

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

held on Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Old Schoolroom, Edingley

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

In Attendance: Margrete Von Schomberg (Clerk)

Guest Speaker: Mr Tim Dring

Apologies for absence: John Hill

Presentation of Allotment Trophies

- The best kept 'Whole Plot' allotment trophy was won by Sue White who was unable to attend the meeting
- The best kept (Half Plot) allotment trophy was presented to Brian Jones

Fibre Broadband coming to Edingley

Mr Tim Dring, the Broadband Engagement Officer from NCCI, came along to explain to everyone all about the pending installation of Fibre Broadband in the Parish. His speech gave us a few surprises too.

About the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Programme (BBfN)

The Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire is a multi-million pound partnership between the County Council and a range of funding partners including BT, Central Government, D2N2 Local Enterprise and the European Regional Development Fund, which is set to transform broadband speeds across Nottinghamshire. It has been set up to take advantage of the government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) initiative, which provides funding to help councils improve broadband access where it is currently lacking and where needs will not be met by the private sector.

The programme builds on the commercial rollout of fibre-based broadband within Nottinghamshire delivered by BT and other telecommunications providers, which alone would only provide access to fibre broadband for 86% of properties in Nottinghamshire. As a result of the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme, 98% of Nottinghamshire's premises will be able to access a fibre network capable of delivering superfast broadband by 2018.

Coverage for Nottinghamshire

The programme consists of Contract 1 and Contract 2. Contract 1 began back in December 2014 when the first cabinet went live in the village of Collingham, delivering fibre broadband to over 200 homes and businesses. Fast forward to March 2016 when Contract 1 completed and 95% of Nottinghamshire now has access to a fibre network capable of delivering superfast speeds. Contract 2 commenced in April this year and will run to March 2018 (and perhaps beyond) and will deliver fibre broadband access to 98% of Nottinghamshire's residents and businesses.

What this looks like for Edingley

Edingley did not benefit from Contract 1, however, the great news is Edingley is in scope for fibre broadband (as discussed last night). Edingley will benefit from the programmes 400th cabinet which originally was due to go live by the end of this month. Regrettably, only yesterday, I was advised by BT Openreach that a number of blockages have been identified which require further investigation and a small amount of engineering work. This is currently being planned in and we have been given a revised date of 12th August. I will of course provide you with further updates should this timeline slip. As advised, it is only when engineering work commences that issues are identified so there could be further challenges ahead. Once installed, connection will be made available to 158 properties. There could be properties which may not benefit from this installation due to distance from the cabinet, which can only reach up to 1½ km from the box.

Mr Dring provided flyers, cards and poster for distribution and will continue to update us.

As it is the 400th cabinet, Edingley has been invited to celebrate this with media coverage and perhaps a little bit of a party, which will be attended by a few public figures.

The Chair thanked Mr Dring for providing us with this information. Mr Dring left at 7:50 pm.

Resignation of a Parish Councillor

The Chair received a letter of resignation from Mr Tony Nichols. Mrs Poole proposed Mrs Sue Thornton to resume her role as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr Maurice Needoff.

1. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2016

The minutes were read and signed as correct

- **Matters arising from the Minutes**

The telephone box still has no shelves, therefore is still not able to be used as a 'Library'. Volunteers are keen to get it up and running. Mr Derek Bradford is dealing with this situation.

Highfields Parking was deferred to the next meeting, which will be in September.

Queen's Birthday Celebration was a great success. Even though the weather began inclement, the villagers rallied and had a wonderful time. Food was eaten, the Queen and princesses were crowned and prizes given.

The celebrations ended with the grand opening of the newly painted telephone box by HM the Queen. See photograph below.

The Chair thanked Mrs Sue Thornton and Mrs Wendy Raines who organised everything from the refreshments to the entertainment. Thank you gifts were given.

2. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 8th June 2016

The minutes were read and signed as correct

- **Matters arising from the Minutes**

None

3. Any Other Matters

Mr Derek Bradford has started counting numbers of lamp standards not working and will inform the NSCC.

A member of the public reminded the council that we have yet to put the memorable letter received from Mr Alf Hall, who lit the bonfire on Lambs Field in April, on the notice board. This will be rectified.

It was also mentioned that the speed check isn't really working as if anyone is found speeding, they would receive two warning and even then further action may not be taken.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:05 pm.

3. Chairman's Report

Mrs Diana Poole attended and spoke at the NSCC planning meeting held at Kelham Hall on 5th July 2016, with reference to planning application 16/00571/FUL, for conversion of existing block work rendered and tile outbuilding to form a dwelling including a small rear extension. She suggested they come to view the site and the area before making their decision, which they agreed to do so. The application will be referred to the next NSCC planning meeting which Mrs Poole will once again attend.

An email received from Mr and Mrs Smith with reference to dog waste bags being thrown into hedges and left in the field was read out. If a bin is requested, who will empty it. Currently the parish council pay NSCC for the emptying of bins on the roadside, but they won't empty any off-road. A reply will be written.

4, Report regarding the Allotments

The Parish Council met at the allotments on Saturday 16th July 2016 to judge the allotments and to review the situation re flooding. The winners were chosen as outlined above.

With reference to the flooding, with the problem of the broken drain pipe and water coming from the roof of the new Forest Feeds extension, it has been a very difficult gardening year. However, we would like to make the following proposals:-

- Tenants of the following plots will not have the tenancy renewed due to no work being done this year and that there is a waiting list, 2b, 4a & 4b and 19.
- Mr Mike Paling, whose plot was worse affected by the constant flooding, is to be given a refund and the option of moving to any vacant plot.
- A tree is to be planted in the corner to replace the diseased tree which blew down on Boxing Day.
- Plot 19 has 2 bramley trees; we are recording they be removed, but may need to be removed when the work on the allotments is done during Autumn and Winter.
- Carpets should be removed.
- It would be best to have no sheds on the allotments until the drainage problem has been resolved.

5. Clerks Report and Correspondence

Edingley Housing Needs Survey

A very large 23 page document summarizing the outcome of the survey in great detail was emailed to the Clerk, of which the final three pages were the most pertinent to the parish. They explained the prices of properties which were for sale in April 2016 and the housing needs of our parish.

These prices ranged between £269,995 for a 3 bed detached cottage to £925,000 for a 3 bed detached country house.

One property was sold over the past year at the price of £625,000.

The study calculates affordable criteria would require a deposit of £54,000 and an income of almost £62,000 per annum to afford the cheapest property currently available in Edingley, which is £269,995. This affordability is calculated using a mortgage multiplier of 3.5 times household income with a 20% deposit.

The conclusion of the housing needs for this parish was based on the 11 respondents who indicated requirements for housing within 5 years:-

Of these 11, 7 were assessed as being in need of open market housing for local people, or those with a local connection, for purchase

- 3 x 2 bed houses
- 2 x 4 bed houses
- 1 x 2 bed bungalows
- 1 x 3 bed bungalows

Of these 11, 4 were assessed as being in need of affordable housing for local people, or those with a local connection, for purchase as a shared ownership

- 3 x 2 bed houses
- 1 x 3 bed houses

The entire study can be emailed on request - edingley_clerk@outlook.com

Parish Council's Conclusion re the above

Edingley does need affordable housing, but as extensions are being built to current properties and the proposed new homes seem to fall in the higher price bracket, properties in the village can seemingly no longer be termed as 'affordable'.

- **Audit Year 2015-2016**

The internal audit was completed by Mr Peter Anthony Dunkin an ex accountant. I am pleased to say that he signed them off with only two small proviso's:-

- A sum of £280:35 which had been entered as Clerks Expenses when in actual fact it was found to be a standing order for the clerks three month salary
- An allotments payment received, totaling £259:50 was £5 more than shown on the allotments statement. As it was in our favour rather than a deficit, this was put down to the allotments clerical error.

The signed Audit was posted to Grant Thornton our external auditors. This reached them on the designated day having previously requested an extension of time so that I could ensure I had all the relevant information and that it all balanced. A verification of receipt of the documents was emailed to me.

I am now awaiting the outcome.

- **New financial Year beginning 1st April 2016**

Current Account Balance as at 1 st July	£2,658.21
Business Reserve Account Balance as at 1 st July	<u>£3,730.20</u>
Overall Balance	<u>£6,388.41</u>

- **Bills to pay**

Clerks Course	£35.00
Expenses for the Queens Celebrations	<u>£957.54</u>
Grand Total	<u>£992.54</u>

6. Business for the next meeting

Lambs Field rent
Drainage on the allotments
Apple tree planting
Footpath
Nursing home parking
Support for possible award for the New School Room
New Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting, Wednesday 21st September, 7:30 pm

