

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th. November, 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 C. Wesley

In Attendance:

R. Catmur – Parish Clerk

**2 members of the public
Action**

1 Apologies received

All Councillors were present.

2 Absence noted and approved

All Councillors were present

3 Approval of minutes of Parish Council held on, 2008

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th. October, 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

A member of the public asked if the PC would take responsibility for the ownership, insurance and maintenance of the children's play area. Councillor Dhillon will check with the Charity Commission to establish if that could be done and what costs would be involved. This will be an item on the next agenda under precept. Councillor Dhillon is contacting other groups in the village to have their representation on the VHMC.

Clerk 30/11

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that the occupants of 21, Croxall Road were still in residence.

7 Correspondence

RSPCA requesting a donation.
Time 2 Time Autumn issue.
Tamworth bus timetables were circulated.

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8 Councillor's business

Councillor Cliffe reported that the footpath sign had disappeared from School Lane and a pile of soil had been left from the play area. The Clerk will contact Peter Nottage.

Clerk 20/11

Councillor Mason advised that a boat had been stolen last month and that there had been a sharp increase in theft lately. She had bought a new barrel that she had varnished and would be buying more bulbs soon.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the invitation to attend the opening of the new play area on 28th. November.

9 Christmas lights

The Clerk reported that the electrics of the three installations had been checked and the lights would be switched on 1st. December.

10 Precept

Considerable discussion, regarding the level of precept to be set for the year 2010/2011, ensued. Consideration was given to the requirements of the Village Hall and the Church and it was agreed that this would be an item on the next agenda. In the meantime Councillor Dhillon will enquire what the VHMC would require the PC to fund next year. The Church were asking for £800 and the Clerk will ask Mr. Dale for a Balance Sheet for the next meeting.

Clerk 30/11

**C. Dhillon
Clerk 30/11**

11 Allotments

It was reported that Millie was attending to allotments.

12 Village Hall

The Chairman stated that the PC would be filing the Village Hall land with the Land Registry when requested by Millie.

13 Village Hall car park

The Clerk tabled a quotation from Mr. Watkins, for attending to the car park at the village hall, of £385 with a further £60 per visit. It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting, under precept.

Clerk 30/11

14 Harlaston Road hedge

The Community Gang had visited the hedge along Harlaston Road and intended to revisit and cut the high overhang.

15 Staffordshire flag

The Clerk stated that he had received an e-mail from SCC, indicating that the flying of the Staffordshire flag fell under Class 7 of the 'Outdoor Adverts and Signs Regulations'. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to forward the e-mail to Councillor Ellis.

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16 Police Community Initiative Fund

The Clerk reported that the cost of a speed indicator device (SID) was £3,000 and under the Fund the maximum was only £2,000. However he had spoken with Melanie Langdown of the Staffordshire Safer Road Partnership, who had promised to supply a SID for the beginning and end of the School day for a trial period. She will also ask the area highway team to consider Edingale for the main SID programme. The Clerk had also requested funds to cover the cost of a mirror for the Black Horse car park, although it was understood that a mirror was already in place.

17 Village sign/Raddle Lane

Councillor Lacey was pleased to report that the Raddle Lane sign would be repaired and reinstalled shortly. Councillor Elverson asked if discussion on the Village sign could be delayed until the next meeting.

18 National Forest entry signs

The Clerk reported that Alan Leather, of National Forest, had found it difficult to extract information from SCC and the Clerk would now contact them, complete an application for tourism signs, pay £100 and ascertain the total cost. National Forest had offered to pay 75%.

Clerk 30/11

19 Money raised from envelopes for the firework display

This will be a further item under precept, at the next meeting.

Clerk 30/11

20 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report.

Expenditure	YTD £	Budget £	2007/2008 £
Ground maintenance	4,310	4,500	4,289
Village Hall - grass	89	616	527
Blakeways hedge		130	125
Dog bins	288	520	520
Expenses	1,962	5,000	4,136
Insurance/Audit	302	469	468
VAT	428	nil	nil
SPCA membership	190	190	180
Donations	804	1,000	1,595

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Under/Over spend	2,627	-1,425	160
Precept	£11,000	£11,000	£12,000
<u>Cheques this month</u>		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
SCC	331.20		
Village Hall	200.00		
Greenlands Garden	390.00		

17 Investment

The Clerk reported that the sum of £39,640.11 matured on 5 November and was reinvested for a further month, plus interest of £1.63, less £1,500. The sum of £38,141.74 matures on 7 December.

18 Planning applications

Planning application No. 09/01123/COU for the continuation of the use of buildings for the storage of toilets at 7 Holdings, Pessall Farm was tabled. The PC instructed the Clerk to object on health grounds, change of use, continuation (having never had permission), the possibility of a covenant, disinfectant escaping down drains and copy to Councillor Bennion and the Environment Agency.

Clerk 13/11

19 Date and venue of next meeting

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

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Chairman

Date