

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th. October, 2011
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Members Present:

Mrs. J. Stonehouse – Chairman Mrs. N. Mason MBE J. Startin

H. Dhillon Mrs. M. Cliffe C. Wesley

In Attendance:

R. Catmur – Parish Clerk

(4 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, 2011

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th. September, 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman..

4 Declaration of interests

No Councillor declared an interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

5 Public session

Signed letters, accepting the upkeep of the hedge in Rowley Close, were passed to the PC, which included households from number 2 to 10, excluding number 4. When questioned why number 4 was not included, the PC was advised that the house had no curtilage with the hedge. The Chairman thanked the residents and advised that the matter would be discussed under item 12 on the agenda. The householder of 14, Blakeways Close was informed that his hedge would be cut this week.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that the village sign was expected to be ready in two days. He would liaise with the manufacturer and installation should be completed before the weekend.

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7 Correspondence

Letter from St. Giles looking for financial support.
Letter from SCC re Joint Core Strategy with Stoke on Trent.
Society of Local Council Clerks proposing membership for the Clerk.
Letter from The Boundary Commission with initial proposals for Parliamentary constituencies.
Letter from the Queen's diamond Jubilee Beacons.

8 Councillor's business

Councillor Dhillon was concerned that the August minutes were not on the web site, as pointed out by a resident earlier in the meeting. Subsequent examination proved this to be incorrect.

Councillor Startin had received a complaint that the Zumba class in the VH had ceased, due to an increase in the rent.

Councillor Mason reported that the grit box at the bottom of Blakeways Close required replenishing.

Clerk 17/10

She advised that the Croxall Road sign, at the tee junction, was damaged and pointed out that the deflectors on the Harlaston Road were damaged.

Clerk 17/10

Mrs. Mason was extremely pleased with the very successful BKV presentation night. The Chairman agreed and asked the Clerk to write to Mat Ellis, County Councillor Matthew Ellis, the BKV committee and the Police and thank them all for their contribution for making it such an excellent occasion. The Chairman advised that County Councillor M. Ellis had offered to pay the cost of the village sign and Councillor Arnold had made a generous donation. She reported that County Councillor Ellis had brought the repair of the bridge over the River Mease to early next year.

C.C. M. Ellis

9 Rowley Close hedge

The PC were concerned that the resident of number 4 Rowley Close had not been consulted by the other residents and thought that such contact should be made before any other action was taken. If number 4 agreed with the proposal then Councillor Wesley proposed that a letter be sent to all residents, after vetting by SPCA, agreeing in principal for them to manage the hedge at a reasonable height and remove all trimmings, for a period of 12 months. The PC would have no responsibility and the residents would undertake the work at entirely their own risk.

10 Clerk's financial reports

The Clerk advised that the current balance at the Bank was £7,440.13:

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11 Investment

The sum of £106,343.68 would mature on 10 October and the Clerk proposed that it be reinvested for a further month including interest of £22.84 He had been asked to investigate the possibility of investing a sum that would attract a higher rate of interest. He reported that most banks and building societies were only interested in personal accounts. However, he had sourced Santander (Southampton branch) which would accept the money at a net rate of 2.56%. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to invest £85,000 for one year and then review.

Clerk 17/10

12 Planning applications

Planning application No.11/01102/FUL for a single storey front extension to form dining room at The Russetts, Hatchet Lane, was not objected to by the PC.

13 Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 14th. 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 9.00pm

Chairman

Date