

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 13th. December, 2010
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, 2010

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on, 8th. November 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

No members of the public were present.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that, subsequent to closing the bridge over the River Mease, he had been informed from SCC that, in their view, the bridge only required a few adjustments and was safe. The Chairman had removed the notices and the bridge was re-opened. The Clerk had written to SCC and advised them, following their advice, of these actions.

It was confirmed that Woodyard Drive is unadopted and probably owned by HomeZone. They will contact the contractor who had caused the tarmac to be damaged.

He stated that he had not received any replies to the letters written to South Derbyshire Council, SCC, National Arboretum and LDC, regarding Catton Hall concerts.

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Clerk's report – continued

Ken Pilgrim had advised the Clerk that the row of Lime trees in the Church would not require attention for another two years.

The Clerk was concerned with the Lengthsman agreement, pointing out that payment for the first two quarters had been received but no work had been undertaken to offset this. It was agreed that the Clerk would accompany Mr. Watkins and identify suitable projects.

Clerk 04/01

He had received an e-mail from Ian VanArkadie, thanking the PC for the National Forest signs and offering his services as the Clerk, if the PC required.

7 Correspondence

Letter from SCC asking for help in spreading grit, in the event of severe weather. Mr. Fairweather had agreed to provide this help, provided SCC supply another grit bin. The Chairman stated that she had seen a resident collect grit to spread on Raddle Lane, where the other bin used to be located, as the ice had made it impassable. The Clerk will inform Mr. Rayson.

Clerk 22/12

8 Councillor's business

Councillor Dhillon will check with the Village Hall Committee whether they have approached the local landfill company for funding for improvements to the heating system.

C. Dhillon

Councillor Mason asked what the PC wished to do to celebrate the Royal Wedding next year. She suggested liasing with other groups in the Village and that was agreed. The Clerk will write to the Church, the Village hall and the Black Horse.

Clerk 29/12

9 Precept

The Clerk tabled anticipated expenditure for 2011/12. After some discussion, it was agreed that the precept would remain unchanged at £11,330. The Chairman wondered if the PC should alternate between the Village Hall and the School for the PC meetings. The Councillors were asked to give some thought to the suggestion. Councillor Dhillon will ask, again, for the invoice for the cost of the hire of the Village Hall for these meetings. Consideration would also be given to reducing the 71/2% payment to the Church and the Village Hall to 5%.

10 Planning application No10/00196/COU

The PC was concerned with the way that planning application No.10/00196/COU had been dealt with by LDC Planning Department. It seemed that the officers of LDC had advised the planning committee to pass the application, despite there being many unanswered questions. The appeal decision listed reasons for dismissing the application that LDC should have stated at the application stage and the PC felt that an apology was reasonable. It was pointed out that £862.50 had been paid to a consultant, that may have not been necessary if the planning department had done a more professional job. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to LDC and pass to Councillors, prior to despatch.

Clerk 21/12

11 Village sign

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12 Bus No. 813

The Chairman had spoken with Matthew Ellis, who was investigating the possibility of including Edingale on route 813.

13 Clerk's financial report

The Clerk circulated the following report:

Expenditure	YTD £	Budget £	2010/2011 £
Ground maintenance	3,858	4,000	3,604
Village Hall - grass	382	650	610
Blakeways hedge		130	125
Dog bins	572	520	520
Expenses	1,658	3,500	3,289
Insurance/Audit	455	480	465
VAT	572	nil	nil
SPCA	194	194	185
Village Hall grant £1,000			
Less part cost of kitchen	261		nil
Donations	3,608	1,700	1,595
Prof fees	863	nil	nil
Under/Over spend	-1,093	156	1,607
Precept	£11,330	£11,330	£11,000

14 Investment

The Clerk reported that the sum of £108,682.22, plus interest of £11.67, matured on 17th. December. It was agreed that it would be invested for a further month.

15 Planning applications

Planning application No10/01479/FUL for a single rear extension to form dining room and utility and the erection of a single detached garage at 9, Pessall Lane, was not objected to by the PC.

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16 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 10th. January, 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Chairman

Date