

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14th. December, 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

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 9th. November, 2009**

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

4 **Declaration of interests**

Councillor Stonehouse declared an interest in item 7 – Correspondence (letter from Mr. Webb)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 **Public session**

Mr. Webb, a Schofield Lane resident, was concerned with the parking of vehicles around the island opposite the Black Horse. He pointed out that threats had been made to a member of his family. He said that some vehicles had infrequent use and asked if the Parish Council could make land available for alternative parking. He agreed that the vehicles in question were legitimately parked and the recent visit from a fire engine had not been inconvenienced.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 **Clerk's report**

The Clerk suggested that he write thank you letters, on behalf of the Council to Peter Nottage, for being the driving force behind the play areas, County councillor Matthew Ellis, for his donation of £1,000 and support throughout 2009 and Councillor Lacey for arranging for the reconstruction of the Raddle Lane signpost. This was agreed. He stated that the National Forest road signs was on-going.

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7 Correspondence

A SCC letter approving the application for funding for the sum of £1,000 had been received. Some discussion ensued over what the money was to be used for and it had been made quite clear at a VHMC meeting, by Councillor Dhillon, that it had to be used towards a new kitchen. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chairman of the VHMC and stress that the £1,000 and the £1,900 must be used purely for the Kitchen. He would also enclose a copy of the SCC letter, as the grant must be paid by 31st. March.

Clerk 20/12

A letter had been received from the residents of 17, Croxall Road, complaining about the residents of number.21. Councillor Dhillon pointed out that the court had issued an ASBO and the Clerk will write again to HomeZone and copy Mrs. Li.

Clerk 20/12

A letter, referred to under the Public Session, had been received from Mr. Webb and copies were circulated to all Councillors. The question of the hedge opposite 4, Schofield Lane arose; it was agreed that, in future, Mr. Webb should refer the matter to the appropriate people and not the PC. The Clerk had written to the Police on receipt of the letter in order to update the Councillors on the situation. The Police responded that they had met with Mr. Webb in the past and no further incidents had been recorded since that time. The Councillors agreed that it was not in a position to offer alternative parking. After further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the residents that lived in the vicinity relaying Mr. Webb's request for consideration in parking.

Clerk 01/01

8 Precept

The Clerk circulated a budgeted expenditure for the year 2010/2011, which was some £2,000 less than the report at the last meeting, due to the capitalisation of the cost of the creation of the web site. The Chairman stated that the average annual cost per household of the precept was £39.01. £13,85 (35% on current precept level of £11,000) was in respect of essential expenditure, £18.72 (48%) in respect of ground maintenance, which left a balance of £6.44 i.e.17%, which was available to the Council for disposal. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Church and the Village Hall would be given an annual one-off payment and in addition the Parish Council would continue to pay for the Village Hall's grass cutting. Payments in future would be based on a percentage of the precept. The Chairman suggested a modest increase of 3% on the precept would be appropriate and this will be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk will present figures based on percentages of the precept.

Clerk 02/10

9 Wind turbines

The Chairman suggested that it was up to individuals to object to the proposed wind turbines, if they wished, when an application was made.

10 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk circulated the following report.

Expenditure	YTD	Budget	2008/2009
	£	£	£

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Ground maintenance	3,789	4,000	3,373
Village Hall - grass	377	650	610
Blakeways hedge		130	125
Dog bins	520	520	520
Expenses	930	3,200	3,043
Insurance/Audit	437	437	485
VAT	482	nil	nil
SPCA	190	190	185
Donations	805	1,555	1,595
Under/Over spend	3,470	318	2,064
Precept	£11,000	£11,000	£12,000
<u>Cheques this month</u>		<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	
Derryford Electrical	257.60	Lichfield Web Design	1,428
Audit Commission	155.25		
CMEC	75.00		
Village Hall	22.00		
R. Catmur	76.15		
SCC	107.33		
R.J.Francis	138.00		

11 Investment

£38,141.74 matured on 7 December plus interest of £2.01, less £1,000 was invested for a further month. £73,341.13, that was invested for a year, plus interest of £1,569.50, matures on 7 January. It was agreed to reinvest the sum and the interest for 3 months. **Clerk 07/01**

18 Planning applications

Planning application No. 09/01123/COU was withdrawn on 27 November. The Clerk will write to LDC, as the storage of portable toilets is continuing. **Clerk 20/12**

19 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 11th. January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Chairman

Date