**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,**

**Monday 18th September 2017, 7:00pm**

**Present:** John Seymour (Chair) (JS) Mark Cook (Vice Chair) (MC)

Emma Cletheroe (EC) Anne Harrup (AH)

Lin Pateman (LP) Suzanne Longe (SL)

Harrie Morshuis (HM) Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

1. **Chairman’s welcome and apologies for absence -** JS welcomed everyone, and apologies were accepted for Keith Clarke (PCSO) and Georgie Perry-Warnes (NNDC).
2. **Statements of pecuniary or prejudicial interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 18th September 2017** – The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting, and were duly signed. Prop. LP, sec. EC – all agreed.
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – Hedge cuttings have been left around the village pump. It was agreed that the Clerk will put a note in the Edgefield Extra that there is a cost to the Parish Council to remove fly tipped waste.

AH has seen a car driving on the Rectory Road playing Field. It was agreed that if it happens again, it will be reported to NNDC, who own the land.

JS reported that there is a delay to the Broadland Housing project, due to issues with Conservation and Highways approval. This has led to a six-month delay, and work should commence April/May net year. The possible contribution to village amenities will be under £10,000. JS suggested a request for suggestions in the Edgefield Extra.

*EC left the meeting at 7:15pm.*

1. **Police report** – The Clerk has received an emailed report from the PCSO and no crimes have been reported.
2. **Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** –None.
3. **Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – A report had previously been distributed via email. The Clerk will include the section regarding rogue traders in the Edgefield Extra. GP-W has advised JS that there are a number of inaccuracies in the letter to the North Norfolk News from Tom Fitzpatrick, and that she does not intend to resign as a District Councillor.
4. **Finance –**
5. **Payments**

The following payments were approved (prop. SL, sec. LP)

1. Kirsty Cotgrove – Clerk’s net salary Oct (via SO) £186.55
2. **Receipts**

The following receipt was noted

1. NNDC precept – 2nd instalment £2500.00
2. **Planning –**
3. **Permission for development** – None.
4. **Refusal of permission** – None.
5. **Applications** – None
6. **Development committee decision** – None.
7. **Decision notice** – None.

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1. **Additional information on applications** – None.
2. **To consider late planning applications** – None.
3. **To update on the Hornsea windfarm project** – The Consultation has closed. The Clerk has received an email from a Parishioner with concerns regarding the cabling route.
4. **To update on the Stody permissive footpaths** – JS attended a meeting with representatives from Stody Estate and Briston, Melton Constable and Stody & Hunworth Parish Councils. A document has been produced by Briston, which has been cleared by Stody Estate, to put to the Parish. It states that Stody’s funding for the path has stopped, and it will cost them £20-30,000 per year to keep it open. Each Parish has been asked for a contribution to keep it open. It was agreed that an article will be put in the Edgefield Extra to explain and ask for people’s opinions.

*EC returned to the meeting at 7:30pm.*

The possible precept increase of 30-40% was discussed, along with the route of the path.

1. **To report on highways issues** – Potholes and overgrown hedges have been reported by the Clerk. Two working parties were agreed for 22nd & 29th October to clean the village gates.
2. **To update on community Speedwatch** – A parishioner noticed that the SAM2 unit was missing. It has now been returned by Plumstead, along with a £50 donation for allowing them to use it. Weekly Speedwatch checks are still going ahead, but another volunteer is still needed. A request will be put in the Edgefield Extra. LP will submit an article to the Clerk.
3. **To explore the possibility of a community bus** – The Aldborough community bus is no longer operational, but Sanders have started a more restricted service, which is less reliable. The cost and practical implications were noted. It was asked if Briston run a community bus and if so, can it come to Edgefield too. A question will be put into the Edgefield Extra to ask if people would use the bus if it was available, and what would people want it for.
4. **To approve the service of a volunteer’s lawnmower** – A parishioner has been cutting the grass on the Green monthly for several years, free of charge. His lawnmower requires a service and he has asked if the Parish Council will cover the cost. It was discussed at length. It was agreed that the Parish Council will give a donation towards the volunteer’s costs for £105. A teenager in the village has also cut the grass on two occasions. Due to potential liability issues, it was agreed that the Clerk will contact him to thank him for his assistance, but to ask him not to do it again, and to let the village hall committee know.
5. **Correspondence** – None.
6. **Matters for further discussion** – There are two dead goldfish in the pond. LP will arrange removal. A piece of glass is broken in the Ramsgate Street phone box. The Clerk will contact Eric Earnshaw to ask who he used for glass in the past, and will liaise with HM. Previously a number of people had offered to maintain the phone box, but this appears to have stopped. The Clerk will ask via the Edgefield Extra for volunteers to come forward with a plan to maintain the box. JS proposed getting to box removed, but it was voted 4:3 to retain it.
7. **To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 20th November 2017, 7pm.
8. **To close the meeting** - There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Signed as a correct record: Date:

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