**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

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

 Anne Harrup (AH) Lin Pateman (LP)

 Suzanne Longe (SL) Emma Cletheroe (EC)

 Harrie Morshuis (HM) Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

 6 parishioners

JS welcomed everyone and a reminder was given about the Parish Council’s Standing Orders regarding public participation at meetings. The public are welcome to comment on agenda items prior to the meeting. A copy of ‘Notes for the public attending Edgefield Parish Council meetings’ was available to Parishioners t see and take away.

**Parishioners comments:**

A Parishioner asked how the Parish Council is constituted, how many Councillors are co-opted etc. She will email all her questions to the Clerk to respond.

A Parishioner reported that a post extension has been put on the bus stop, but on the wrong side of the road. The Clerk will report to Highways.

A Parishioner asked what the maintenance plan is for the pond. JS replied that it will be agreed in item 13.

A Parishioner asked why the common land is not on the agenda. He was advised that the information the Parish Council have has been passed to the County Councillor for investigation, and will be reported back next month.

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

**2. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak** – JS (Planning application for Dolphin Cottage).

**3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 20th August 2018** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed (prop. EC, sec. SL).

**4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – One of the owners of the land bordering the Ramsgate Street culvert (details obtained from Land Registry) has contacted the Clerk to state she is not the owner. The Clerk has reported this to Steffan Aquarone and will chase.

Highways would not be happy for the SAM2 to change to lower the threshold for displaying ‘slow down’.

Steve White from Highways will check to see if the trod can be reinstated from the Old School to the Pigs.

A raised table to slow traffic at the road entrance to the new development would not be suitable.

**5. Police report** – None.

**6. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** – The Clerk had forwarded the following report via email prior to the meeting:

Adult care - The debate is widening about the future of adult social care in our county. I am deeply concerned that we’ll end up with a two-tier system whereby those without wealth end up with poor, undignified care - even though they may have paid tax and national insurance throughout their lives.  It falls to those of us who are mobile and able to express our views save future generations from denigrating, underfunded care in old age.  Please do contact me with your views on this subject: steffan.aquarone.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk.

Fire Service - Meanwhile: all three main political parties on Norfolk County Council agree that to transfer the fire service from its current hosts, Norfolk County Council, to the Police and Crime Commissioner, represents a real and serious threat to public safety. I am pleased to have heard senior councillors speak out against the plans and urge anyone and people to submit their opposition to these measures by writing to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Falconers Chase, Wymondham NR18 0WW.

Mobile Libraries - I was relieved when, last year, the proposed 40% cuts to the mobile libraries budget were kicked into the long grass. However, it is now autumn and the grass is being cut again! This means that mobile libraries are again subject to planned decimating cuts and we are gearing up our campaign to oppose them. I have already received many letters and emails about this subject and urge anyone who has not visited a mobile library recently to do so. It is a fantastically well-stocked service with thousands of books available, including children’s books. Over 7,500 people in Norfolk used the service last year, and they include many of the very most vulnerable people in our community who have no other means through which to access literature. In addition, it is clear that if we expect people to participate in civilised society, we must give them the means to access its faculties, and that reducing the mobile libraries service would have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of people who are at high risk of loneliness and social isolation quite aside from the fact that it is cheaper per book to lend books from a mobile library than it is via a bricks and mortar library on account of the large number of books borrowed on average per visitor. We will continue to fight against these cuts to a much-loved service - one of the only visible county council services that people in Melton Constable division can access.

SEND Transport - I am pleased to report that we were successful in staving off the proposed cuts to special education needs and disability transport.

**7. Report from Georgie Perry-Warnes, District Councillor –** The following report was emailed prior to the meeting:

The region’s biggest green lifestyle event, Greenbuild, was held at Felbrigg Hall this weekend, September 8 – 9, organised by North Norfolk District Council.

In May 2017, NNDC successfully challenged a Planning Inspector’s decision to allow the Bodham and Selbrigg wind turbine appeals following a seven-day joint Public Inquiry in late 2016. Last week it was announced that the High Court had overturned an appeal by NNDC which sought to ensure a Public Inquiry was used in the next stage of the Bodham and Selbrigg wind turbines planning process, as opposed to written representations. North Norfolk District Council has confirmed it will again challenge the High Court decision.

North Norfolk District Council elections will be held on May 2nd, 2019. An event to help and inform prospective candidates considering standing for election at North Norfolk District Council next May will be held on September 20th. The event will be held at North Norfolk District Council’s headquarters at Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on September 20th. There will be refreshments available on the evening. For more information about becoming a councillor, visit north-norfolk.gov.uk/becomeacouncillor. If you are interested in attending, please contact emma.denny@north-norfolk.gov.uk or call 01263 516010.

Please find a link to where you can view the fifth issue of the North Norfolk Local Plan Newsletter: <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/planning-policy/view-local-plan-newsletters>

The North Norfolk Big Society Awards were established in 2014. In the last two years, the Fund has awarded 79 grants totalling over £513,509 to community organisations across the district for a range of projects that have met local need and are making a real difference to their communities and organisations in North Norfolk. In recognition of this, and to say thank you to people and organisations for the work they do in our communities, another North Norfolk Big Society Awards event will take place in 2018. The seven award categories are:

Big Society Community Project Award, Big Society Voluntary Services Award sport, Big Society Voluntary Services Award young people, Big Society Voluntary Services Award older people, Big Society Voluntary Services Award Good Neighbourhood. You are invited to nominate projects and individuals in these categories. Nominations in these categories are for projects run by voluntary organisations that take place in and benefit the community, regardless of whether or not they have received a grant from the Big Society Fund, or for any individual that you feel through their voluntary work has made a valuable contribution to sport, young or older people or their neighbourhood. Forms are available from North Norfolk District Council website or reception. Closing date for nominations is Monday, 15th October 2018.

Visitors and residents in North Norfolk are set to enjoy a huge investment in public conveniences. North Norfolk District Council’s Cabinet has agreed to spend £600,000 on lavatories across the district. Despite the financial constraints faced by all local authorities, NNDC regards the provision of public conveniences as a key service, underpinning the district’s tourism offering as well as town centre economies.

North Norfolk District Council has given £32,000 to community transport projects. The scheme is designed to help vulnerable, disadvantaged and isolated residents access the services and facilities they need, and remains open to new applications ahead of the next round of funding. For more information or to apply for a grant, visit www.north-norfolk.gov.uk and search for “community transport fund”. To discuss a potential application, call the Communities Team on 01263 516173 or 01263 516248.

**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. SL, sec LP):

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

**9. Planning –**

1. **Refusal of permission** – None.
2. **Applications** – PF/18/1480. Loke House, The Green, Edgefield. Erection of conservatory to side / rear elevation. PC no objection
3. **Development committee decision** – None.
4. **Decision notice** – PF/17/1995. Green Lanes Cottage, Ramsgate Street, Edgefield. Planning Inspectorate decision.
5. **Additional information on applications** - None.
6. **To discuss late planning applications** – JS left the meeting at 7:15pm. It was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to the application.

JS returned to the meeting at 7:16pm.

1. **To ratify applications made between meetings** – None.

**10. To update on the Limekiln Lane footpath application** – Still nothing has been heard.

**11. To update on the Hornsea windfarm project** – There is a meeting on 2nd October, at St Andrews Hall, Norwich. The Clerk will attend, SL & LP may attend too.

**12. To discuss public participation at meetings** – already dealt with.

**13. To discuss pond maintenance** Some clearance of the water soldiers took place last week. The water was tested after the August meeting and is still very high in nitrates, so can’t be used to top up the pond. The water will be tested annually. A date to cut half of the vegetation back was agreed for 10th November at 9am. The drain sump to the reed bed is blocked. The Clerk will see if the Highway Rangers can clear this.

**14. To consider a speed limit reduction on Holt Road** – Norfolk County Council have sent a consultation letter regarding the lowering of the speed limit on a section of road to the north of the village. There were some inaccuracies in the consultation letter, so it was agreed that the Clerk will respond to inform this, and to state that the limit reduction does not extend far enough.

**15. To report on Highways issues, and to consider jobs for the Highway Rangers** – A number of jobs for the Highway Rangers were identified, and will be reported by the Clerk.

 **16. To report on community Speedwatch** – LP reported that the group is going well, and the safety camera team attended the village last week. The SAM2 data from the summer showed that speed is creeping up again, and the possible reasons for this were discussed.

**17. Correspondence** – (i) Letter from landowner on Ramsgate Street – Covered in matters arising.

(ii) Holt & Communities First Response Defibrillator – A letter has been received to advise that the Holt First Responders are no longer funding or maintaining the defibrillator. It also gives advice on the expected lifespan of the current one. Am invoice has also been received from the Village Hall committee for a new battery and electrodes. Concern was raised that no communication had been received prior to this, and no agreement reached for the Parish Council to pay for maintenance etc. It was agreed to pay this invoice and for the Clerk to ask for all future invoices be discussed before submission, and for invoices to be in the name of the Parish Council. There will also need to be funding agreed when the budget is agreed.

(iii) North Norfolk Local Plan update events – LP volunteered to attend if she is free.

(iv) NNDC Flanders poppies – All Parish Councils have been sent poppy seeds to commemorate the end of World War One. AH will decide where to plant them.

**18. Matters for further discussion** – It was agreed that MC will lay the Parish Council’s wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

**20. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 15th October 2018.

**21. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:50pm.

Signed as a correct record by: Date: