

## **EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Present:** Diana Poole (Chair), Chris Clay (Vice Chair), Laura Hill (Co-opted at meeting), Benjamin Ian, Sue Thornton

**In Attendance:** Robert Clay (Clerk), Cllr Laughton and 4 members of the public

**Apologies:** Maurice Needoff

**The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.**

**Action**

- 1. Apologies for absence.** The clerk had received apologies from Maurice Needoff. These were accepted by the council.
- 2. Co-option of Parish Councillor.** Laura Hill volunteered to join the parish council. The council voted unanimously in favour of co-opting Laura Hill as a parish councillor.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.** The minutes, having been previously circulated, were checked for accuracy and agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the chair.
  - a) Matters arising from the minutes.** The clerk gave an update on the progress of the village noticeboard. Unfortunately, due to health problems, Mr Turk has been unable to complete the noticeboard.

The clerk will contact Mr Turk to get an update on when the work is expected to be completed.

**Clerk**

- 4. Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 5. Results of Planning.** The clerk informed the council of two notices of planning decisions. The first related to 19/01851/FUL, a householder application for replacement of all windows and doors at Hillside Farm. The second was 19/02002/FUL, householder application for proposed single storey rear extension at Clematis Barn. Full planning permission was granted in both cases.
- 6. Minutes of Planning Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019.** The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the chair.
- 7. Minutes of Planning Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019.** The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the chair. This meeting related to the planning application put in by the parish council for the car park on school field and play area at the Old Schoolroom. The council were pleased to note that most comments on the planning website were supportive of the plans.
- 8. Consideration of 2020/2021 Precept.** Cllr Laughton joined the meeting at 8:00 pm.

A draft budget was circulated by the clerk for discussion. The budget shows an increase in expenses due to the change in the hours worked by the clerk and the likely increase in insurance costs due to the development of the car park.

The council also wish to allocate £1000 to fund village commemorative celebrations of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, which is of national importance. In order to facilitate this, it was proposed that the precept be raised to £7000 for the 2020/2021 financial year.

A vote was held, and the council were unanimous in support of the proposed increase.

- 9. Car Park in School Field.** Due to the time constraints attached to the LIS grant for the children's play area, it will be important to act as soon as possible in the event planning permission is granted. The parish council will be able to take over tenancy of part of school field from the 31<sup>st</sup> May. At which point it will be necessary to demolish the buildings in order to enable the car park to be developed.

The possibility that a group of villagers with relevant skills could get together to do some of the work at a lower cost was discussed, although that would have insurance ramifications.

It was suggested that the clerk would contact a construction firm for additional quote.

**Clerk**

Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that there is currently a community development grant open to town and parish councils, which may be able to help with the development of the car park. The clerk will contact Cllr Rainbow for more details regarding this.

**Clerk**

- 10. VE Day 8-10 May 2019.** Plans for the upcoming celebrations to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day were discussed. Laura Hill and Benjamin Ian volunteered to set up a committee to progress plans for the day. This committee will report back at the next meeting.

**LH and BI**

There will be a church service to mark the event, the time of which will be arranged with St. Giles. The chair will investigate the timings of any national services.

**Chair**

It is expected that events will be held on Lamb's field and at the Old Schoolroom, possibly involving a bonfire and tea dance. The clerk was asked to check the insurance requirements.

**Clerk**

So far there has only been one offer of help with the bonfire, more volunteers will be needed as there is a lot of work involved.

Cllr Laughton suggested he may be able to provide a grant in support of VE day commemorations. The clerk will liaise with his office.

**Clerk**

- 11. Litter Picking in Edingley.** Benjamin Ian is hoping to get more people involved with litter picking in the village. Cllr Laughton informed the meeting that Newark and Sherwood District Council have resources available and that Cllr Rainbow would be a good point of contact.

**BI**

The local MP Mark Spencer might be able to support with a community litter pick to launch the project. The Clerk will contact his office.

**Clerk**

12. **Pinfold Ditch.** Nobody responded to the request for volunteers to help clean out the pinfold ditch. It was noted that the recent rainfall seems to have done a good job of clearing it anyway and that the ditch is flowing freely.

13. **New Water Companies.** Since paying the water bill of £99.99, the chair has had no further correspondence with the water company. Due to the ongoing difficulties with the billing, it was suggested that the clerk investigate the possibility of switching to an alternative provider.

**Clerk**

14. **Chairman's Report.** The chair reported that there has been a problem with sewage leaking onto the road on Station Road. An engineer came out to fix the problem, but it has since recurred. Severn Trent have also sent a survey. The chair will continue to monitor the situation.

**Chair**

It has also been noted that there is activity at Holme Lane relating to rubble recycling. This will be reported to the relevant enforcement officer.

**Chair**

15. **Councillors Report.** Sue Thornton reported on a complaint about parking on a verge outside a residential property on Station Road.

The condition of the hedges on Lamb's field was discussed. These were due to be cut back last year, but the work was unable to be completed due to seasonal issues. Sue will contact Marc Hazard to rearrange.  
Cllr Laughton left the meeting.

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**16 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.**

The clerk reported on a telephone conversation with Jill Sanderson, the housing officer at NSDC. She wishes to be on the agenda for the March meeting to talk about housing needs and affordable housing.

**a) Finance Report and Invoices for Payment.**

The clerk presented the finance report.

**Finance Report since November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Current Account	-	£10446.96
Business Reserve Account	-	<u>£ 3736.10</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>£14183.06</b>

**Of which:-**

**Income Received since November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Notts County Council grant	-	<u>£250.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>£250.00</b>

**Expenditure since November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Expenses (printing and parking)	-	£ 11.85
Clerks Salary SO (Nov and Dec)	-	£259.16
Allotment Equipment	-	£ 20.00
Dog Bin Emptying	-	£ 59.28
Allotments Water	-	£ 99.99
NSDC Planning	-	<u>£231.00</u>

<b>Total</b>	-	<b>£681.28</b>
<b>Transparency Code Funding still to spend</b>	-	<b>£1407.85</b>

**Bills to Pay**

Outgoing Clerk Final Salary	-	<u>£106.76</u>
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Due to an error at the bank, the outgoing clerk had not been paid her final salary. It was agreed that a cheque be signed to fulfil the payment. This will be sent to the outgoing clerk with an apology on behalf of the parish council.

**Clerk**

- b) Play Area Fund.** The clerk updated the council on the status of the play area funds. The current balance on the account is £14,390.75, of which £13,500 is from the LIS grant. The remaining £890.75 has come from fundraising efforts within the village. The parish council would like to congratulate all involved with these efforts.

**17) Business for the next meeting**

Litter Picking  
Housing  
Lamb's Field  
Planning Application  
Sewage  
VE day

- 18) Date and time of next meeting.** The next parish meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Old Schoolroom.

**19) Item Withdrawn**

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8:54 pm.**