**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 19th December 2016, 7:00pm**

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

Harrie Morshuis (HM) Anne Harrup (AH)

Eric Earnshaw (EE) Suzanne Longe (SL)

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) David Ramsbotham (DR) (NCC)

+ 4 parishioners

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were accepted for Emma Cletheroe. JS thanked Lin Pateman and SL for making mince pies and mulled wine for everyone.

**Parishioners comments**: A parishioner commented that their electricity is still dipping He confirmed that a number of people have also been having issues, which appear to be getting worse. MC advised that he has been told that it is a fault at the Pigs, and should be put right soon. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact UK Power Networks to discuss the problem, and write to Iain Wilson at the Pigs to let him know.

1. **Statements of Pecuniary or Prejudicial interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.
2. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 21st November 2016** **–** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. (prop. SL, sec. AH, all agreed).
3. **Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – EE stated that he would like the pond work to happen sooner than May. AH advised that there is likely to be no growth before then. It was agreed to keep to the current timetable, unless there is a mild spring and early growth.
4. **Police report** – A brief police report was read by the Clerk. There were 2 calls to the police, with 1 reported theft.

**6. Finance**

**(a)Payments**

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

1. Kirsty Cotgrove – Clerk net salary Dec (via S.O) £ 186.55
2. ICO renewal £ 35.00

**(b)Receipts**

(i) G Kinsley – Fuel Farm rent £ 380.00

**(c)To approve the 2016 and future payments of the ICO renewal by Direct Debit**

The Clerk advised that, as the ICO registration is mandatory, it would be easier to pay via direct debit. All agreed, and the direct debit mandate was signed.

**7. Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None.

**(c)Applications** – None.

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

**(e)Decision notice** – None.

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

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

The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with NNDC, who have confirmed that no planning permission is required for the alterations at the garage.

**8. To update on the SAM2** –The SAM2 data is available to the community speedwatch team, who are on a break until after Christmas. The possibility of an extra post was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Highways and Westcotec to discuss.

**9. To update on the jubilee playing field** –AH put forward a proposal for the JPF where there would be pathways cut and a wild area, but otherwise left as it is. JS stated that he feels that the JPF should remain as it is, with paths cut, but would not be in favour of allowing it to re-wild, as trees would be difficult to remove if necessary. He advised that the Parish has a number of areas which are more uncultivated. A parishioner has offered to pay a donation of £30 per month to keep the JPF open as it is now. It was agreed that JS will contact him to discuss it further. Quotes were discussed to replace the damaged fencing and a quote from Phil Borley was accepted, with the addition of a kissing gate for pedestrian access. The possibility of adding the JPF onto the Council’s liability insurance was discussed, as a cost saving measure. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Insurance providers to ask if this is a possibility. A site meeting will also take place in the new year.

**10**. **To discuss using the Surveyors Plot as a location for a mobile phone mast** – SL stated that she would like a mobile phone mast at the Surveyors plot instead of the JPF, as the income would then come to the village, rather than the JPF trust. This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk will register this site too. A parishioner asked if the government would help to fund the siting of a mast in the village, to help meet their commitments for faster internet. DR will investigate.

The surveyors plot is being infrequently cut, but it is uncertain who is doing it. It was agreed that DR will ask if NCC are doing it.

**11**. **To discuss the creation of a ‘doomsday’ map of Edgefield**– SL reported that she would like to investigate the possibility of a map showing the ownership of the land around the village. The usefulness of this was discussed, and opinions were mixed. It was agreed that this would be useful for land bordering footpaths and ditches, for ease of reference. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain a map, to establish ownership of land bordering paths and ditches.

**12**. **To discuss the electoral review of North Norfolk draft recommendations** – MC explained that the proposed changes are designed to even the number of voters for each district and reduce the number of Councillors. It was agreed that the Parish Council have no comment.

**13**. **Report from David Ramsbotham, County Councillor** – DR confirmed that the Kings Lynn incinerator enquiry will not be proceeding. All Councillors and parishioners expressed their dismay at this. DR suggested that the Parish Council should write to Norman Lamb to oppose this, along with Wendy Thompson and Cliff Jordan at NCC.

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

**15. Correspondence** – None.

**16**. **Matters for further discussion** –JS has been in touch with Broadland Housing, who have given a rough timetable for the affordable housing development. Planning permission has been given, and section 106 approval has been obtained. Detailed plans will be submitted in the new year, and tendering will be done in April. Construction is due to commence in Autumn 2017, firstly with infrastructure. The first occupations are due to be in Spring 2019.

AH reported that a parishioner has noticed the light in the Ramsgate Street phone box is out. JS will investigate.

**17. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7pm. JPF site meeting will be Monday 9th January 2017 at 3:30pm.

**18**. **To close the meeting** – There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:45pm.

Signed as a correct record: Date:

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