**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 16th July 2018, 7:00pm**

**Present:** John Seymour (Chair) (JS) Harrie Morshuis (HM)

 Anne Harrup (AH) Lin Pateman (LP)

 Suzanne Longe (SL) Emma Cletheroe (EC)

 Mark Cook (MC) Steffan Aquarone (NCC) (SA)

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

 4 parishioners

**1. Chairman’s welcome and apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were received Georgie Perry-Warnes (District Councillor).

**2. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 11th June 2018** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed (prop. EC, sec. MC).

**4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – The pond clearance work took place on 18th June. A plan is needed to clear the water soldiers before they sink. It was agreed to arrange something for the end of August.

**Public comment** – A Parishioner asked why the meeting date for June was changed. It was agreed at the May meeting and publicised on the noticeboard and website.

A Parishioner reported that he had met with a representative of Broadland Housing, who talking of a second and third phase of development in the village. JS advised that he had not been told of these and understood that further housing would only be built if a local need was identified, and would be subject to planning permission. The re-routing of the end of the footpath was also discussed. It was agreed that JS will ask Ed Mumford-Smith of Broadland Housing to attend the August meeting to answer questions.

A Parishioner asked if the Parish Council intends to put up notices on the surveyor’s plots. This will be discussed during the meeting.

**5. Police report** – The Clerk read an email report from Graham Gower-Smith. A SNAP event to highlight SCAM awareness is planned for 4th August, at the sports field at Woodfield Road. The police have spoken to a number of people in cars at the Jubilee Playing Field. If there are any further concerns, the police should be notified.

**6. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** – There is a possibility that the charges to dump DIY waste at recycling centres could be reversed next week, along with the proposed cuts to SEND transport.

95% of the County should have superfast broadband by 2020. There are rebates coming in to BBfN now, so hopefully provisions will be made for the 5% who will not be covered under the scheme. SA asked if people could let him know if they are told that fibreoptic broadband will not be available for them.

SA does not yet have a definitive answer regarding accessing the surveyor plots on Holt Hill & Pond Hills. There is no route via Highways to assert public access. The District Council may be able to find out if there are public Right of Way rights, but as it is done through their solicitors there will be a cost. SA will speak to GPW to see if she can get any information, otherwise if under £100, SA can use his slush fund to pay for this. For the Holt Hills plot, as it is unregistered, there is a process to claim ownership, but there is a cost to this as a conveyancer is required. SA will send advise to the Clerk regarding this. A Parishioner stated that he understood that the plots were registered by the Parish Council in 1966. Unfortunately, there is no paper trail of this as all Parish Council records for a number of years were destroyed by a previous Clerk. AH said that she understood the Pond Hills site was sold to Stody by Norfolk County Council, and it is registered to them, and that the Holt Hills site is not the original surveyors plot as it was swapped from the other side of the road some years ago. The Clerk will look through the records and send anything of use to SA.

JS asked if SA could investigate where the fibreoptic for Ramsgate Street will come from.

*SA left the meeting at 7:35pm.*

**7. Report from Georgie Perry-Warnes, District Councillor** – GPW had emailed a report, which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

**8. Finance:**

 **(a) To approve the monthly financial statement** – The Monthly financial statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was duly approved.

 **(a) Payments** The Following payments were approved (prop. EC, sec AH):

 (i) K Cotgrove – Clerk’s July salary (via SO) £203.45

 (ii) K Cotgrove – AGAR training £ 5.71

 (iii) J Seymour – laptop software £ 45.50

**9. Planning –**

1. **Permission for development** – None.
2. **Refusal of permission** – None.
3. **Applications** – PF/18/0811. School House, Holt Road, Edgefield. Erection of replacement double garage and new wall / gates to entrance. PC no comment.
4. **Development committee decision** – None.
5. **Decision notice** – None.
6. **Additional information on applications** –PF/27/1995. Green Lanes Cottage, Ramsgate Street, Edgefield. Erection of single storey rear extension, two storey side extension & reconstruction of roof to form addl. Second storey accommodation & Dormer windows. Householder appeal.
7. **To discuss late planning applications** – None.
8. **To ratify applications made between meetings** – None.

A pedestrian access from the Pigs onto Plumstead Road appears to have been widened to a vehicular access. The Clerk will report to Highways.

**10. To update on the Limekiln Lane footpath application** – Still nothing has been heard. The Clerk will chase. If Stody have evidence, the Clerk will ask if the Parish Council can see it.

**11. To update on the Hornsea windfarm project** – The Clerk will register the Parish Council’s interest with the Inspectorate.

**12. To update on Norfolk Day** – A number of small businesses and producers have agreed to come along, and advertising has been arranged. Advertising boards on the village gates were discussed. Highways have said they can’t give permission to put advertising on the gates, and the Parish Council agreed that it is not the Parish Council’s decision.

**13. To discuss a footpath from the Old School to the Pigs** – A number of Parishioners have asked for the footpath leading from the old School to the Pigs to be reinstated. EC advised that they cut once a year, but Highways bought the land for access for the school, which shut in 1976. The Clerk will contact Highways to ask if they can reinstate the path and respond to the Parishioner’s letter.

**14. To update on church clock repairs** – EC reported that the clock still working and a Parishioner has volunteered to maintain it. The man who repairs the clock is now well enough to continue. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

**15. To report on Highways issues** – The Highway Rangers appear to have been reinstated. It was agreed to ask them to clean the village signs and gates and strim around the gates.

**16. To report on community Speedwatch** – The group is waiting for verification for a new member. 21 letters were sent out last month. The Clerk will chase the post extender for the new position for the SAM2. It was noted that access to and from Parish Bungalows is difficult, due to the bend of the road. The Clerk will ask Highways if they can do anything to help.

**17. Correspondence** – (i) Better Broadband for Norfolk – new cabinet installation. Noted.

(ii) Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk advised on the new consultation.

**18. Matters for further discussion** – None.

**20. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 20th August 2018. HM gave apologies.

**21. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:31pm.

Signed as a correct record by: Date: