**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 21st August 2017, 7:00pm**

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

 Suzanne Longe (SL) Anne Harrup (AH)

 Lin Pateman (LP) Emma Cletheroe (EC)

 Steffan Aquarone (NCC) (SA) Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

 + 2 parishioners

 **Parishioners comments** – None.

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were accepted Harrie Morshuis, Keith Clarke (PCSO) & Georgie Perry-Warnes (GPW).
2. **Statements of Pecuniary or Prejudicial interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 17th July 2017** –The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting, and were duly signed. Prop MC, sec SL, all agreed.
4. **Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – None.
5. **Police report** – The Clerk reported that there have been no crimes in the last month.
6. **Report from Georgie Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – Report had been emailed prior to the meeting.
7. **Finance** -

**(a)Payments**

The following payments were approved. (Prop SL, Sec EC)

1. Kirsty Cotgrove – Clerk net salary Aug (via S.O) £ 186.55
2. Kirsty Cotgrove – 20% of data protection training £ 6.00

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

**9. Planning**

**(a)Permission for Development** –None.

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None.

**(c)Applications** – PF/17/1107. Tobermory House, Holt Road, Edgefield, NR24 2RP. Erection of rear conservatory. The Parish Council have no objection to this application.

**(d)Development committee decision** – None.

**(e)Decision notice** – None.

**(f)Additional information on applications** – None.

**(g)To consider late planning applications** – LA/17/1315. Old Hall Farmhouse, Rector Road, Edgefield, NR24 2RJ. Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of barns 1,2,3 & 4 to four dwellings. The Parish Council have no objection to this application.

**(h)To ratify applications made between meetings** – None.

**14. To update on Community Speedwatch** – LP reported that she has had a successful meeting with Janet Overton. They have been given a new speed gun, charger and

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accessories. One successful session has been held since. Safe storage in the village hall is still required, and access to the store room can be difficult, due to the rear entrance to the store room being blocked. LP will meet with Jim Frost to try to resolve. It was recommended by Janet Overton that the Parish Council check their insurance to ensure that the battery being left to charge is covered. The Clerk will contact the Insurers to check. Plumstead Parish Council have asked if they can borrow the SAM2 unit for 6 weeks, instead of 4. After a discussion, this was agreed.

**6**. **Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** – SA apologised for missing the last meeting, and confirmed that JS got the information he needed for permissive footpaths.

**10. To update on the Hornsea Windfarm project** – Dong have proposed route C for the booster station. It is still very unclear how big the booster station will be, and how much noise and lighting will result. SA has met with representatives with Dong, and is currently formulating a timeline for the collective approach, which has been agreed by Edgefield, Corpusty & Saxthorpe & Bodham Parish Councils. The consultation ends on 20th September. The planning process was discussed, and SA advised that NNDC & NCC are only consultees for this project, and the decision will be made by the Government after a presentation by an independent panel. This panel will consider energy needs and other proposals.

 *EC returned to the meeting at 7:28pm.*

It was stated that the Parishes need to be clear what they would like to be done, as the independent panel will look at the requests and whether Dong have taken sufficient steps to address them. It was confirmed that Dong advised at the last Parish Council meeting on 8th August, that the project could take place over three phases, which will cause additional disruption for locals, this is due to the phasing of how the money is released by the Government. NNDC have confirmed that they will object to this.

 *LP left the meeting at 7:30pm.*

SA asked if the PC are happy for him & GPW to get a survey out to parishioners, and to draft a response for the consultation. This was agreed, and JS volunteered to help with the survey. It was agreed that the priorities for the PC are the time it will take to deliver the project, and the appearance etc of the booster station.

 JS urged as many people as possible to attend the consultation in Corpusty & Saxthorpe village hall on 6th September. It was agreed that there will be an additional meeting on 7th September in Edgefield Village Hall at 7pm, to discuss the proposal, and the Parish response. The Clerk will invite Corpusty & Saxthorpe and Bodham Parish Councils, and advertise the meeting for parishioners.

**11. To update on the Stody permissive footpaths** - Stody’s permissive footpath scheme is ending in January 2018, due to the withdrawal of the stewardship scheme. JS has contacted Charlie McNichol to ensure the footpaths are retained. He will try to meet with Briston Parish Council and Stody to ensure they are retained. The Ramblers Association have offered their help. All agreed for JS & MC to attend meetings and co-ordinate.

**12. To update on the Broadland Housing development, and to consider streetlighting** – JS has met with BH and final plans have been submitted. They are due to start

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building early in 2018. Streetlighting was discussed, and it was agreed that no streetlighting is required. It was discussed whether the PC will ask the developers for finances for a project in the village. It was agreed that everyone will consider and discuss at the next meeting.

**13. To report on highways issues** – The Clerk is waiting to hear back from the insurers to confirm that volunteers are covered to clean the village gates. If all ok, a working party will be arranged to clean the gates. JS & MC volunteered to help. The Clerk will contact Steve White at Highways for advice on cleaning products.

**15. Correspondence** – (i) The Clerk has received an email from Roland Parker, who has asked the PC to find someone else to administer the website. The Clerk advised that she may be able to get a free website through NALC. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the other groups who use the website and if there are no volunteers to administer the current site, will arrange for a new one through NALC.

 (ii) The Clerk reported that she has received the Annual Return back from the external auditor and has displayed the conclusion of audit notice on the noticeboard and electronically as required.

**16. Matters for further discussion** –None.

**18. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Thursday 7th September (Hornsea project meeting) at 7pm, and Monday 18th September 2017 (Parish Council meeting), at 7pm.

**19**. **To close the meeting** – There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Signed as a correct record: Date:

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