**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 20th February 2017, 7:00pm**

**Present:** Mark Cook (Chair) (MC) Anne Harrup (AH)

Eric Earnshaw (EE) Suzanne Longe (SL)

Emma Cletheroe (EC) Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

David Ramsbotham (DR) (NCC)

+ 3 parishioners

**Parishioners comments** – None.

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – MC welcomed everyone and apologies were accepted for John Seymour, Harrie Morshuis, Keith Clarke (PCSO) & Georgie Perry-Warnes (GPW).
2. **Statements of Pecuniary or Prejudicial interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 25th January 2017** **–** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. (prop. SL, sec. EC, all agreed).
4. **Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – AH asked if the bulb in the phone box at Ramsgate Street has been replaced. The Clerk will check.
5. **Police Report** – None.

**6. Finance**

**(a)Payments**

The following payments were approved. (Prop SL, Sec EE)

1. Kirsty Cotgrove – Clerk net salary Feb (via S.O) £ 186.55
2. Alan Boswell Group – JPF insurance £ 332.67

**(b)Receipts**

None.

**(c)To agree the internal auditor for the 2016-17 Annual Return** – The Clerk proposed that the PC use Stuart Fowler again, as he has always been thorough. All agreed.

**7. Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None.

**(c)Applications** – C/1/2016/1022. Variations of conditions 1 & 4 of planning permission ref C/1/2014/1006 to permit temporary silt storage above original ground levels in northern extraction area (retrospective), and to extend the start time/hours for operations. Frimstone Ltd, land at Breck Farm, Stody. The application was discussed and Concern was raised that the lorries from this development have been seen occasionally going through the village, on an unpermitted route. Concern was also raised that there is increased noise from the development. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Frimstone to raise these issues and to request a site visit. DR asked if the PC have been receiving regular updates from Frimstone, and it was confirmed that they haven’t.

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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** – PF/17/0190. Dolly’s Cottage, Holt Road, Edgefield, NR24 2RR. Change of use of agricultural land to additional garden, erection of summerhouse and detached garage/store outbuilding. It was agreed that the PC have no objection to this application, but it was noted that there has been a large amount of development at this site. Concern was raised that this could be used as a separate property in the future. It was agreed that the Clerk should comment these points, and request that permitted development rights be removed if they haven’t already.

**8. To update on power dipping in the village** –UK Power networks identified a property in the village which was still on an old meter, causing power dipping to other properties in the village. This has been changed and it was agreed that the issues have been resolved.

**9. To update on the Jubilee Playing Field** – MC reported that he, JS & Phil Borley cleared the rubbish and old goal posts from the site, and the branches cut back. Mike SIllis has cut the hedge, and no further rubbish has been dumped. A litter bin was discussed, but it was agreed that this would be a cost to the Trust. The fencing will be done in March by Phil Borley, who will also clear the remaining brambles. It was noticed that there has been further fly tipping in the Parish.

**10**. **To report on Highways issues** – A number of potholes were identified, to be reported by the Clerk. At the bottom of Pecks Lane, a tractor and trailer have driven over the concrete at the old fuse box, breaking it up. It was agreed that the verges on Pecks Lane are now a problem. AH raised concern that large lorries have recently been using the B1149 through the village, which is not a suitable route due to the bends at the north end. DR suggested the Clerk write to Highways for clarification.

**11**. **Report from David Ramsbotham, County Councillor** – DR reported that there was a budget meeting at County Hall, where a precept increase of 4.8% was agreed. Cuts have been made, and more will be needed, as central government will withdraw funding from 2020. DR has contact Lorne Green (PCC) to complain at the lack of police action on speeding, and has requested that all PCs do the same. The Clerk will write to him, and attach a recent speed watch report as evidence.

**14. Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – The Clerk had emailed a report to Councillors, which was also read out by MC.

**15. Correspondence** – None.

**16**. **Matters for further discussion** –EE asked when further pond clearance will be carried out. AH will liaise with Phil Borley to agree a date, then publicise it via email.

EE and Gary Bunting have tidied the grass area at the war memorial. It was discussed the steps that could be taken to prevent traffic driving over the grass, without preventing traffic from safely passing when vehicles are parked nearby. EE has contacted the local bus companies to advise a route to avoid turning at the Green. It was agreed to include this on the next agenda.

**17. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 20th March 2017 at 7pm.

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

Signed as a correct record: Date:

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