**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 15th February 2016, 7:00pm**

 **Present:** John Seymour (Chair) (arr. 7:13pm) Emma Cletheroe (vice chair)

 Mark Cook Suzanne Longe

 Anne Harrup Eric Earnshaw

 Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

 + 6 parishioners

 **Public Comments:**

EC welcomed everyone. A parishioner raised concerns about the culvert. It was agreed this would be discussed in item 9.

 A parishioner asked if there is only one SAM2 unit, and was advised that there is one, which is regularly moved around the village. The parishioner asked if it is accurate and was advised that it is within 1-2mph. He asked why it is not placed outside of the

 30mph zone, to warn people that they are entering a 30mph zone. The Clerk confirmed that the siting of the SAM2 was recommended by the manufacturers and the Highways Engineer at NCC. It is there to remind people of what the speed limit is, and will record the speed of vehicles so information can be passed to the police to

 take enforcement action if necessary. A parishioner stated that he estimates there has been approximately a 50% reduction in speeding through the village since the SAM2 has been installed. He is very happy with the SAM2 unit. A parishioner asked if the Council feels the SAM2 was a waste of money, and was advised that the Council is very happy with it. A parishioner asked what the village gates are for, and it was confirmed they are there to let people know they are entering a village and 30mph zone. The parishioner asked why there is no speed limit through Ramsgate Street, and that he would like to see a 20mph limit there. The Clerk will make enquiries.

 JS arrived at 7:13pm and took the Chair.

 EE queried why the 30mph signs on the gates at the North of the village are different to the South. The Clerk will ask Highways.

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone. Apologies were received and accepted for HM, DR & GP-W
2. **Statement of pecuniary or prejudicial interests** – JS (Item 9).
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 18th January 2016** – the minutes are approved and signed (prop. MC & sec. EC).
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** –There has been further fly tipping, this time at the Jubilee Playing Field. As it is private land, NNDC will not remove it, and the PC must pay. There was a discussion around how to prevent fly tipping, and it was agreed it will be almost impossible. It was agreed for a wildlife camera to be placed in the car park to monitor the situation. The Clerk will make enquiries about getting the rubbish removed.

AH has look at the area around the pump, andwill write an articlefor the next article

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to see if someone would like to maintain the area, after speaking to the widow of the parishioner who was instrumental in the renovation of the pump. A villager already cuts the hedge around it. JS asked the parishioners present what they would like to see done with the area. A parishioner asked how much the renovation and re-siting cost the Council, and was informed that the work was done by volunteers at no cost to the Council.

 **5. Police Report** – None.

1. **Finance**

**(a)Payments**

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

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

 (ii) John Seymour – laptop £ 184.99

 (iii) Kirsty Cotgrove – padlocks for SAM2 £ 38.85

 (iv) Westcotec – SAM2 £4065.60

 (v) Wordingham Plant Hire – pond work £ 426.00

 (vi) NNDC – uncontested election cost £ 55.62

**(b)Receipts**

(i) Environment group – pond work £ 426.00

EE noted that the invoice for the pond work was very reasonable, and thanks were given to Phil Borley for the repair work around the pond where the digger had damaged the grass.

 **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.

The Clerk reported that the applicants for Annandale Cottage are happy for the PC to conduct a site visit, should they feel it necessary.

JS gave an update on the Broadland Housing development. There will be a site visit on 18th February which JS will attend, and the Development Committee meeting is on 25th February. This is open to members of the public.

1. **To agree jobs for the Highway Ranger visit on w/c 28th March 2016** – A number of jobs were identified, including a number of potholes, verge tidying and ditches and drains to be cleared**.** A parishioner asked if mud could be cleared from the roads, as they are currently very bad. There was a discussion about whose responsibility this would be, and it was agreed that the Clerk will ask the Rangers if they can clear the roads generally, although the farmers remain responsible for clearing where they have been working.
2. **To discuss and agree a plan for the Ramsgate Street culvert** – JS outlined the previous problems with the culvert flooding and reminded councillors of the quoted costs, discussed at the previous meeting. NCC have confirmed that they feel the

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culvert is adequate as it is, and it is the landowners’ responsibility to keep the ditches on their land clear. NALC have recommended that the PC do not get involved in the purchase of a grille as it could raise liability issues. A number of residents have offered to contribute towards the purchase of a grille. It was confirmed that if the grille was purchased by residents, the NCC would retain liability for it. It was agreed that JS will wait for further information from NCC.

1. **To discuss the changes to audit arrangements** - The Clerk reported the changes to audit arrangements and the option to opt out. She recommended that the PC do not opt out of the new scheme, and all agreed. No further action is necessary at this stage.

**11**. **To discuss the NNDC Local Plan call for sites** – No sites were identified. It was noted that the proposed development on Rectory Road was suggested by NNDC initially, and that this application is being recommended for refusal as it is against Planning Policy. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to state this.

**12**. **Report from David Ramsbottom, County Councillor** – None.

**13**. **Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – JS read a report which was sent via the Clerk. Concern was raised about the updating of the postal vote system, as JS has a postal vote and has not received the advertised correspondence.

**15**. **Correspondence** – The Clerk has received correspondence from NNDC to advise that they have removed the play equipment on Rectory Road as it was considered unsafe. There was a discussion where it was agreed that the village raised funds for the equipment, on the understanding that NNDC would maintain it. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to NNDC to ask if they will be replacing the equipment.

**AOB for information** – JS asked for views on the village gates. EC has received approximately six complaints, including that the path is no longer accessible for buggies, and that the gates may get damaged when the hedge is cut. A parishioner queried the locations. JS confirmed that the sites were discussed with Highways.

JS provided feedback from the SAM2 statistics, showing an average speed of 34mph between 7am and 7pm. Outside of these times, the average is higher. JS asked EE if he has gathered enough volunteers for the Community Speedwatch initiative. It was agreed EE will report at the next meeting. The Clerk will contact the police for further information.

**16. Date of next meeting** – Monday 21st March 2016, at 7pm.

**17**.  **To close the meeting** – There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:41pm.

Signed: Dated:

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