**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 14th December 2015, 7:00pm**

**Present:** John Seymour (Chair) Emma Cletheroe (vice chair)

Harrie Morshuis Suzanne Longe

Mark Cook Eric Earnshaw

Anne Harrup Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

+ 4 parishioners

JS asked members of the public for comments. A parishioner asked to speak in matters arising regarding Broadband.

A parishioner reported a large pothole on the Holt Road, along with the deepening channel also along the Norwich Road. The Clerk will report these to Highways. The parishioner also asked if the Parish Council can clarify the regulations regarding overhanging hedges on the road with Highways, as there is a hedge hanging in the road along the Holt Road. The Clerk will contact the owner of the hedge to see if they can cut it back.

A parishioner asked if the County Councillor has chased the possibility of a 20mph speed limit with Highways. The Clerk confirmed she had been in contact with Highways and copied in DR. They have advised that if all the local parishes can persuade their Councillor that a change to 20mph is necessary, the County Councillor can get involved in changing the Speed Management Strategy. However, this would run into many thousands of pounds, so in the current financial climate it is unlikely to happen. It was agreed to include this on the January agenda.

HM advised that there has been more fly tipping on Rookery Road. The Clerk will report.

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone. Apologies were received and accepted for DR & GPW.
2. **Statement of pecuniary or Prejudicial interests** – None.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 16th November 2015** – the minutes are approved and signed (prop. HM & sec. SL).
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** –Broadband: JS advised that better broadband was initially promised by the end 2017, but correspondence has since been received to indicate it may happen sooner. A parishioner said that there will be a new fibre optic box installed next to the current one. To get faster broadband, everyone will need to contact their broadband provider to get changed to the new fibre optic. For people with contracts due to expire in the next year or so, they will need to check with their supplier that they will be able to change without financial penalties. It was agreed that an article will go into the next newsletter to inform people of this. A parishioner asked if Wi-Spire could be a possibility. EC advised that they have been in contact with PCC already.

MC confirmed that RMC Autos have accepted the fly-tipped tyres, and will not charge to dispose of them. It was agreed that the clerk will write to them to thank them.

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**5. Police Report** – None.

1. **Finance**

**(a)Payments**

The following payments were approved and cheques were signed. (Prop HM, Sec EC)

1. Kirsty Cotgrove – Clerk net salary (Dec) £ 186.55

(ii) Kirsty Cotgrove – wheelie bin stickers £ 70.00

(iii) EDF energy – electricity direct debit £ 35.00

**(b)Receipts** – None.

**7. Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None

**(c)Applications** – None.

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

**(e)Decision notice** – None.

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

**(g)To consider late planning applications** – None.

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

1. **An update on the work plan for the village pond** –JS confirmed that the digger has been in and left surprisingly little mess, especially considering the weather on the day. A few ruts around the pond will need to be filled with topsoil and reseeded, Phil Borley volunteered to do this. The last few reeds will need to be removed from the pond, but AH advised this will need to be done in spring as it is now too cold and the water level is very high. The clerk will write to Stody to thank them for their assistance. No invoice has been received yet from Wordingham Plant Hire.
2. **An update on the village pump –** A parishioner has asked where the pump is, and whether it will be put back? It is currently in JS’s garage ready to be reinstalled, but a parishioner had expressed concern regarding the safety of the well head. It was agreed that Phil Borley will liaise with JS and go and see if the well head is concrete.

**9**. **Report from David Ramsbotham, County Councillor** – None.

**10**. **Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – None.

**16**. **Correspondence** – (i) Letter from a parishioner regarding the use of the village phone boxes – A parishioner has written to JS with a newspaper article and a suggestion to turn the redundant phone box in Edgefield Street into a library. It was agreed that a library would not be suitable as it is too damp, but that it would be good to make some use of the box. A parishioner has mended the lights in the box, and another parishioner had volunteered to paint the box. It was agreed that JS would write a piece to put in the newsletter, asking for ideas and volunteers. The clerk will contact BT regarding the purchase of the box on Rectory Road.

**AOB for information** – JS advised that he, Lin Pateman, Phil Borley & Jeremy Goldney did their training for the SAM2 unit, and the box will be installed shortly. JS raised concern that one of the posts is in the wrong position to scan vehicles travelling South near the Garage. The SAM2 unit logs the speed of all vehicles, and the time of day. JS advised that the working party need to get together to agree the maintenance schedule. The battery

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will last 5-7 days, depending on the traffic. It was agreed that the unit will be placed at

the North end of the village first, and JS will arrange a schedule with the other volunteers. It was confirmed that JS will write an article in the newsletter to inform parishioners, and to ask if there is support for a 20mph limit in the village.

EC & MC advised that they attended the planning workshop, and there will probably be another in the future regarding enforcement.

**17. Date of next meeting** – Monday 18th January 2016, at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm

Signed: Dated:

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