

**EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE AGM**

held on Thursday 18th May 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Old Schoolroom, Edingley

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**Present:** Mrs Diana Poole, Mrs Sue Thornton (~~Vice Chair~~), Mr Derek Bradford, Mr Chris Clay, Mr Tony Nichols, Mr John Hill, Mr Maurice Needoff

**In Attendance:** Margrete Von Schomberg (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Mrs Penny Rainbow Cllr

**Meeting Opened at 7:30pm**

**1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

- Mrs Sue Thornton nominated Mrs Diana Poole as Chairman  
Seconded by Mr Derek Bradford  
No other nominations put forward. Mrs Diana Poole elected
- Mrs Sue Thornton nominated Mr Tony Nichols as Vice Chairman  
Seconded by Mr Maurice Needoff  
No other nominations put forward. Mr. Tony Nichols elected

**2. Declaration of Acceptance**

- Were unable to be signed on the evening as the forms were not available. Mrs Poole has requested the Clerk to modify the current forms to show Acceptance of Chairman and Vice Chairman; the signatures will then be made at a later date

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2016**

- Subject to some amendments, the minutes were signed by the Chairman

**4. Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Meeting**

**The Telephone Box**

A big thank you to all who were involved with the refurbishment of the Edingley Telephone Box. It looks really great.

It was suggested that a 'grand opening' ceremony would be a nice idea. Perhaps to be taken place on the same day as the Queen's birthday celebrations.

Mrs Thornton suggested that our thanks could be placed in the Newsletter should there be time to do so.

All in favour

**Highfields Parking**

The Chairman will organise a meeting with the 'decision maker' at Highfields to see what can be done about the parking problem.

**Lambs Charity**

Lambs Charity were seeking one additional trustee from the PC. Mr Bradford said this should have been a separate item and not as part of Lamb's Field.

It was suggested Mr Lawrence Kelsey would make a good trustee as he is already a member of several charities.

Mrs Thornton told the council that when she attended the Lambs meeting, it was suggested there that others could also be nominated.

### **Allotments**

The Allotments flooding has been a major problem this year; one particular allotment has suffered more than the rest. This allotment borders Forest Fields who have recently had a new buildings erected. The Planning Enforcement Officer, Mr. Richard Marshall, and a formal complaint had been made as the buildings did not comply with the plans submitted.

The roof orientation was incorrect and this wouldn't be a small matter to rectify. No guttering or down pipes had been put in, so the water was draining towards the allotments. It is doubtful that putting guttering and downpipes in would solve the flooding problem as there doesn't seem to be any drains.

It was stated there are substantial down pipes on some of the buildings going into the ground but it isn't clear that there are any drains. Forest Field land is much higher than the allotments. There is a substantial gully in the centre of the yard; could there once have been a pipe diverting the water which is no longer used therefore the water is running into the allotments. The Chairman said the omission of the drainage could just have been an oversight.

It would seem that N&SCC did not provide the building regulations. The law now stated you can go to any company for building regulations and the new Forest Fields building was built by the same company who provided the regulations and no certificate was given by the council.

Mr Bradford said that the council still have some responsibility.

A letter was received from the Planning Officer which was read out by the Chairman stating he was looking into the matter.

It was stated the lack of satisfactory land drain is a serious matter.

Mr Hill suggested Tim Farr of Kirklington could be asked to take a look as he has all the right equipment to seek to find the broken pipe.

### **5. Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

- Subject to one amendment, the minutes were signed by the Chairman

### **6. Planning Matters**

- One planning application received - 1 Bellfields Yard, Edingley  
To continue to use land as a residential garden area was approved

### **7. Chairman's Report**

- No Chairman's Report

### **8. Clerks Report & Correspondence**

- See attached document

### **9. Councillors Reports**

- It would seem that the allotment water had already been switched on and used as the meter read 135 cubic meters. Someone was seen coming up in a van and collecting water then taking it away again?

## **10. Finance Report**

- Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were approved
- Four bills were approved for payment:-
  - Severn Trent Water - £22:49
  - Rental of Old School Room - £150
  - Queen's Birthday Expenditure - £104:92
- Clerks Salary (approved at £95:51 per month) 2 month payment - £191:02

## **11. Insurance**

- Parish Council Insurance delayed pending arrival of quotes

## **12. Queen's Birthday Celebrations**

The Parish Council received a very nice letter from Mr Hall regarding his lighting of the bonfire in Lambs Field. It was put forward that this letter, along with a photograph of Mr Hall lighting the bonfire, should be placed in a frame and given as a gift to him. Copies of the photograph and letter will be put on the notice board.

During discussion of the pending apple tree planting in Lambs Field in commemoration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, a suggestion was put forward of the possibility of planting other types of tree. As we only rent Lambs Field, it was decided to keep to the original plan as apple trees do not grow very large therefore won't be of any hindrance to the use of the field. A decision of the kind of apple has yet to be agreed, possibly different varieties. The intention is to keep it as a communal orchard. It was decided to plant them in one corner for ease of maintenance and to ask Sir John Peace to cut the ribbon on the day.

Although it would have been enjoyable to have music played at the celebrations, the lack of electricity makes this impossible, therefore 'surprise entertainment' has been commissioned for our delight.

Food will be served (sandwiches, pork pies, jellies, cakes etc.) on trestle tables and seating will be straw bales. For health and safety reasons, no glass is to be used on the day. Should the weather be unkind, the party will be held in the Old School Room.

The Edingley Queen will be judged at 3:00 pm.

It is hoped that a video can be made of the whole event.

All costs for the celebrations will be paid for by the Parish Council up to £1,000.

### **The Phone Box**

The grand opening of the phone box will take place at the Queen's birthday celebrations. It was suggested to do this around 4:00 pm so that most people can attend. As tickets to the celebrations have to be delivered by hand, leaflets can be delivered at the same time regarding this event.

It is hoped that someone will volunteer to become 'Kiosk Librarian'. This could be a shared venture.

**Other Business**

- With reference to the lane leading to Lambs Field; a letter is to be written to Lambs Charity requesting confirmation of ownership to alleviate any doubt.
- Litter is getting worse in the parish; it would seem that people in cars are actually throwing their litter out as they drive by.
- Donations for the Edingley Calendars exceeded £100

**Judging of the Allotments - 16<sup>th</sup> July, best of full and half plot and best newcomer**

**Next official meeting will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.**