### **The Chairman reconvened the meeting**

#### **6        Clerk's report**

The Clerk reported that he had received a cheque for £65 for the hedge cutting on Schofield Lane from the solicitors, acting on behalf of the owners. He went on to state that he had received a request for financial support from the VHMC in respect of the cost of the fireworks. It was agreed that it would be discussed after the financial reports.

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### **7 Correspondence**

SCC Community Paths Initiative.

South Staffs NHS Primary Care Trust.

Letter from M. Fairweather to the Clerk of Harlaston.

Letter from HomeZone thanking us for our letter re 5, Woodyard Drive.

Macmillan Hospice – Give Now.

### **8 Councillor's business**

Councillor Mason advised that she had sold 3 pictures at £75 each. She went on to advise that she had 2 left and was waiting for the money for a further 2. She asked that the Village Hall notice board be re-hung and Councillor Dhillon agreed to raise at their next meeting. Mrs Mason pointed out that some of the tubs and flowers needed replacing and it was agreed to donate £75.

**C. Dhillon**

Councillor Cliffe stated that the Church coffee morning was arranged for 10.00am before the opening of the children's play area.

Councillor Dhillon reported that the Village Hall was making a loss of £200 per month and had some £4,000 in the bank. He also expressed concerns with health and safety issues and with falling numbers on the committee.

Councillor Elverson wondered if the family that HomeZone had agreed to re-house, had left the Village. The Clerk will make enquiries.

**Clerk 25/10**

The Chairman had spoken with Millie Chamberlain, regarding approaching the Land Registry to create deeds for the grounds of the Village Hall. She had informed Millie that, subject to the agreement of all Councillors, the PC would meet the legal costs that would be incurred and this will be an item on the next agenda. Councillor Dhillon pointed out that the request for the filing, would be put formally to the PC.

**Clerk 30/10**

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The Chairman believed that one of the biggest problems, in respect of the BKV, were the weeds around the VH and suggested that Mr. Watkins be asked for a quotation to clear them. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Clerk 23/10**

Mrs. Stonehouse concluded by asking the Clerk to instruct the Community Gang to cut the hedge between the football pitch and the bend in the River on Harlaston Road.

**Clerk 15/10**

### **9 Disposal of £1,000 from M. Ellis to be decided**

It was agreed that the £1,000 from County Councillor Ellis would be put towards the cost of a new kitchen. The PC were grateful for the donation and the Clerk was instructed to convey their thanks. Councillor Lacey was advised that the original offer to contribute £1,900 from the PC for this project was still valid. The Chairman pointed out that, any money given to anybody, must be used specifically for that project and any deviation from this, would result in the funds being withdrawn.

**Clerk 16/10**

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### 10 Allotments

It was thought that the Public Open Space could afford an area for allotments but it was known to be a flood plain and consequently, unsuitable. However, the Chairman, having spoken with Millie, believed that an area at the rear of the VH could be utilised. Councillor Elverson pointed out that funds could be available for the VH and it was agreed that the PC would meet reasonable start-up costs. This will be an item on the next agenda.

Clerk 30/10

### 11 Prize of £200 from BKV

It was agreed that the £200 prize for winning the BKV competition would be allocated to the cost of clearing the weeds around the VH.

### 12 Cost of refreshments at BKV

It was agreed that the sum of £50 be donated for the refreshments at the presentation of the BKV.

### 13 Location of Staffordshire Flag

It was agreed that best location for the Staffordshire flag would be the School. The Clerk was instructed to approach the School for their reaction.

Clerk 22/10

### 14 Police Community Initiative Fund

After some discussion, it was agreed to apply for a reflecting mirror, for the Black Horse car park and a flashing sign, that indicates vehicle speed, from the Police Community Initiative Fund

Clerk 20/10

### 15 National Forest signs

The Clerk had to report that, Alan Leader had been unable to receive a satisfactory reply from SCC but he was still trying.

### 16 Village sign/Raddle Lane

It was agreed that Raddle Lane would be on the next agenda. Councillor Elverson tabled three designs for the Village sign. He will obtain prices.

C. Elverson

### 17 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report.

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>YTD £</b>	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>2007/2008 £</b>
Ground maintenance	3,845	4,500	4,289
Village Hall - grass	89	616	527

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Blakeways hedge	nil	130	125
Dog bins	nil	520	520
Expenses	1,907	5,000	4,136
Insurance/Audit	302	469	468
VAT	335	nil	nil
Hatchett Lane - resurfacing	nil	nil	1,220-
Donations	605	1,000	1,595
SPCA	190	190	180
Under/Over spend	3,727	-1,425	-1,060
Precept	£11,000	£11,000	£12,000
<u>Cheques this month</u>		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
R.Catmur	69.73		
Lichfield Web Design	262.20		
Greenlands Garden	710.00		
Village Hall	55.00		

### 17 Investment

The sum of £40,638.24 matured on 6 October and was reinvested for a further month, plus interest of £1.87, less £1,000. The sum of £39,640.11 matures on 6<sup>th</sup>. November.

### 18 Planning applications

Planning application No. 09/00444/Ful for the erection of children's play equipment was approved by LDC.

### 19 Request for funds for fireworks

The Clerk reported that a request for £550 had been received from VHMC to pay (in full) for fireworks. Councillor Dhillon stated that the committee intended to circulate the Village for donations and in the past, that had been sufficient to pay, in full, the cost of fireworks. After some discussion, it was agreed to donate £200, however, the PC required to know how much the donations had realised and how much the fireworks had cost. The PC decided that, if the money from the envelopes was insufficient to cover costs, then the PC would assume that the Village was not interested and the PC will not contribute again.

### 20 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 9<sup>th</sup>. November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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**Meeting closure**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

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**Chairman**

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**Date**