

**EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING**

**held on Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Old Schoolroom, Edingley**

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**Present:** Mrs Diana Poole, Mrs Sue Thornton, Mr John Hill, Mr Derek Bradford, Mr Chris Clay, Mr Maurice Needoff

**In Attendance:** Councillor Mrs Penny Rainbow, Councillor Mr Bruce Laughton, Margrete Von Schomberg (Clerk)

**Apologies:** None

**1. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 20th July 2016**

Minutes approved; proposed by Mr Chris Clay, seconded by Acting Vice Chair Mrs Sue Thornton and signed by our Chair, Mrs Diana Poole

**1b. Matters arising from the minutes**

**Telephone Kiosk**

The telephone kiosk is looking fantastic. Our thanks go to Mr Derek Bradford and all concerned with its renovation. It is a great asset to the village. Mr Bradford said if any adjustments are required, we need only ask and they will be done. He suggested placing a planter with evergreens to the side of the kiosk where it often got waterlogged. All thought this a great idea.

**Resignation of Mr Tony Nichols**

Now that Mr Nichols, our Vice Chair has retired from the Parish Council, a new member should be found from within the Greaves Lane area. Mr Dominic Burnes has volunteered for this position. He will be invited to attend the next meeting in November. In the meantime and as per protocol, we will advertise the position by a leaflet in the Greaves Lane area.

Mrs Sue Thornton, our current Acting Vice Chair would like to stand down as she has too many commitments to do justice to the role. Mr Chris Clay said he would take on the role of Vice Chair if no-one else is available.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Mr Chris Clay declared an interest regarding this subject of allotments as he has an allotment himself and is a friend to the other allotment holders.

**3. Allotments Report - Open to the public**

A member of the public mentioned they didn't see any minutes regarding the allotments. It was made clear that all minutes are placed on the Parish Council notice board for public viewing. There seemed to be some confusion as to where the PC notice board was as some thought it was the one outside the Old Schoolroom. The PC notice board is opposite Edingley Church at the side of the old chapel. Minutes are also placed on the NSDC web site; however it would seem that the July minutes were not shown? Mrs Margrete Von Schomberg, Parish Clerk, mentioned that there had been a changeover

of web site responsibility at NSDC and this may be the reason for the July minutes being missed off the site. She will make enquiries about this.

There was a discussion on the letters received by certain allotment holders regarding the none renewal of their tenancy agreement.

With reference to the apple trees on plot 19, these will have to be removed to make room for drainage work to be done which will involve the digging across many of the allotments. It has also been decided that sheds will not be allowed until the work has been done.

### **Meeting closed to the public.**

#### **4. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30th August 2016**

Minutes approved; proposed by Mr Chris Clay and seconded by Mr Maurice Needoff.

#### **4b. Matters arising from the minutes**

Planning application 16/01305/FUL - Haven Cottage, Station Road, Edingley. Single story extension and detached garage.

This planning application was approved by the Parish Council at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30th August. Since that time, the Parish Clerk had a visit from Mr Ernest Bailey, neighbour to Haven Cottage, who informed the clerk, he had no objection to the application but is concerned about the proximity of the proposed building of the garage as it backs directly on to the stables. He has requested that the owner should allow for access behind the stables for maintenance purposes. As the application had already been approved, the Clerk contacted the Planning Department by email and put Mr Bailey's point to them and suggested they come and take a look at the properties involved.

A verification of receipt of the Clerks email was received but no other communication has been forthcoming to date.

#### **5. Results of Planning Applications**

None received since last meeting

#### **6. Planting on Lambs Field**

Mrs Sue Thornton informed us that various individuals would like to sponsor the planting of a tree. The plan is to plant 9 apple trees to which Lambs Charity is in favour. It has been decided to plant them at the bottom right of the field where the drainage is better, leaving enough room for the hedge cropper to do its work. When Mrs Thornton went to see Mr Reg Taylor at the garden centre, he recommended half standard apple trees although refused a donation of a tree. Mrs Thornton to make further enquires.

It is hoped to place this information in next publication of The Bramley (November 7th)

#### **7. Drainage on the Allotments**

There has been a visit from the Land Drainage and he was concerned that water from the highway was contributing towards the flooding on the allotments. It is necessary to find the start, end and break of the current drain. In the meantime, some allotment holders began digging and found the problem. They also stated they would be willing to assist with the work replacing/fixing the drains. The problem to this is that they will not

be covered by the insurance of the person(s) who are asked to do the work. Two estimates to do the work has been received. Mr John Hill is make enquiries regarding a third estimate.

It is important that the allotment holders are made aware that their plots may be ruined as the digger will cross many plots to lay the drains.

It is the hope of the Parish Council to complete these works before the start of the winter weather. If necessary, another meeting of the PC will be arranged to make all necessary decisions.

## **8. Chairman's Report**

Regarding the inconsiderate parking at Nursing Home on Station Road; an appointment had been made to meet with the matron of Highfields Nursing Home, unfortunately she died suddenly. This item will need to be considered at a future date.

The Chair attended a presentation by Mr Matthew Tubb on the 'Newark and Sherwood Planning Review'.

Edingley, like many other villages in Newark and Sherwood is an open village and the two designated open spaces should continue to be protected from development. However, there are other areas that are not specified that give the village its character and these also need protection, such as the allotments and open spaces between houses on the edges of the village, which are gradually being built on.

There is often insufficient consideration of local drainage and sewage issues when considering small scale development. However incremental development, which is individually outside the criteria for review by Severn Trent (4 or 5 houses?), has a profound cumulative effect. We have reached a stage in Edingley where any development should be accompanied by a proper impact assessment on sewage and surface water drainage, not the usual throw-away line disposed of to existing sewer.

In the case of Edingley, the sewage system is by Severn Trent's own standards and admission, inadequate. The sewer overflows to the road and the road to the sewer in any reasonable size storm or deluge. This is because the majority of existing properties are on a combined sewer and surface water drainage system and the incessant infill development and creation of hard surfaces has increased the amount of surface water to be disposed of. This also applies to development at Halam, which has been quite considerable. (Bear in mind all sewage and a good deal of surface water is pumped over the hill to the pumping station in Edingley).

The water table is high for a good part of the year and the sewage system is porous, partly because the experimental fibre pipe from the 1960s is perforated and leaks ground water, as does the brickwork on the various pits. In addition, some residents are known to pump ground water from gardens into the sewer due to failed surface water soakaways, (note some properties have proper SUDs systems, conventional soakaways just do not work in the underlying red clay).

There really does need to be an infrastructure and flooding clause in the plan.

## 9. Housing Report

The Edingley housing report was unsatisfactory as it proved that housing is unaffordable; stating a deposit of £54,000 would be required and an income of almost £62,000 per annum to afford the cheapest property currently available in Edingley, which was £269,995.

We have been informed by Councillor Bruce Laughton that affordable housing is able to be built outside of the village envelope. The Parish Council have decided not to be a part of planning development and in their opinion, building should be in the core of the village. Decision for development should be the responsibility of the County Council, not the Parish Council. However, Edingley Parish Council would speak on behalf of the village on occasions where a dispute regarding proposed planning within the village arises. The infrastructure must be taken into consideration as currently sewers already overflow on a regular basis. Councillor Laughton suggested we invite Severn Trent to our next meeting in order to see if something can be done.

## 10. Clerks Report and Correspondence

### Fibre Broadband

Fibre Broadband is now in Edingley. As the 400th recipient we were offered a photoshoot which took place on 31st August, a wonderful sunny day. The article will be placed in the Nottingham Evening Post, Mansfield Chad and the Newark Advertiser. Edingley is finally on the map!!!! The article and photograph are shown at the end of these minutes.

### Winter Service – Offers Of Assistance To Parish Councils

NCC are offering assistance the Parish Councils as part of their Winter Service for use in icy or hazardous conditions.

5x20kg Bagged Salt free of charge; further bags @ £5 per bag

Blue grit bins @ £150 each, which includes delivery and initial filling.

Further information and can be seen in the flyer. Order forms available.

The PC has asked the Clerk to order the 5 free bags of salt as we already have 2 bags left which is currently kept at Mr John Hill's. Permission has been given to store the 5 bags at the Old Schoolroom. We need to replace the old yellow bin on the corner of Allesford Lane and Greaves Lane.

## 11. Finance Report

### Audit Year 2015-2016

This, my first Audit, has been a nightmare. Although everything balanced perfectly and the external Audit verified that, I've been inundated with requests for further information which was sent, but was still not good enough! The Bank Reconciliation balanced to the penny, but not accepted because it wasn't in the Grant Thornton format. I have to thank our Chair, Mrs Poole, without who's help I think I would now be sitting in a convalescent home somewhere. I believe we've both aged 10 years these past few months.... I'm hoping this is the end of it, but I'm not holding my breath!

## Bank Balances as at 1st September 2016

Current Account Balance	£1,470.81
Business Reserve Account Balance	<u>£3,730.52</u>
Overall Balance	<u>£5,201.33</u>

### Bills to pay

Lambs Charity (Field) Rent	£300.00
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## 12. Footpaths and Dog Fowling

The footpath between the Chapel and the council houses are full of dog fowling bags. It is clear we need perhaps need another dog bin as people are bagging but not binning. The new bin will have to be placed somewhere close to the roadside to allow for emptying by the NSDC.

There are also problems with the footpath from the Church to the Cotton Mill. The land at the kissing gate beyond Lambs Field is very low and frequently floods. Several complaints have already been made. Councillor Laughton will try to find out who can deal with this problem.

## 13. Planning

Where planning applications have been rejected by the Parish Council but then put through by the NSDC, the Parish Council has a right to dispute this action. Councillor Laughton said we must contact them immediately as we have the right to call the planning application in to dispute it.

We in Edingley have small fields where people who own those fields wish to build small properties but who have been rejected several times by the NSDC. We feel the planning laws should be changed to allow such building on owners' property for their own use.

## 14. Business for the Next Meeting

- a) Willis Brown's Old Bungalow, New Hall Lane
- b) Allotment Water
- c) Severn Trent
- d) Dog Bins
- e) Footpaths

**Session closed to the public 9:00pm**

## 15 Decisions Taken

- a) New letter to be sent to Mr and Mrs Bennett and Mr and Mrs Turpin
- b) Extra rule to be added to the 'Allotment Rules'  
*If, after the July inspection, a plot is found to be uncultivated, the plot holder will be informed that unless this is rectified by Michaelmas Day, the tenancy will end and not be renewed*

**The meeting closed at 9:20 pm.**

**Next meeting, Wednesday 16th November, 7:30 pm**



### **Edingley is 400th area to benefit from Nottinghamshire broadband roll-out**

High speed broadband is being put at the heart of the community in a picturesque Nottinghamshire village.

The village of Edingley, between Mansfield and Newark, has become the 400th area to benefit from the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (BBfN) programme.

Around 140 homes and businesses (almost 90% of properties) in the village can now access fibre broadband for the first time, thanks to the scheme, currently being rolled out by Nottinghamshire County Council in partnership with BT.

And Edingley Parish Council is planning to ensure everyone can benefit from the arrival of broadband in the area by using the new service to kit out the former village school building – now a community hall – with computers and free wi-fi for use by local people.

Councillor Diana Poole, Chairman of Edingley Parish Council, said: “I’m delighted that people and businesses in Edingley have now got access to fibre broadband – I know it will make a big difference to local people who need to do things like work from home, buy and sell items online or stay in touch with friends and relatives. We have recently re-developed the Old Schoolroom in the centre of the village as a community resource, where we host events and functions. The availability of broadband

will mean we can provide Wi-Fi for users of the centre and put on more events like computer training so that it continue to develop as a real hub for the local community.”

Superfast broadband is currently available to nearly 96% of homes and businesses in Nottinghamshire. The current BBfN rollout will take coverage in the county to 98% by spring 2018 – keeping Nottinghamshire as one of the best connected counties in the country. BBfN is one of the biggest civil engineering projects ever to be undertaken in the county and will see £29m invested in upgrading the county’s telecommunications infrastructure.

Councillor Diana Meale, Chair of Economic Development Committee at Nottinghamshire County Council, said; “It’s fantastic to see villages like Edingley making the most of the opportunities that broadband provides and great that the community as a whole will see a benefit through the development of the old school house, as well as many homes and businesses. Access to good quality broadband is just as important as access to basic utilities for many residents and businesses today, making BBfN a vital investment in Nottinghamshire’s infrastructure and future economic prospects. Phase two of BBfN is being targeted at those districts with more rural areas where, despite making large strides in improving coverage, more investment is needed to bring them up to the level of coverage enjoyed in the rest of the county. In many cases, people and businesses living in those towns and villages have been unable to access the online services, learning, communication and opportunities that many of us now take for granted – but not for much longer.”

#### BT QUOTE

BBfN is only being rolled-out in areas which are not served by commercial providers such as BT or Virgin Media – often giving homes and business access to fibre broadband, with download speeds of up to 80Mbps, for the first time.

Residents and businesses can find out more about the benefits of broadband and check if their property falls within the BBfN roll out areas at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband)

Broadband upgrades are not made automatically and businesses and residents will need to make arrangements with an internet service provider to access the faster fibre services once they are available.

Benefits of fibre broadband include faster download and upload speeds; the ability to access the internet via multiple devices without experiencing a slow connection, faster downloads of films and music, a better online gaming experience, improved file sharing for businesses, solutions based on Cloud computing and being able to work more flexibly.