

EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
held on Thursday 16th March 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Old Schoolroom, Edingley

Present: Diana Poole (Chair), Sue Thornton, Chris Clay, Derek Bradford, John Hill, Dominic Byrne

In Attendance: Cllr Rainbow, Cllr Jackson, Margrete Von Schomberg (Clerk)

Apologies: Maurice Needoff, Cllr Laughton

1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2017

A letter was received from Mrs Smith with regard to adding people's full title. To stop any confusion titles would be used in future.

Minutes were approved after small amendment by the clerk, and signed by our Chair.

1a. Matter arising from the Minutes
Parking outside the Care Home

A meeting was held but no progress made. Damage is becoming more significant as most of the grass verge is now mud. The Highways Authority won't allow large stones to be placed in order to prevent further parking. The verge will need reinstating. The Chair will continue trying to find a solution to this problem.

Management of Lambs Field

Mrs Sue Thornton told the committee that everything looks good on the field and a sign regarding dog fouling has been put up there. The Horticultural Society is unfortunately disbanding but still have monies available for purchasing bulbs for planting on the field and will put £200 aside for that reason. It has been suggested that maybe the Edingley Parish Council could contribute in the future.

John Hill is willing to take the hay off and to remove the brambles.

Drainage on the Allotments

The work has finally been done on the allotments.

Minutes were approved after small amendment by the clerk, and signed by our Chair.

2. Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 7th February 2017

Minutes were approved, and signed by our Chair.

2a Matters arising from the minutes

- 17/00064/FUL - Retrospective application for change of use of land and erection of dog kennels

The Parish Council had three primary concerns:

- (1) The kennels are visible from the footpath in the adjacent field.
- (2) The construction materials used for the kennels and not sympathetic to the environment and further investigation is required (Clause BMD para 7.36)
- (3) Concerns about the change of use of the land. This cannot be residential, it has to be commercial. This will open up development on 'brown' land.

Unanimously against

- 16/02081/FUL - Construction of single story extension to the rear
Cllr Rainbow has stated this has been supported

3 Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 1st March 2017

Minutes were approved, and signed by our Chair.

3a Matters arising from the minutes

- 17/00257/FUL: Change of use of outbuilding to a child minding business and extension to the outbuilding
The Parish Council has no objections to the child minding business but the application was **rejected due to lack of information.**
- 17/00303/FUL: Householder application for erection of rear 1st floor extension above kitchen to replace existing roof with new bedroom. New side dormer over bathroom. New skylights and internal alterations
No Objections

4. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Planning Matters

None

5. Open to the public

Regarding the hedge on the allotments; the left side is really tidy, not litter or brambles, but the right is still untidy, can it be done the same? The PC are to have a word with Chris Clay.

The Old Schoolroom notice board is in desperate need of some maintenance. The PC Clerk is to contact Mr Patrick Turk about this.

Has there been any development regarding Edingley Hill as it is getting narrower? There has already been one accident. Having already made some enquiries, the PC has been informed that the canopy is unfortunately too high to be cut. Councillor Jackson is to ask that an inspection be made with the hope of dealing with this problem. The PC says there should be a sign informing motorists that this is a very narrow road. The villagers who live at the foot of the hill park their cars partially on the road to prevent motorists speeding.

Regarding the small bridge on Lower Kirklington Road; there should be better signage and more obvious road markings which currently have faded. Traffic still travels at speed and end up in the middle of the bridge which is on a bend with little visibility of the road coming from either direction.

We are to lose Councillor Jackson due to boundary change. He has now inherited Southwell and we are sad to see him go, but wish him success in his new post. We must wait until the election to see who our new councillor will be.

Both Cllr Jackson and Cllr Rainbow left the meeting at 8:05.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chair has been speaking with Mr Matt Duckworth regarding the obstruction on the passing place near the Gypsy encampment. The white stones have now been removed and replaced by two cones. This is proving a problem for cars trying to pass on the narrow road.

An enquiry was made of the PC as to whether it would be possible to remove the hedge? Evidently someone has already written to the NSDC about this problem and are awaiting a reply.

The Clerk is to receive an increase in salary; the normal annual pay rise. The Chair has been contacted by the pensions people with reference to providing the Clerk with a pension. The Clerk has stated she does not require a pension from the PC.

The Annual Return and Audit is pending and we now have a volunteer to perform the internal audit.

The Allotment Week-end is scheduled for 8th July 2017 and the Best Scarecrow vote will be taken on the same day.

7. Clerks Report & Correspondence

ITEMS OF INTEREST:-

Allotments rent has been received and banked; £281

Apple tree sponsor money has been banked; £460 (although £23 still owing)

Tree Planting Commemorative Certificates have been printed and are ready for delivery

MATTERS RELATING TO THE AGENDA:-

Broadband for the Old Schoolroom

As you all know, we had the opportunity to claim from the 'Transparency Fund' for equipment and installation of Broadband for use in the village hall. Our claim was successful to the sum of £1,530.

FINANCE REPORT

Other Income

Money from Apple Tree Sponsors	£437.00
We have £2 over on the collection?	

Money Owed

Money still owing from Apple Tree Sponsor	£23.00
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Paying In Slips

Current cheque book received, only has two paying in slips while previous ones had five?

Bank Balances as at 1st March 2017

Current Account Balance	£1,952.57		
Banked since receipt of statements:			
Apple Tree Sponsor Money		£460.00	
Allotments Rent		£281.00	
Transparency Fund		£1,530.00	
Business Reserve Account Balance	<u>£3,730.98</u>		
Overall Balances	<u>£5,683.55</u>	<u>£2,271.00</u>	<u>£7,954.55</u>

Bills to pay

Stationary and Ink Cartridges (Clerk)	<u>£57.46</u>
Stand in Clerk	<u>£25.00</u>
Total to Pay	<u>£82.46</u>

8 Councillors Reports

Work on the Allotments

The drainage work on the allotments has been completed but it has to be said to a very unsatisfactory standard.

The main perforated pipe has been laid through the middle of the left hand allotments running parallel to the central path and discharging into the dyke.

To the best of my knowledge the pipe was not covered with a gravel layer to encourage drainage. The pipe has been covered with the clay material that was excavated in order to fit it.

In short the pipe has been covered with an impermeable layer of clay that does not allow it to function as a land drain.

The two herringbone pipes that were requested so as to drain particularly problematic plots have not been fitted.

Those plots affected by poor drainage have not been helped in the least. There is still lots of water just under the surface but nothing is draining via the pipe into the dyke.

I have no idea about the legal standpoint but if it is at all possible I would suggest that payment for the work be withheld.

A good portion of the work contracted for has not been done and that which has been done has been done in such a manner as to render it ineffectual.

I am sorry that all comments are of a negative tone but I find it difficult to find anything positive to say.

Unfortunately it is too late in the season to carry out remedial work because plot holders will want to be working their plots. However the situation will need remedying at the earliest opportunity, perhaps in the autumn when crops have been harvested and before the winter weather sets in.

Management of Lambs Field

Having walked Lambs field I've found the footpaths in good condition. However, the gate out of Lambs Field (Near Mrs T. Smiths) is pretty bad. We'll have a word with Lawrence to have something done about it.

Broadband for the Schoolroom

A number of providers have been contacted and there seems to be little difference in the quotations. On the question of using Fibre Broadband or sticking with ADSL, it is my opinion that Fibre Broadband would be better if we're offering Wi-Fi to people who use the village hall.

The questions are;

1. Who will continue paying the internet provider once the Transparency funding has been used?
2. Who is going to create the Web Site?
3. Who will maintain and update the Web Site once in situ?
4. Could the PC join up with The Old School Room.

Some assistance can be provided by members of the PC and there are also many parishioners who are computer savvy and may volunteer some of their time and idea's.

Having looked at web sites of other Parish Councils; some are very professional and much used. We should strive to be the same. The question is, do we have enough going on in the village to keep the web site interesting? There could be the possibility of involving local companies.

We could also join with local villages.

Having broadband in the Old School Room will increase use of the village hall.

More information is needed before we make our final decision; hopefully we can accumulate this for the next meeting in May.

10. Business for Next Meeting

Broadband and Web Page
Accounts
Insurance Quotes
Clerks Pension

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Next Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 26th April, 7:30 pm.

Next Annual Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 17th May, 7:30 pm.