**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 2nd March 2015, 7:00pm**

**Present:** John Seymour (Chairman) Suzanne Longe

Emma Cletheroe (Vice Chair) Eric Earnshaw

Mark Cook Anne Harrup

Harrie Morshuis

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) + 7 parishioners

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – The Chairman welcomed everyone and apologies were noted on behalf of David Ramsbotham & Stacey Barnetson (PCSO). Jon Clemo from Thinkingwisp was introduced and gave a presentation. He gave an overview to how the product worked and outlined the benefits over traditional broadband. The presentation showed a good coverage for Edgefield and the tariffs were explained. Questions from parishioners were taken. Mr Clemo was thanked for his time and left the meeting at 7:40pm

JS then proposed bringing forward agenda items 8 & 9 – all agreed

1. **To discuss the future of the village newsletter** – SL confirmed that the village newsletter costs £70 per issue to produce. A discussion took place between councillors and members of the public regarding the future of the village newsletter and the parish newsletter, as they have again requested funding assistance. It was suggested that the village newsletter could be combined with the parish one, but the overwhelming feeling was that the village newsletter should remain. JS asked how people would feel about the Parish Council donating money to the parish newsletter, as it is struggling for funding at the moment. A parishioner commented that the parish newsletter had written to him to state they would not be increasing their advertising costs, and he queried why this was the case. JS proposed that the parish council donate funds to assist the parish newsletter, dependent on the amount required from Edgefield in proportion to the parish’s size. All agreed.

3 parishioners left the meeting at 8:03pm

1. **To discuss the pond maintenance, including digger work** – EE asked if the digger work could be carried out in August, as the frogs and toads are now becoming active. JS & AH advised that August would be too early. JS stated that November would be too late, as the ground needs to be dry for the digger. It was agreed that early October would be best for the digger work to be carried out. EE asked for all work to be completed by Christmas. Agreed for AH to organise a work plan to bring to the next meeting.

EE left the meeting at 8:09pm

**Parishioners’ questions/comments** – None.

1. **Statements of Pecuniary or Prejudicial Interests** – None.
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2015** – Minutes were agreed and duly signed. (Prop EC, seconded AH).
3. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – EC asked who has the defibrillator stickers and when they would be put up. The clerk confirmed that she has them and they will be put up when the weather is less damp. JS advised he had replaced the light bulbs in the defibrillator box, but the light is still not working, so it was agreed to get an electrician in to repair the lighting.

JS advised that the advertised Broadland Housing consultation did not happen, but has heard that they are now ready and are keen to present plans to the public. The scheme was discussed and AH queried whether the scheme would get through planning, considering a development had been turned down in Holt recently. Dates for the consultation were discussed, but as the hall is not available for Broadland Housing’s preferred date, JS will liase with them for a suitable date. Once a date is agreed, invitations will be sent to all villagers.

1. **Police Report** – The PCSO was not present, so JS read the report she had emailed. There have been 6 calls to the police since 2nd February, resulting in one recorded crime (possession of a class B drug)**.** Speed checks were carried out in the village on 23rd February, between 7:45-8:45am. 2 fixed penalty notices were issued for excess speed of 38mph. The next street surgery date is Monday 23rd March, 7:30-8:30am.
2. **Finance**

**(a)Payments**

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

1. Kirsty Cotgrove – Clerk net salary (Feb) £ 182.65
2. EDF Electricity direct debit £ 27.00
3. Alan Boswell Insurance (JPF liability insurance) £ 292.16

**(b)Receipts**

None

1. **Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None

**(c)Applications** –Two late applications were received. (i) PF/15/0171. Erection of detached 2 bay cart shed. Siskin, Rectory Road, Edgefield, Melton Constable, NR24 2RJ – No objection, subject to the building line being acceptable.

(ii) PF/15/0201. Demolition of existing garage block and erection of replacement car port with storage. The Old White Horse, Hunworth, Edgefield, Melton Constable, NR24 2AE - Support

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

**(e)Decision notice** – (i) C/1/2014/1023 NEWS Ltd, Holt Road, Edgefield, NR24 2RS. Retention of two site cabins for aftercare requirements at site (retrospective); Erection of 1.8m chain link fence around north eastern and north western boundaries of the landfill site (part retrospective) – NCC grant planning permission.

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

1. **Report from David Ramsbotham, County Councillor** – None.
2. **Report from John Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – None.
3. **Correspondence** – (a) Report of damage to police noticeboard on village hall – A parishioner has contacted the clerk to advise that the police / Neighbourhood Watch noticeboard attached to the village hall is badly rotting. The clerk will contact the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator to ask him to arrange for it to be repaired if they still want it, otherwise it will be removed.

(b) PCSO matched funding meeting invitation – It was discussed and agreed that the parish council will not be pursuing the matched funding opportunity, so the clerk will contact Trunch Parish Council to decline the invitation.

1. **Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April, subject to hall availability.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm