**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 21st September 2015, 7:00pm**

**Present:** Emma Cletheroe (vice chair) Anne Harrup

Harrie Morshuis Mark Cook

Kirsty Cotgrove (clerk) + 4 parishioners

EC asked if any members of the public would like to comment on agenda items. There were no comments

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – The Chairman welcomed everyone, and apologies were accepted for JS, SL, DR & GPW.
2. **Statement of pecuniary or Prejudicial interests** – none.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 18th August 2015** – the minutes were approved and signed (prop. AH & sec. MC).
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – Phil Borley advised that he went to see the rubbish at the Jubilee Playing Field, and he will not be able to collect it and take it to the dump. For Phil to collect, it would be considered commercial so he would be charged, and there are approx. tyres, that would be charged at £5 per tyre. MC will speak to Ross at RMC to see if he can take the tyres, and to see what is left. A parishioner suggested a sign to try and deter people from fly tipping. A parishioner asked the present position for faster broadband. The clerk advised it should be done by the end of 2017. A parishioner asked why a 20mph zone would not be considered in the village as Horstead have one. EC advised that when the Parish Council met with Highways, a 20 mph zone was asked for, but Highways said this was not possible as the village is on a main road, and there is no school. A parishioner asked if anything will happen with community speedwatch? The clerk advised that there were no volunteers. HM suggested that the village give the new speed reduction scheme a chance, then see what else can be done. A parishioner asked if the Parish Council could purchase some wheelie bin stickers to advertise the speed limit? The clerk will look into this.

**5. Police Report** – A short report was read by EC. From 18th August to 21st September, there have been seven calls to the police, with no crimes recorded. The police have advised there is an increased risk of thefts from oil tanks at this time of year, and to report anything suspicious to 101.

1. **Finance**

**(a)Payments**

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

1. Kirsty Cotgrove – Clerk net salary (Sept) £ 186.55
2. EDF Electricity direct debit £ 35.00

**(b)Receipts**

None

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**7. Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None

**(c)Applications** – (i) PF/15/1200. Old Hall Farmhouse, Rectory Road, Edgefield, NR24 2RJ. Erection of single-storey extension and conversion of agricultural barn to four dwellings. This was discussed and the plans looked at. Agreed that the Parish Council will support this application

(ii) LA/15/1201. Old Hall Farmhouse, Rectory Road, Edgefield, NR24 2RJ. Internal and external alterations to facilitate conversion and extension of agricultural barn to four dwellings. PC supports.

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

**(e)Decision notice** – None.

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

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

1. **To discuss the work plan for the village pond** –The working party will go ahead on 17th October. There is no further information at this stage.
2. **To agree and adopt the following policies** –

(a) Complaints policy

(b) Freedom of Information policy

(c) Equalities policy

These policies were agreed and adopted.

1. **Report from David Ramsbotham, County Councillor** – None.
2. **Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – The clerk read a short report by GPW. There is a planning training session for parish councillors on 29th November at Bodham village hall, and a register of interests and declaration of interests training session at the NNDC offices on 21st September. The Parish Council should have received documents regarding the new local plan for the district. It was noted that two councillors and the clerk are booked onto the training session in Bodham, and that the other session was at the same time as the Parish Council meeting. The clerk has not received anything for the new local plan, and has asked GPW to source a copy.

**14. Correspondence** – None.

**15. Date of next meeting** – Monday 19th October 2015, at 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:37pm

Signed by: Date:

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