

EDINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7:30pm.

Present: Mrs Diana Poole (Chair), Mr Chris Clay, Mr Tony Michon, Mr Maurice Needoff and Mrs Sue Thornton

In Attendance: Dr Robert Clay (Clerk), Cllr Rainbow and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Benjamin Ian and Cllr Laughton.

	The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.	Action
1.	Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Laughton and Mr Benjamin Ian.	
2.	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2023. Minutes reviewed and agreed as accurate.	
2a.	Matters arising from the minutes. Laura Hill is happy to come back to the Parish Council. Clerk to sort paperwork. The materials for the boundary fence are now with the contractor. Clerk to chase up for a date.	Clerk Clerk
3.	Declarations of Interest. Chris Clay and Diana Poole are both churchwardens, but there is no pecuniary interest.	
4.	Chairman's Report There were two flooding meetings held in December to discuss the flooding in the village. Both meetings were well attended. A map has been produced indicating all properties that were flooded. Ross Marshall is going to send contractors to locate and survey the drains.	
Public	The chair opened the meeting to the public. A member of the public read out on email suggesting that the parish acquires a stock of sandbags which can be used in future flooding occurrences. The member of the public had been in touch with the Newark and Sherwood District Council and no support was offered. Cllr Rainbow indicated that this was a mistake and that the council can provide Aqua Sacks. Cllr Rainbow to liaise with the Clerk to arrange delivery. Setting up a flood committee with flood wardens will be the next step.	Cllr Rainbow/Clerk
5+8.	Budget and Contribution to St Giles' Church. The clerk presented a draft budget. Historically the parish council has always contributed to the upkeep of the church grounds. Due to various changes in clerk, this practice ceased in 2018. This was discussed and it was decided that these contributions should continue and that the	

	<p>Parish Council would contribute £250 for grounds upkeep per year. A backdated payment of £1250 was agreed to cover the five years for which no contributions were made.</p> <p>Discussions were held around the setting of the precept. Given the parish council has several rental plots which require maintenance and the need to plan for future replacements of play area equipment, it was decided that the precept would be set at £12500, with £1000 allocated to the reserve fund.</p> <p>This was voted on and agreed.</p>	
6.	<p>Children's Play Area - Maintenance. The clerk presented the monthly maintenance checks.</p> <p>The bin on the play area does not appear to have been emptied. Cllr rainbow advised the clerk to contact NSDC customer services as they should be able to add it to the route.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>Parish Council rented plots. The parish council needs to decide what to do with the field at the back of the school room car park.</p> <p>Lamb's field footpath needs maintenance. Can the footpath be raised? Sue Thornton agreed to raise this with Lambs Charity as it will be the responsibility of the landowner.</p>	
9.	<p>Speeding. There were no comments.</p>	
10.	<p>Boundary Fence. The clerk is to chase the contractor</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Allotments. The allotments were discussed. Rents will be held at the current level this year but may need to be raised in future years. Current rental prices are £15 / plot, £8 per half plot.</p> <p>Some of the allotments have suffered flooding and the footpath in front of the allotments is regularly overgrown. The drainage ditch is also blocked which is exacerbating the flooding. This has been reported to via.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>Councillors reports.</p> <p>There were no reports from Parish Councillors. Cllr Rainbow informed the meeting that residents who have been flooded can claim for 3 months council tax relief.</p> <p>The council are looking to update their list of vulnerable people. Cllr Rainbow gave an update on the dogs on Station Road. Monitoring equipment was installed, After Christmas this was reviewed and it was decided that it was below the threshold of a nuisance. A red warning has been issued.</p>	
13.	<p>Clerk's Report and Finance</p> <p>The clerk presented the finance report.</p> <p><u>Edingley Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 15th January 2024</u></p> <p><u>Clerks Report</u></p> <p><u>Finance Report since November 22nd 2023</u></p>	

	Current Account (balance as of 31/12/2023)	-	£10531.00	
	Reserve Account (balance as of 31/12/2023)	-	<u>£1263.36</u>	
	Total	-	£11794.41	
	Total available (accounting for uncashed cheques)	-	<u>£11794.41</u>	
	Of which:-			
	Income since November 22nd 2023 report			
	Business Reserve Interest	-	£4.55	
	Total	-	£4.55	
	Uncashed cheques are indicated with <i>Italics</i>			
	<u>Expenditure since November 22nd 2023 report</u>			
	Clerk's Salary (November and December)	-	£319.50	
	Post Office (Dog Poo Bins)	-	£68.64	
	Sharpe Group	-	£324.00	
	B.Ward (Grounds maintenance on School field)	-	£120.00	
	Age UK Allotment Noticeboard	-	£125.00	
	Water Plus	-	£43.10	
	David Musson Fencing	-	£524.39	
	Water Plus	-	£26.30	
	Total	-	£1550.93	
	Transparency Code Funding still to spend	-	£1407.85	
	<u>Bills to Pay</u>			
	<i>Robert (Web Cam)</i>	-	<i>£17.59</i>	
	<i>Robert (Clerks Backpay 2020)</i>	-	<i>£44.10</i>	
	<i>Water Plus</i>	-	<i>£26.05</i>	
	<i>N Welch Garden services</i>	-	<i>£470.00</i>	
	Cheques were written for the Water Plus bill and N Welch garden services. The clerk's backpay will be addressed at a future meeting.			
16.	Results of Planning. There were no decision notices to present.			
17.	Business for Next Meeting. Budget. Allotments, Flood Committee, Rented Plots.			
18.	Date and Time of next meeting. Monday 18th March 2024 at 7:30pm.			
19.	The chair closed the meeting at 8:30 pm			