

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
OF THE EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at the Old Schoolroom, Edingley
on Wednesday 26th April 2017 commencing 7:30 pm**

Present:- Mrs D. Poole (Chair), Mr C. Clay (Vice Chair), Mrs S. Thornton, Mr D. Byrne, Mr M. Needoff, Mr D. Bradford, Mr J. Hill, Mrs M. Von Schomberg (Clerk)
Cllr P Rainbow plus 7 members of the public

Speaker:- Mr Daryl Baxter

The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introduced the members of the parish council to the public, some of whom are newcomers since the last Annual Meeting. She introduced the speaker, Mr Daryl Baxter, who gave a very interesting speech on 'Local History and Occupation of the Romans' in which the village of Edingley and the surrounding area's were included.

Mr Baxter's Speech in a Nutshell

Within his speech, Mr Baxter stated that the people who lived in the area we now refer to as the East Midlands, were known as the Coritani (sometimes referred to as the Corieltavi). The tribes, as they were known, were largely agricultural people. Their territory was bordered by the Brigantes to the North and the Cornovii to the West, the Dobunni and Catuvellauni to the South, and the Icenii to the East. At that time, their civic capital was called Ratae Corieltauorum, known today as Leicester. Lindum Colonia, was the Roman name for the settlement which is now the City of Lincoln. It was founded as a Roman Legionary Fortress during the reign of the Emperor Nero or possibly later. Evidence from Roman tombstones suggests that Lincoln was first garrisoned by the Ninth Legion, Hispana which probably moved from Lincoln to found the fortress at York around c.71 A.D. Lindum was then garrisoned by the Second Legion Aduitrix, which then went on to Chester in 77-8 A.D. Remnants of the Roman architecture can still be found in and around the city of Lincoln; the most well known surviving piece is the 'Newport Arch' part of the north gate to the Upper City (many of us would drive through this gate to reach the Cathedral). The Great North Road (A46) was built by the Romans (on old maps the road can be seen coming directly from the gate of Lindum Colonia (Lincoln) and continuing south down the hill then on towards Ratae Corieltauorum (Leicester). The Romans were known as a civilised people due to the fact that they lived free to roam streets, had running water for drinking as well as creating large bath houses for the purpose of keeping clean. They were the first people to enjoy what we now refer to as living a 'genuine city life'. Mr Baxter concluded his speech at 8:20 pm.

Mrs Poole thanked Mr Baxter for yet another excellent speech enjoyed by all (and which followed on from last year's). For those who would like to hear more from Mr Baxter, Southwell Methodist Church is a venue often used by him.

The Chairman opened the Annual Parish Meeting at 8:30 pm.

The minutes of the previous APM were circulated, proposed by Mrs S. Thornton, seconded by Mr C. Clay (Vice Chair) and signed by Mrs D. Poole (Chair).

Mrs Poole read out the letter received from Mr Alf Hall (2016) in which he thanks the parish for the honour of lighting the bonfire at the Queens celebration last year. His letter, along with a photograph of Mr Hall lighting the bonfire, has been placed in a frame and will be hung in the Old Schoolroom.

Chairman's Report

Just over a year ago, the Parish Council asked Mr Alf Hall to light the bonfire in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. So began a most wonderful year in which the Parish spent a considerable amount of time trying to ensure it was memorable for the residents of Edingley.

But to begin with, the troubles of the year. The allotments spent most of 2016 under water. The Parish Council sought to effect a solution to the problem which unfortunately to date, has not been successful but we are still pursuing the problem.

Having received a complaint re 'dog poo' and plastic bags full of dog poo being left in fields and on hedges instead of being placed in bins, the Parish Council has taken action. We have posters placed on most of our footpaths leading from the central part of the village. However, people have been removing these notices for reasons we are as yet unaware of, but we will not give up.

On a more positive side, Edingley Parish celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a tea party and the unveiling of Edingley's own phone box, now our village library. At the end of the year, and by kind permission of Lambs Charity, we created a community apple orchard on Lambs Field. We are very happy to state that the trees are blossoming.

We are now in the process of providing Internet Access to Edingley Village Hall. All this could not have been done without the enthusiasm and forethought of the Parish Council.

Special thanks must be given to Mrs Sue Thornton who took on more than her fair share of the organisation of these events. However, all members of the Parish Council need to be thanked for the contributions they have made. Extra thanks needs to be given to Margrete Von Schomberg, our clerk, who is now celebrating her first year in the post.

Lambs Charity Report

Provided by Mr L. Kelsey, Trustee

Lambs Charity provides educational grants awarded to children and young people under the age of 25 years who are in full time education. Travel scholarships awarded to young people to pursue charitable work or teaching in developing countries, often in their 'gap year' between school and further education.

Accounts as at 31st March 2016

Income	£3934
Expenditure	<u>£3985</u>
Overspend	£ 50

Edingley United Charities Report

Provided by Mr L. Kelsey, Hon. Treasurer

Treasurer's Report for the year January to December 2016

Balance in the Business Reserve Account at The National Westminster Bank, Southwell, after December 2015 Distribution **£66:46**

Receipts during year 2016

Income from investments	£71:00
Interest on B Reserve Acct	<u>£00:05</u>
	£71:05

Withdrawals during year 2016

Distributions at end of year

12 shares of £5:00 each	<u>£60:00</u>
	£60:00

Annual interest on investments

Pursey, Tutin bequest and Flaxpit field sale

£887:54 of 8% Treasury Stock 2021

£71:00

Balance in the Business Reserve Account at the National Westminster Bank after December 2016 distribution **£77:51**

Edingley Old Schoolroom Report

Read by Mrs Sally Compton

During 2013 the project to re-furbish the Edingley Old Schoolroom was kick-started by an insurance funded payment to replace the collapsed wooden building at the rear of the original hall. This payment only covered the cost of putting up the building itself, new electrics and interior decoration.

The design for the new hall gave space for indoor sanitary facilities and an area for a new kitchen. With planning consent this first phase was completed by early 2015. Thus, the schoolroom committee were faced with the task of completing the project to replace the heating system for both the new and old halls, install new insulated flooring to both halls, a new kitchen, and equip the sanitary area. As of this month April 2017 this phase is now virtually complete.

The original old hall will also be upgraded to extend the updating of the electrics, new double glazed replacement windows, insulation to the exterior walls and sound insulation to the ceiling area. The lobby area will be cleared of the basic kitchenette, the heating extended, new flooring laid and replacement double glazed windows installed. This area will then lend itself to a reception/office space dependant on the requirements decided upon by the committee. Thanks to the Parish Council a Broadband connection will be installed. The committee had to raise funds to complete the task and this was achieved by holding many fund raising events in addition to grants awarded by WREN, Awards for All, The Mansfield Building Society and two local charities who wish to remain anonymous.

A resident of Edingley who celebrated his 80th Birthday recently asked that in lieu of presents his guests could consider that donations be made to the old schoolroom and this raised £700.00. His party held at the old schoolroom was outstanding and indicated the versatility of the new concept.

At the recent Daffodil Festival the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, the 2016 Valerie Gillespie Award for the best Nottinghamshire community initiative was presented, a plaque for mounting on the wall and cheque for £150.00 was gratefully received.

At the same time the Edingley Wall Hanging sewn by 12 residents of Edingley was also unveiled and notelets designed on that theme are for sale.

The upgrading of the old hall is on schedule for late July/August 2017. The future programme consists of improvements and extension to the car park, clear entry signage and exterior lighting and rainwater drainage improvement.

As Chairman I am indebted to the tireless assistance of the committee, and to the support from the village and beyond.

Ed Compton – Chairman - EOSRA

Halam School Report

Nothing to report

Allotments Report

Read by Mrs Sally Compton

The allotments have undergone a significant amount of change over this last year to April 2017. Resulting from the Council's allotments visit in July three tenants leases were not renewed. Coupled with this the opening of the allotments in Farnsfield wiped out the waiting list. Closure of the Halam plot brought in two tenants.

A replacement land drain has been inserted but due to the current drought its usefulness has not been established. The two Bramley tree on plot 19 have been felled to allow for this but no drain has gone under where they stood. The lowest lying plot is not let at present awaiting the outcome of the drainage operation.

The annual open weekend, open air service and scarecrow competition have been held and will be repeated this year on July 8/9.

Currently there are ten full plots and 19 half plots let, leaving one and a half plots vacant at this time. The tenants come from :- Edingley 5, Halam 3, Farnsfield 12, Southwell 3, Bilsthorpe 4 and one each Kirklington Lowdham and Ravenshead.

Edward Compton, Allotment Advisor

Open Forum

Mrs Wendy Raines created the posters with reference to placing doggie bags in the bins provided but for some strange reason, someone has been removing them. It would be useful if those people would tell us why? We will continue to pursue this matter as the hedges are filled with poo bags which implies that people just don't care as it's not in their own back yard! The removal of these posters is on a regular basis and the parish is now alerted to this problem and are vigilant. Using bio degradable bags won't remove this disgusting and unnecessary problem. The local vet in Southwell offers free doggie poo bags.

Motorists are finding Edingley Hill more and more difficult to safely drive up/down. The ever increasing overhanging trees make it dark during the day and branches and bushes continuing to grow further into the road; all of which are badly in need of clearing. It is hoped that our new County Councillor will be able to do something about this. It is our intention to invite him/her to our next meeting in May. The road surface itself is also in bad repair.

It has been noted that the post box at Osmanthorpe has been removed? We need to find out why. A former postman who was at the meeting, informed us that over a period of three years, monitoring of use of post boxes are performed and if it is proven that a post box is not used, then it can be removed; however he also stated that a sign should have been placed on or near the box stating this fact. The public should have been informed one way or another.

Another observation from a member of the village was regarding the manhole cover in the field opposite the church being badly damaged and in need of repair

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm

Date of next meeting

AGM - Wednesday 17th May commencing 8:00 pm