**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

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

Eric Earnshaw (EE) Suzanne Longe (SL)

Emma Cletheroe (EC) Harrie Morshuis (HM)

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) + 2 parishioners

**Parishioners comments** – None.

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were accepted for Anne Harrup, Keith Clarke (PCSO), David Ramsbotham & 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 Monday 20th February 2017** **–** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. (prop. EC, sec. SL, all agreed).
4. **Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – None.
5. **To feedback on the Hornsea wind farm consultation afternoons** – JS, MC & the Clerk had attended the consultation events. JS had received detailed maps of the 3 proposed substation routes, which were shown. The required width of the cable corridor was also discussed, and concern was raised as to how long it would take for the land to recover. The height and size of the proposed substation was outlined. There is a possible alternative of DC technology, which would mean that the sub stations would not be necessary. There is still no details of what the substation will look like. Dong Energy have requested representation by the end of the month. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Dong to raise the following issues: It is impossible to comment on the substations as there is inadequate detail; the size of the cable corridor is unclear; can the land the cable covers be used, and how long will it take for the land to recover; why can’t the drill under the ground to lay the cables instead of digging?; the PC would like DC technology to be used as the proposed substation is too big; if DC technology cannot be used, the PC feel that site C would be the least disruptive site for the substation.
6. **Police report** – The police report was read by JS.
7. **Finance** -

**(a)Payments**

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

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

**(b)Receipts**

None.

**7. Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None.

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**(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. Possible dates for a site visit were discussed. The Clerk will contact Frimstone and Councillors to confirm.

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

**(e)Decision notice** – None.

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

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

**9. To update on the Jubilee Playing Field** – JS thanked Mike Sillis and Phil Borley for all their hard work to get the JPF looking so good. Councillors will continue to pick up any litter they find. It was agreed that a ‘no fly tipping’ sign would be ineffective. The Clerk reported that the first £30 donation by standing order has been received.

*2 x parishioners left the meeting at 7:56pm*

**10**. **To update on the pond work timetable** – The maintenance work has been done - around the pond. A third of the reed bed has been left, along with the ivy on the tree. All agreed to wait for AH to suggest the next session.

**11**. **To report on Highways issues** – Further potholes were identified, and it was noted that the village gates have not yet been cleaned. The drains along Sweetbriar lane have all silted up. The repairs opposite the Pigs have dropped, so water is accumulating & flooding the footpath. The Clerk will report/

**12**. **Report from David Ramsbotham, County Councillor** – None.

**13. Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – The Clerk had emailed a report to Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to GPW to ask when she will be attending meetings again, as representation will be needed, particularly with the proposed windfarm.

**14. Correspondence** – (i) Police accountability forum – The Clerk had contacted Lorne Green to express concern at the amount of speeding vehicles, who replied to suggest attendance at the forum. Unfortunately, no-one is available to attend.

(ii) Community Housing fund – The government has allocated £2.5 million to NNDC to support community housing. It was discussed whether Edgefield can get a share. Whether more houses are required in Edgefield was discussed, and possible locations. It was agreed JS will discuss it further with Nicola Turned at NNDC

(iii) CPRE housing allocation pledge– It was agreed that the PC do not want to sign the pledge, as there is a need for affordable houses for local people.

**15**. **Matters for further discussion** –EE advised that he has sold his house, so will shortly be resigning from the PC. The Annual Parish Meeting date was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact groups to ask for written reports in advance of the meeting, and to invite Emily from Dong Energy along to give feedback from the consultations. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**17. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 17th April 2017 at 7pm. JS gave his apologies.

**18**. **To close the meeting** – There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Signed as a correct record: Date:

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