**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,**

**Wednesday 25th January 2017, 7:00pm**

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

 Harrie Morshuis (HM) Anne Harrup (AH)

 Eric Earnshaw (EE) Suzanne Longe (SL)

 Emma Cletheroe (EC) Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) David Ramsbotham (DR) (NCC) Keith Clarke (KC) (PCSO)

 + 4 parishioners

1. **Chairman’s welcome & apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were accepted for Georgie Perry-Warnes (GPW)
2. **Police report** – KC reported that there have been 7 calls to the police since the last meeting, resulting in no crimes being reported. The SNT current priorities are preventing lead thefts from churches. Some bags which were fly tipped at the JPF were reported to KC by the Clerk. He will investigate further.

**KC left the meeting at 7:06pm**.

**Parishioners comments**: A parishioner asked why the minutes are no longer displayed on the noticeboard. The Clerk reported that there is no longer a requirement, only to display electronically. It was agreed for the Clerk to recommence displaying them on the board.

Steffan Aquarone, a Liberal Democrat volunteer, attended the meeting to outline a scheme he is involved in to bring a good mobile phone reception to communities in North Norfolk. He is holding a meeting at the Rocket House Café in Cromer on 10th February 2017 at 7pm, and would like as many people as possible to attend. The scheme was outlined, and it was agreed that the Clerk will display a poster to advertise the meeting on the noticeboard. If the scheme were to go ahead it would be community owned and not political. DR asked if Mr Aquarone is a paid employee of the Liberal Democrats and it was confirmed that he is a volunteer. Mr Aquarone asked people to let him know if they would like to attend, so he can have an idea on numbers.

1. **Statements of Pecuniary or Prejudicial interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.
2. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 19th December 2016** **–** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. (prop. HM, sec. MC, all agreed).
3. **Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – None.

**6. Finance**

**(a)Payments**

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

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

**(b)Receipts**

None.

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**7. Planning**

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

**(b)Refusal of permission** – None.

**(c)Applications** – None.

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

**(e)Decision notice** – None.

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

**(g)To consider late planning applications** – PF/16/1625. Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey side extensions, raising height of roof to create additional accommodation and installation of dormer windows. Green Lanes Cottage, Ramsgate Street, Edgefield, NR24 2AY. The Clerk had been unable to email details of this application to councillors as it would not show on the NNDC website. The application was looked at and discussed. Concern was raised that doubling the size of the original building could adversely affect the neighbour’s property. It was agreed to reply that the PC has no objection, but to comment regarding this.

**8. To agree representation to UK Power Networks regarding power dipping in the village** –33 properties have been identified as suffering power dipping since the supply was upgraded in November. JS asked DR if he could investigate this on behalf of the PC. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact UK Power Networks, NNDC Planning enforcement and Norman Lamb to try to resolve the issue.

**9. To update on the Jubilee Playing Field** – There was a site meeting on 9th January, where the following discussion points were raised: Should the car park be kept as it is, reduced in size or closed off with a gate? The maintenance costs of replacing the fence and the cost of removing fly tipping was discussed. Closing the car park would remove these costs, but limit the use as a playing field. The two options of closing the car park or keeping it fully open were voted on and it was agreed 4:2 to keep the car park fully open. A quote has already been accepted to replace the fence. It was unanimously agreed the add a kissing gate at an estimate of £200. The grass cutting was discussed. The grass cutting was discussed. The Clerk will contact Mike Sillis to see if he will still be cutting the grass for hay, and if he will cut a pathway around the edge of the field, and a diagonal across too. She will also ask him for a quote to cut the inside of the hedge annually. How to avoid litter and fly tipping was discussed. Various things were discussed, including litter bins, a monthly litter pick and signage. EC will ask if the church group can include the JPF litter pick on their Community Sunday events. The Clerk will contact NNDC to investigate the possibility of a litter bin. A date to clear the rubbish was agreed for Sunday 29th January at 2:30pm. The fence will be replaced in March.

**10**. **To report on Highways issues** – EE reported that there has been extensive damage to many verges in the village by large vehicles. EE & JS will identify where, for the Clerk to pass to the Highway Rangers. Vehicles have been driving across the Green to avoid parked cars. How to prevent this was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk will contact NCC Highways department to request wooden posts on the corner. DR advised that this could possibly be funded through the Parish Partnership scheme. It was discussed if it would be helpful to write to the local farmers to ask them to avoid the Green. There was a vote to decide whether to contact the farmers

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 now, but it was agreed 4:2 to wait until August/September. DR advised that mud on the road can also be reported via the NCC website. The state of the gravel path from Sweetbriar Road to the Pigs was discussed. The Clerk will report it to the Rangers. The tarmac path on the Holt Road was discussed. The verge is down to 18 inches in some places, due to the soil and gravel from houses encroaching onto the path. It was agreed that the Clerk will report this to Highways. EE & JS to arrange a date to look at the damage to verges.

**11**. **To discuss a request for extra funding to supply Ramsgate Street with faster broadband** – HM queried if more money can be given to speed up getting faster broadband to Ramsgate Street, now the Government have pledged more money. DR advised that the Government give the money to the County Councils to roll out, but BT are already working to capacity and can’t go any faster. Steffan Aquarone reported that there is a new minister dealing with this in Government, so things may change. He will forward any information he gets to the Clerk. JS will contact Karen O’Kane to see if she can help.

**13**. **Report from David Ramsbotham, County Councillor** – DR reported that it is still possible to comment online about the NCC budget for 2017-18. An increase of 4.8% has been proposed. The Parish Partnership is up and running again this year. There are more offshore windfarm community events coming up locally. The Clerk has forwarded details to Councillors and has requested a poster to advertise these events.

**14. Report from Georgina Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – GPW sent the Clerk a report, which was emailed to Councillors.

**15. Correspondence** – None.

**16**. **Matters for further discussion** –The Edgefield sign at the top of the hill outside Holt has disappeared. The Clerk will report to Highways. JS reported that he is unable to send the SAM2 reports to the Speedwatch team as he doesn’t have Excel. A parishioner advised he may have a copy, otherwise a copy could be purchased.

**17. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 20th February 2017 at 7pm. JS and HM gave apologies as they will be away.

**18**. **To close the meeting** – There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:05pm.

Signed as a correct record: Date:

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