**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 17th October 2016, 7:00pm**

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

Emma Cletheroe Harrie Morshuis

Eric Earnshaw Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

Keith Clarke (PCSO)

+ 4 parishioners

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were accepted for Suzanne Longe and Georgina Perry-Warnes (NNDC).

**Parishioners comments**: A parishioner noticed some people in a car in the JPF car park in the dark. There was a police presence nearby.

1. **Police report** - Keith Clarke (PCSO) reported that there were 3 calls to police in the last month, but no crimes were recorded. There has been a break in at Field Dalling church recently. EC will let the PCC know.

*KC left the meeting at 7:08pm*.

A parishioner asked if the SAM2 is now fully operational. JS confirmed it is and will be discussed in item 12.

A parishioner asked for confirmation in writing from David Ramsbotham of the origins of the Parish Partnership grant scheme. The Clerk will ask.

1. **Statements of Pecuniary or Prejudicial interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.
2. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 19th September 2016** **–** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. (prop. EC, sec. EE, all agreed).
3. **Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – HM advised that a lot of the road signs are covered with vegetation. The Clerk will add this to the Highway Rangers list. The Clerk confirmed that the grille on the Ramsgate Street culvert is a standing item on the list.

**6. Finance**

**(a)Payments**

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

1. Kirsty Cotgrove – Clerk net salary Oct (via S.O) £ 186.55

**(b)Receipts**

NNDC precept 2nd instalment £ 500.00

**7. Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None

**(c)Applications** – None.

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

**(e)Decision notice** – (i) PF/16/1000. Greenacres, Ramsgate Street, Edgefield, NR24 2AX.Erection of two storey front extension. NNDC permit given.

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

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

The Clerk advised that there is a consultation currently regarding an offshore windfarm and directed Councillors to look at the poster for dates and locations.

**8. To update on the damage to the bus shelter on the green** – JS thanked Norman Lawrence for repairing the bus shelter. The signs banning ball games have arrived. The Village hall committee are not in favour of banning ball games on the green, but all agreed that in light of damage to the map and the bus shelter, that the signs should be put up in the shelter and on the map cover.EE noted that there has been no further damage and a parishioner has repaired the damaged guttering on the shelter.

*David Ramsbotham arr. at 7:20pm.*

**9. To update on the pond work timetable** – The last meeting did not go ahead, but there is still work to do. The water soldiers have sunk, so they cannot be cleared but there is still Norfolk reed to be cut back. The Clerk will email Councillors for availability, possibly a Saturday morning.

**10. To update on the jubilee playing field** –The fence is looking shabby and the grass needs cutting. The PC will consider increasing the Precept to cover the costs, as there is currently no other income. The Clerk has registered the site with CTIL in case a mobile phone provider would like to place a mast on the site. EC proposed to wait and see if a gate is necessary in the future – all agreed. JS proposed that the Clerk obtain 2 quotes to replace the existing fence.

**11**. **To report Highways issues & record work for the Highway Rangers** – Already covered in matters arising.

**12**. **An update on the proposed community speedwatch group** – Speedwatch is now up and running. 2 more volunteers are ideally needed. The Clerk is waiting to hear back from the Big Society Fund regarding a grant for winter coats. JS asked Jeremy Goldney what information he needs from the SAM2 data. It was agreed that he will send all the data through. The police have been out to risk assess the areas that volunteers stand, and have asked to remove one as there is too much street furniture there. If there is an area where persistent speeding is recorded, the police can attend with a speed camera. A parishioner asked for the summary reports, JS will send them.

**13**. **Report from David Ramsbotham, County Councillor** – A parishioner asked DR for a written confirmation of the Parish Partnership origins. DR advised that the next Parish Partnership deadline for applications is 16th December. He provided an update on the progression of the NDR. Devolution was discussed, and DR reported that NCC are due to vote on this soon. DR advised that potholes can now be reported via the NCC website. He also reminded people about the windfarm exhibitions.

**14. Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – The Clerk read a report from GPW, who is still unable to attend due to illness. She covered public participation rules on planning application which are referred to the Development Committee, BT payphone removals, and an upcoming strike by Kier Service employees. JS expressed concern at the changes to the public participation rules, and the Clerk will contact NNDC to see if the Parish Council are included in this.

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**15. Correspondence** – (i) To discuss and formulate a response to the NALC precept consultation – The proposed changes were discussed. JS proposed that the PC should respond that it would be ridiculous to be included in any changes, as the cost of a referendum could bankrupt the Parish. All agreed.

(ii) To discuss and formulate a representation to the Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – It was agreed not to formulate representation.

**16**. **Matters for further discussion** – EC reported that the Remembrance Day service is on 13th November. All agreed that EC will remove the wreath and clean it up to re-lay at the service.

EE has some jobs for the Highway Rangers to do, he will email them to the Clerk.

Defibrillator refresher training is on Wednesday 19th October.

It was agreed that the Clerk will try and get some small defibrillator stickers to put on the glass of the box if they are available, otherwise the stickers that cover the ‘telephone’ sign will be put up.

**17. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 21st November 2016, 7pm.

**18**. **To close the meeting** – There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:26pm.

Signed as a correct record: Date:

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