

Edingale Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting commencing 7.15pm, Monday 9th May 2011 at the Village Hall, Edingale.

Present;

Cllrs J. Stonehouse (Chair), M. Cliffe, H. Dhillon, J. Lacey, N. Mason OBE & C. Wesley.

In Attendance;

Mrs Milly Chamberlain.

Mr Gordon Rhodes.

Mr Paul Elverson.

County Councillor Matthew Ellis.

Mr Ray Smythe, Clerk.

County Councillor Ellis spoke about transport arrangements in the area. He reported that pensioners' bus pass use had been extended and could be used at any time without restriction across the district. Fuel subsidies from central government were reduced by 82 per cent and to counter some of the bus companies withdrawing services, the County Council had allocated £17 million to support public transport until a better arrangement could be obtained.

Transport to Lichfield needed improving and there would be a consultation exercise where it was hoped to obtain public approval for some services to Tamworth being reduced and more going to Lichfield. Under 20's were encouraged to use the Staffordshire Travel Card. County Councillor Ellis was thanked for his attendance.

Mr Rhodes suggested that speed restrictions and appropriate signage might help safety on the road next to the field by the Village Hall. He reported that parking could be a problem when the car park to the Hall was closed. He added that a fence between the Village Hall and The Croft should be improved and extended. Cllr Dhillon agreed to pass the information to the Village Hall Committee.

1 Election of Chair

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to elect Cllr C. Wesley. There were no other nominations.

2 Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Declaration was duly signed and entered into the Council records.

3 To consider co-option to fill three vacancies

It was agreed to co-opt J. Lacey, J. Startin and J. Stonehouse. Cllr Wesley stood down as Chair and it was agreed to elect Cllr J. Stonehouse as Chair. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and entered into the records.

- 4 To decide when any Declarations of Acceptance of office and written undertakings to observe the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council that have not been received as provided by law shall be received.

The Council agreed to accept the Code of Conduct and remaining Declaration at or before the next meeting.

- 5 Election of Vice-Chair

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to elect Cllr C. Wesley.

- 6 Apologies

There were no apologies.

- 7 Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items

There were no declarations.

- 8 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2011

Approval of the minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed.

- 9 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

- 10 Planning

- 10.1 Applications for Consideration

There were no reports.

- 10.2 Applications Approved by the District Council

11/409 - The Grange, Croxall Road, Lichfield - Agricultural determination: Extension of an existing grain store.

- 11 Councillors' Reports

Cllr Wesley reported that further work was needed to cut back the overhanging trees on the A513. It was agreed to contact the County Council to ask that the trimming continues to Scotland Land on the nearside Tamworth bound carriageway.

Cllr Dhillon reported the Village Hall finances were satisfactory, but reduced bookings were a concern for the future.

Youths had been misbehaving and there was evidence of alcohol consumption in the field outside the Village Hall. This had been reported to the police, but it was agreed to ensure PC Allsopp was aware.

Chris Pincher MP would be meeting with the Village Hall Committee and then holding a surgery at 11.00am on Saturday 28th May. There was some concern that many residents may miss the opportunity to attend because of the school holidays.

Recent tree cutting was discussed and it was reported that a resident had approached the Village Hall, school, Parish, District and County Councils to authorise the cutting. There were no objections and the work was carried out.

There was a longstanding issue with the need to clarify and confirm the land included in the Village Hall deeds. There had been no developments but it was confirmed that the Parish Council would pay any fees.

Cllr Dhillon said he had been the Village Hall representative for two years and would like to stand down after attending the next meeting on 8th June. It was agreed to place this issue on the next agenda.

Cllr Cliffe reported a bin by the new play area would be beneficial. It was agreed to ask the District Council about the options.

Loose wood from a fence by the wood at Rowley Close needed collecting.

A concrete plinth in front of the gas tanks needed attention and it was agreed to pass this to the Lengthsman.

It was agreed to place a notice about dog fouling in the Council noticeboard and to put an entry in the church magazine.

Cll Mason reported there were now 47 pupils on the school roll.

The new outdoor learning centre was being used.

It was agreed to write to the housing association (Bromford) about problems with 27 Croxall Road, Edingale.

38 posters promoting the BKV had been placed around the area.

Two village road signs opposite Croxall Hall, Rowley Close and Blakeways Close needed attention to loose screws.

A vandialised phone kiosk had been repaired.

It was conformed that notices could be placed in the Village Hall noticeboard buy contacting a committee member.

12 12. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was noted.

- 13 Consideration of the creation of an allowance to be use at the Chair's discretion

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to set aside £100.00.

- 14 To consider the dates for the meetings for the next year

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the provisional list.

- 15 Best Kept Village - Current position and developments

The wooden barrels had been treated with creosote but the ironwork needed repairing. Daffodils were still in and the spring flowers would be planted before the next meeting. Posters had been put up all around the village and it was agreed to inform the local high school about an essay competition. Notices about the competition were in all the noticeboards.

It was reported that arrangements were in hand to co-ordinate posters, cleaning and repairs for the judging period. Cllr Mason was thanked for her work.

- 16 Consideration of acceptance of arrangements for audit and the accounts for the 2010/11 financial year

It was reported that District Audit had called the audit very early this year and the accounts had been prepared and submitted to the Council for approval. The details were as follows;

31st March - End of financial year. 23rd April - Required date for the advertisement of the audit. 7th May - 8th June - Period of public inspection.

12th May - Council meeting to consider the approval of accounts.

9th June - Date of Audit, by which time all the required information to be submitted.

The Annual Governance Statement, Bank Reconciliation Statement, the Audit Accounting Statement, the Notes of Variance and the accounts for the year have been completed, reviewed and approved.

- 17 Correspondence

- 17.1 Incoming.

The list of incoming post was noted, with the following additional comments.

Pursuant to a letter about Armed Forces Day, it was agreed that Cllr Mason would the school about flying flags on designated days.

- 17.2 Outgoing.

The list of outgoing post was noted.

- 18 Accounts for Payment.

The payments totalling £170.54, listed in Appendix A, were presented for authorisation.

Authority to pay was proposed by Cllr C. Wesley, seconded by Cllr J. Lacey and agreed. The Council noted income of £11,750.51 (Precept £11,300.00, County Council Lengthsman £450.51).

19 Items for Information and Future Agendas

It was agreed to check on the result of a planning comment regarding the route of a definitive footpath. (Outline Planning application No.11/00306/OUT).

20 20. Date of Next Meeting.

The date was agreed as 6th June 2011. Cllr Stonehouse declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm and thanked those present for their attendance.