**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 20th June 2016, 7:00pm**

**Present:** John Seymour (Chair) Mark Cook (vice chair)

Emma Cletheroe Suzanne Longe

Anne Harrup Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

David Ramsbotham (NCC) Keith Clarke (PCSO) + 5 parishioners

**Public Comments:**

None.

**13. Report from David Ramsbottom, County Councillor** – The Conservatives are now in charge at County Hall, this has not really caused a change in direction. DR asked that if anyone has concerns about a child or vulnerable adult, to report it to the police or social services. There should be some news about Ramsgate Street getting better broadband in July. There is a new round of Parish Partnership funding available, still on a 50/50 basis. The devolution is now planned on a two authority basis, with Norfolk & Suffolk combining, and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough combining. There will be funding from the Government of £25 million per year for 3 years for infrastructure, and £100 million for housing. There will also be an elected mayor. NCC are meeting to discuss and decide on 27th June, and if they agree to it, it will go out to public consultation. Speeding is still a problem in villages, and DR has been in contact with Chris Steven (police) and the new PCC to address this.

**5. Police report** – In the last month, there were 6 calls to the police, resulting in 3 recorded crimes; 1 x burglary, 1 x criminal damage, and 1 x cultivation of cannabis plants. Speeding is one of the priorities of Holt SNT, KC has been in the village recently with the speed gun, and will continue to do so. JS asked when he has been attending, and KC replied that it has been mainly at school run times, but will vary it over the next 3 months.

DR & KC left the meeting at 7:15pm.

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone. Apologies were received and accepted for HM, EE & GPW
2. **Statement of pecuniary or prejudicial interests** – None.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 16th May 2016** – the minutes are approved and signed (prop. AH & sec. MC).
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – AH suggested that a Christmas edition of the newsletter is not necessary, as the Edgefield Extra is now up and running. It was agreed that no further editions of the newsletter will be produced, unless requested by the Parish. JS thanked AH & SL for all their hard work on the newsletter over the years.

AH reported that quite a few people attended the last pond clearing session. The reeds were mainly targeted. Another session will be planned when needed.

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1. **Finance**

**(a)Payments**

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

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

(ii) Kirsty Cotgrove - expenses £ 2.06

(iii) Eric Earnshaw – preservative for sign £ 24.74

**(b)Receipts**

None.

**7. Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None

**(c)Applications** –PF/16/0590. Melrose House, Ramsgate Street, Edgefield, NR24 2AY. Erection of single storey extension to front of dwelling. The application was discussed at was agreed that the PC has no objection, but commented that the extension could be more aesthetically pleasing.

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

**(e)Decision notice** – PF/16/0401. The Pigs, Norwich Road, Edgefield, NR24 2L. Erection of extension to restaurant area. NNDC permit given.

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

**(g)To consider late planning applications** – PF/16/0739. The Pigs, Norwich Road, Edgefield, NR24 2RL. Extension to provide 9 additional bed and breakfast rooms, treatment rooms, staff changing room & plant room. The application was discussed. It was agreed that this could bring more jobs to the village. It was agreed that the PC has no objection to the application, but concerns regarding the effect on the trees bordering Plumstead Road, and the possible increase in traffic, light pollution, and noise. The Clerk advised that Iain Wilson from the Pigs has offered to come to the next PC meeting to discuss the application further.

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

1. **To update on and agree a maintenance plan for the Jubilee playing field** – There has been further fly tipping at the JPF. CCTV cameras and wildlife cameras were discussed. It was agreed that AH will let JS know the price for wildlife cameras. It was agreed that as the grass if not cut often, along with the broken fence, it can make the JPF look unloved. It was agreed that the Clerk will investigate grant funding for a replacement fence.

**9. To report on the SAM2 sign** – The SAM2 sign is not working and is waiting on collection by Westcotec for repair. A parishioner had asked the nature of the fault but it is not yet known. A copy of the data will be supplied to the parishioner once it is up and running again.

**10**. **To report on Highways issues** – The Clerk contacted Highways regarding the EDP article, and he has confirmed that in Edgefield they will be concentrating on drainage; at the crossroads at the south of the village and near Edgefield Nurseries. **11. To discuss funding broadband at the village** – Following previous discussions, the Clerk had approached the village hall to see if they would consider getting a broadband connection. The village hall committee feel that the PC will be the only people to benefit from this, so are happy to arrange it if the PC pays for it. It was agreed not to pursue.

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**12**. **An update on the proposed Community Speedwatch group** – Jeremy Goldney advised that there had been a meeting, and the necessary forms had been distributed and returned. EX & SL attended the meeting, and the next step is training. EE is currently the co-ordinator. Jim Frost has withdrawn from the programme, but it was thought that someone else has volunteered in his place. It was agreed that EE will deal when back from holiday.

**14**. **Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – JS read GPW’s report. NNDC are working on a new website, which is due to go live over the summer. She advised on the SNAP priorities. Two official openings have taken place, of projects partly funded by the Big Society fund. There is a management habitat project in progress at Cromer cliffs, where goats are grazing a fenced off area.

**15**. **Correspondence** – None.

**16. Matters for further discussion** – EC has noticed that dog fouling is an issue in the Parish. The problem was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk will contact NNDC to check that the PC are allowed to ‘name and shame’ anyone caught allowing their dog to foul, and not clearing it up.

**16. Date of next meeting** – Monday 11th July 2016 at 7pm.

**17**.  **To close the meeting** – There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Signed: Dated:

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