

# **EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd March 2025 7.30 pm, at Edingale Village Hall**

Members present: Cllrs Startin (Chair), Baughen, Cliffe, Mason, Meikle and Sivieri.

Present: 2 members of the public, Lichfield District Cllr Bennion, Mrs Jones (Clerk)

#### **29/25 To receive and approve Apologies**

Cllr Maskery apologised as she was on holiday, her apology was accepted.

#### **30/25 To receive any Declarations of Interests**

Cllr Startin declared an interest in item 34 (b), his land was affected by the application.

#### **31/25 To approve the draft Minutes of the Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

The draft Minutes were approved and signed.

#### **32/25 To adjourn, to hold the public session, to reconvene the meeting**

Cllr Bennion stated that a meeting about the next Local Plan would take place during the week and he would forward relevant information to the Parish Council. He also reported a recent increase in petty crime in the area. Cllr Meikle asked him about progress on devolution plans; various options for a Staffordshire Unitary Authority were discussed.

#### **33/25 To receive the Clerk's Report**

Lease of land off School Lane – no further progress.

Village Hall doors - now installed and paid for.

CPR and AED training – a very successful event, with 20 attendees.

School transport – no response from Cllr White so far.

#### **34/25 To consider any Planning matters**

(a) 25/00133/COU New Buildings Farm, conversion of agricultural building to residential annexe. RESOLVED no objection.

(b) SCC/25/0002/FULL-MAJ, New bypass bridge and conversion of existing Chetwynd Bridge from a road bridge to a pedestrian and cycle bridge. RESOLVED Clerk to submit response strongly supporting the application.



**35/25 To consider Parochial Church Council's response on churchyard maintenance and request for funding in 2025**

Proposed by Cllr Sivieri and seconded by Cllr Baughen; RESOLVED to contribute to churchyard maintenance. The requested donation of £900 would be paid in April.

**36/25 To consider a donation to Have a Heart Tamworth following training session**

RESOLVED to donate £75 to the charity following the excellent training.

**37/25 To consider entry to the Best Kept Village Community Competition**

RESOLVED to enter the 2025 competition. Cllr Meikle would send in the entry.

**38/25 To consider purchase of new noticeboards for village information**

The sum of £750 had previously been earmarked. Cllr Meikle would look at options and report back to the next meeting.

**39/25 To receive Councillors' Reports and questions**

Cllr Meikle reported back on issues discussed at the recent Parish Network meeting, he felt it was useful to attend these meetings of Lichfield District and Parish Cllrs to share information on matters concerning the area..

Cllr Startin said that the tree surgeon had sent a report to the Arboricultural Officer who had confirmed that 6 diseased trees near to Harlaston Road could be felled by the landowner.

Cllr Startin would ask him to forward the information to Cllr Mason.

Cllr Sivieri appealed for contributions of non-perishable items via the Mease churches to local food banks as stocks were currently very low.

Cllr Sivieri then announced that he would be resigning as a Cllr as he was leaving Edingale.

He was thanked by the Chair for his contribution to the Parish Council, he would be missed.

**40/25 To receive Correspondence**

Ofwat message regarding the pipeline circulated by Cllr Meikle.

Sarah Edwards MP on flooding depth gauges, Clerk to contact Environment Agency Newsletters – NALC, SPCA, SLCC, Staffordshire Highways, CPRE and membership details Staffordshire Police – Key Individual Network information. PCSO contact details Lichfield District Council invitation to Cllrs to Civic Service, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, apologies to send Invitation to rural themed seminar, Gayton 5<sup>th</sup> March, no Cllr was available to attend Village Gardeners documentation.

**41/25 To receive a Financial Report**

See appendix 1 below. RESOLVED to approve the report.

**42/25 To approve payments on the Payment Schedule**

Staff costs: salary, expenses, pension and PAYE, £431.72;

RESOLVED to approve the payments. Cllr Startin to authorise.

**43/25 Date of next meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 7.30 pm. Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Future meetings Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> (Annual Parish Meeting 7pm, Annual Meeting 7.30), June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>.



(a) Bank Reconciliation

Balance bf	9,904.94	<u>Current</u>
less payments	24,488.28	Cooperative
Plus receipts	17,879.16	Community
Total	<b>3,295.82</b>	Acc.
		<b>11,295.82</b>

(b) Comparison  
against  
budget

	Budget	Actual
<b>Staff costs</b>	5,522.00	4,944
<b>Admin</b>	2,114.00	1,454
Room hire, subs etc		
<b>Maint.</b>	9,170.00	8,181
Grass cutting, trees etc		
<b>S137</b>	2,620.00	1,600
Donations, church, party		

(c) Capital  
Funds

Cooperative	Buckinghamshire	TOTAL
instant access		
acc.	Bond	CAPITAL
1.43%	3%	
2,853.43	53,383.14	<b>56,236.57</b>
Received interest		
5.4.24	86.53	
4.10.24	87.24	
30.11.24	2,461.64	

(d) Interest rate on the Coop account reducing to 1.34%, agreed to leave this as an instant access account.

(e) Cllr Sivieri to be removed as a bank signatory as he was leaving the Council.