

EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Old Schoolroom, Edingley

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

In Attendance: Margrete Von Schomberg (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Dominic Byrne, Cllr Jackson

1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th November 2016

Minutes approved by all and signed by our Chair, Mrs Diana Poole

1a Matters arising from the minutes

Dog Fowling

Regarding the dog fowling signs; the clerk sent one of the signs to Mr and Mrs Smith along with an accompanying letter, but no reply received. An email was also sent to them with the a sign attached, but no reply received.

A sign was placed on the notice board and will now be put on posts on the footpaths using an industrial stapler provided by Mr John Hill. It was also suggested that signs can be placed on lamp posts throughout the village by puncturing holes in the signs and using string.

Footpath problems

The soil and gravel placed on the footpath where flooding cause problems for dog walkers, seems to be working.

Drainage on the Allotments

Unfortunately we have been let down by the original company who quoted for laying new drains on the allotments.

Parking outside the Care Home

This is still an ongoing problem. The care home didn't return the call made by our Chair; the problem being that there seems to be a significant turnaround of care home managers and the problem isn't being forwarded.

Mrs Diana Poole is to try and find out the owners of the care home and take it from there.

2. Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held on 9th January 2017

Minutes approved by all and signed by our Chair, Mrs Diana Poole

2a Matters arising from the minutes

None

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Results of Planning

None

5. Management of Lambs Field and the new Orchard

A vote of thanks was made to Mrs Sue Thornton who organised everything relating to the apple tree sponsoring.

The planting of the apple trees on Lambs field was highly successful with six sturdy men digging the holes (see photo's below) on Saturday 10th December and the tree sponsors planting on Sunday 11th December.

To protect the young trees, Mr John Hill has volunteered to provide spiral tree guards and will drop them off to Mr Derek Bradford.

Mr Lawrence Kelsey, chairman of Lambs Charity agreed to help clear a spaces for the parking of vehicles on the side so that no cars were parked on the field.

Mr John Hill said he could remove the brambles and push back the hedges around the apple trees. We only have five more weeks to do hedge topping.

No cost has been incurred as the sponsor money balanced out the purchase of the apple trees.

Once all sponsor money has been collected, a commemorative certificate will be given to each sponsor.

It was suggested that sponsors and parishioners could help maintain the new Edingley Orchard.

6. Drainage on the Allotments

Mr Chris Clay spoke to the company who promised to lay the new drains on the allotments several times and always received some excuse as to why the work hadn't been done. Mr Derek Bradford informed the council that he has spoken with another company who is interested and able to do the work in the very near future. He could get back to him for a quote. Mrs Diana Poole has contacted a company who provided us with a quotation last year and he said he would do the work and give us a date.

The allotment holders know the work is being done and where the new drain will be laid, but not when it will be done. They will be informed as soon as we ourselves know.

7. Judging the Best Allotment 2017

The date for the judging is Saturday 8th July around 10:00 am.

This date coincides with church functions, so invitations to visit the new orchard could be given.

8. Amendments to the Rules of the Allotments

The following amendments have been made:-

Change of date to 2017

12. Lack of cultivation or failure to pay rent will result in forfeiting of the plot
 - a. Any allotment deemed to be of an unacceptable standard, without extenuating circumstance, will have until Michaelmas (29th September) to rectify the situation
 - b. Following the judging, the allotment holder will be contacted in writing
15. The annual judging of the allotments will be held in July

9. Chairman's Report

Regarding Housing

The person who wrote the housing report wishes to walk around the village to look for a small plot to build affordable housing. The price they would pay would be more than for agricultural land but not much more.

Edingley has been classified as a settlement because it has no infrastructure which would make it difficult to build more houses and it is doubtful that affordable housing could be made available.

Annual Dates for Parish Meetings

The Council are to fix dates for Parish Meetings

10. Clerks Report and Correspondence

Broadband for the Schoolroom

It is hoped to have Broadband put into the schoolroom thus enabling the parish council, parishioners and visitors to be able to connect to the internet. Mr Dominic Byrne has been researching costs etc.

People would of course need to bring their own equipment; laptops, Ipads and mobile phones.

Other village halls have this facility and it is used regularly. It also ensures more rental of the hall.

It was suggested to ask Cllr Jackson for funding.

Until the schoolroom extension is completed, a full package cannot be provided.

Further information will be provided at the next meeting.

11. Precept

Mr Derek Bradford proposed to keep the precept the same as the previous year; £4000.

Seconded by Mrs Sue Thornton and approved by all.

12. Finance Report

Bank Balances as at 1st November 2016

Current Account Balance	£2,444.43
Business Reserve Account Balance	<u>£3,730.92</u>
Overall Balance	<u>£6,175.35</u>

Bills to pay

New Councillor Course (Dominic Byrne)	£ 25.00
NALC Annual Subscription	£ 92.13
Edingley Old School Room:	
Tree planting leaflets	£ 20.00
11 meetings of the PC	<u>£160.00</u>
	<u>£297.13</u>

Other Income

Money collected from the apple tree sponsors	£371.00
Money still owed from sponsors	£ 89.00

13. Transparency Code

The Clerk is to apply for funding to the 'Transparency Code Fund' for a computer, scanner, Broadband connection and the creation of an Edingley Parish Web Site.

14. Business for Next Meeting

- Broadband
- Web Page
- Allotments
- Parking outside the care home

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting, Wednesday 15th March, 7:30 pm.

