

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14 November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Members present:

Mrs J Stonehouse	Chairman
Mrs N Mason	MBE
Mr J Startin	
Mr H Dhillon	
Mrs M Cliffe	
Mr C Wesley	

In Attendance:

B. Delderfield	Minute taker/new Parish Clerk
Mr R. Catmur	Parish Clerk

(2 members of the public)

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 10 October 2011.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 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

Mr P Elverson mentioned the report in the Village Market publication concerning Smart water. The report stated that Smart Water seems not to be as effective as it initially seemed to be.

The Chairman has attended two presentations on Smart Water and still believes it is worth promoting in Edingale.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

6 Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that the village sign has been erected.

The Clerk wished to record the Parish Council's thanks to Mr Elverson for the suggestion of the sign and for designing it. The sign cost £1,100 and County Councillor Ellis will contribute £800 towards this cost.

It was reported that villagers have commented on the new sign favourably. It was agreed that a debate should be had as to whether the Parish Council should pay for a similar sign for the other end of the village.

Snowplough contractor - A letter had been received enquiring whether there is anyone who may be interested in snowploughing the village in the event of snow. Mr Startin took the letter and will consider whether he is able to carry out this task.

Bridge over the river - The bridge is in poor state of repair. Staffordshire County Council (SCC) are aware of this and intend to build a new bridge but there is insufficient money available for such a project. County Councillor Ellis enquired whether Mr Catmur could obtain a quote from a carpenter to repair the bridge rather than re-build it. The quote has been received and totals £5,000. This has been left with County Councillor Ellis to discuss with SCC.

7 Correspondence

There has been a request from Milly of the Village Hall Committee asking if there is anyone who would volunteer to go on the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Dhillon said that he would be willing to volunteer to attend meetings in the event of no one else volunteering.

There has been a request to 'Plant a tree' at the cycle path in Ashby. The Chairman agreed to put this on the Notice Board in the village.

8 Councillors' Business

Councillor Startin commented that the Zumba class has now reconvened.

Mrs Cliffe mentioned that the Village Market had done a report on the new chicken farm opening off Sysercote Lane in Haunton.
Also, the Christmas Fayre is to be held on Saturday 26 November from 11.00am - 3.00pm.

Mrs Mason informed the Parish Council that Lichfield District Council have approved 4 houses to be built in Pessall Lane.

Having checked the grit box, Mrs Mason can confirm that it is full.

Mrs Mason also asked for clarification on how much she could spend on flowers for the tubs around the village. The Parish Council informed her that there is money to spend as and when she needs it for flowers for the tubs.

The Chairman confirmed that all letters were delivered by hand to all residents living at numbers: 2,4,6,8 and 10 Rowley Close on 31 October 2011.

It was agreed that the clerk would send a reminder letter to all residents living at the above in December to remind them a response is required by 31 December 2011.

The new Clerk confirmed that she would send minutes to Mr P Elverson.

9 Co-opting a Councillor

Mrs Mason confirmed that she had approached Mr Simon Sprawson to co-opt him onto the Parish Council. He is keen to be co-opted but is unable to attend the December meeting. He can, however, attend in January. The Clerk is to write to him on behalf of the Parish Council.

Clerk

10 NatWest questionnaire

All Councillors completed the required fields of the questionnaire to comply with money laundering regulations.

11 Investment into Santander Bank

The Clerk confirmed that she will contact the Southampton branch at the end of November when the person dealing with the matter returns from annual leave. All Councillors will let the Clerk have their proof of identity within the next week.

12 Smart Water

It was agreed that the Parish Council would go ahead with the Smart Water project. The Clerk will contact Mr R Nunn on behalf of Edingale and Croxall Parish Council to obtain pamphlets and information as to how it should be explained and distributed to residents.

Clerk

13 Christmas Lights

Mrs Cliffe currently stores the lights. The Clerk will contact the electricians to arrange for them to check and put up the lights on the 1 December.

Clerk

14 Path at Rowley Close

The hedge is overgrown and is in need of being cut. Under the Lengthsman Agreement the hedge could be cut back by Greenlands Maintenance.

Clerk

15 Schofield Lane hedge

The hedge is in need of cutting. It was agreed that the Chairman would check with the owner; Dr Byrley that the hedge can be cut by Greenlands Maintenance.

Chairman

16 Financial Report

It wasn't possible to report on the current bank statements and investments in view of new Clerk but this is likely to be rectified by the next meeting in December.

Clerk

17 WC business operating in Pessall Lane

It was reported that the above is still taking place. Mr Catmur agreed to investigate this further and if necessary send a letter expressing the Parish Council's concern about the situation.

R. Catmur

18 Planning Applications

None

19 Date and venue of next meeting

Monday 12 December 2011, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.