**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 17th December 2018, 7:00pm**

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

 Harrie Morshuis (HM) Lin Pateman (LP)

 Suzanne Longe (SL) Emma Cletheroe (EC)

 Steffan Aquarone (SA) (County Councillor)

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

 +6 parishioners

**Parishioners comments:**

A Parishioner asked if residents of Holt Road could be asked to clear the shingle from the footpath outside their houses, as it is causing a hazard. He also commented that dogs are fouling on the Rectory Road playing field. It was agreed to put this on the January agenda.

Jeff Witts (Village Hall representative) was present. He advised that the VH committee would prefer that no bollards are erected, as access is needed regularly for loading / unloading and disabled parking.

Jeremy Goldney advised that the traffic survey is postponed until January.

**1. Chairman’s welcome and apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were received for Anne Harrup.

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

**3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 19th November 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** – None.

**5. Police report** – Graham Gower-Smith had emailed the Clerk prior to the meeting, and advised that there has been an increase in burglaries in second and holiday homes. He asked people to keep an eye out and report anything suspicious. He also warned that thieves in white vans have been targeting the area recently. Anyone wanting to voice concerns or request advice on security can contact PC Gower-Smith via the Clerk.

**6. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** – SA introduced himself to members of the public, and outlined his roles and responsibilities as a County Councillor. He advised that the Planning Inspectorate are currently examining Orsted’s application, and urged everyone to register as an interested party. He is currently working with Jeremy Goldney and JS for final wording of the traffic survey.

**7. Report from Georgie Perry-Warnes, District Councillor –** None.

**8. Finance:**

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

 **(b) Payments** The Following payments were approved (prop. HM, sec. MC):

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

 (ii) K Cotgrove – expenses £ 88.68

 (iii) P Borley – grass cutting and hedge cutting £375.00

**9. Planning –**

1. **Refusal of permission** – None.
2. **Applications** – None.
3. **Development committee decision** – None.
4. **Decision notice** – None.
5. **Additional information on applications** - None.
6. **To discuss late planning applications** – PF/18/2227, Fuel Cottage, The Green, Edgefield. Removal of septic tank and holding tank, and installation of sewerage treatment plant. The Parish Council had no comment or objection to this application. Surprise was expressed that this application was necessary.
7. **To ratify applications made between meetings** – None.

**10. To consider a locking bollard at the Village Hall entrance** – A bollard is being considered as one or two people continue to park on the Greed, despite a sign asking not to. The Village Hall committee are not keen, and would prefer an official sign. Extra keys for a locking bollard were considered, but the VH Committee said that this would still cause difficulties for volunteers. Reinforcements to the grass were discussed, but it would prove very expensive. JS proposed seeing how the grass fares over the winter, and to look again in the spring. All agreed.

**11. To discuss common land in the village**– SA has all the information needed, and is still looking into this. Deferred to the January agenda.

**12. To update on the Hornsea windfarm project** – The Clerk attended the meetings on w/c 2nd December, and emailed a summary report to Councillors. As a result, further joint representation with Corpusty & Saxthorpe Parish Council has been sent in. SA advised that Hornsea 2 and Sheringham Shoal are also planning to expand.

**13. To update on community Speedwatch, and to discuss speed reduction in the village, including traffic survey** – Concerns were raised that the survey is affiliated to a political party, as the Parish Council have always been non-political. Some people may be put off completing it if it is linked to a party.SA said it would be possible to produce two, one political and one not. He can also do a non-political one if he uses his slush fund for the freepost address and printing, if the PC can be logged as the data processors, which was agreed. Speedwatch is on a break over Christmas.

*Steffan Aquarone left the meeting at 19:59.*

**14. To update on Highways issues, including jobs for the Parish Rangers** – The Clerk will write to homeowners along Holt Road, to request they clear gravel from the footpath in front of their houses. A number of potholes were identified. There is a branch partially obstructing Rookery Road, from where a fallen tree was recently cleared. The Clerk will report these to the Rangers. A Parishioner asked if Stody Estate will be cutting back the hedge to the north of the village. It was agreed the Clerk will contact them to ask.

**15. To discuss Village Green grass cutting –** As this was not resolved last month, JS proposed that the PC authorise an additional cut to the Village Green each year if necessary. All agreed.

**16. Correspondence** – (i) Clarification regarding the defibrillator – The invoice passed to the Parish Council, addressed to the VH Committee, had not been paid. The VH Committee were not aware that responsibility had been passed to the Parish Council as all spares had been paid for in the past by Holt First Responders. The Clerk will contact Holt First Responders to ask them to send an invoice to the PC, and to ask if the PC will be contacted if pads etc are used.

(ii) Notification of work to the Village Hall in February – The Committee are planning a replacement boiler in February. The Clerk will email the date of the February meeting to the Village Hall Committee, so work can commence after.

(iii) Norfolk Local Access forum – Volunteers have been requested. SL volunteered.

(iv) Norfolk Swift Responders – A charity has sent through advertising. If someone has a fall, they can call the Swift Responders to attend and help, if an ambulance isn’t required. The Clerk will display the advert in the Hall, noticeboard and the next Edgefield Extra.

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

**18. To agree the date of the next meetings** – Monday 21st January & Monday 18th February 2019

**21. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:13pm.

Signed as a correct record by: Date: