

## EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 7:00pm

**Present:** John Seymour (Chair) (JS)                      Mark Cook (MC)  
Anne Harrup (AH)    Lin Pateman (LP)  
Suzanne Longe (SL)    Emma Cletheroe (EC)  
Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)  
8 parishioners

#### **1. Presentation and Q&A with a representative of Broadland Housing Association**

JS Welcomed Ed Mumford-Smith from Broadland Housing. Mr Mumford-Smith gave a brief overview of the planning consent already granted, and reported work is due to start September / October time. North Norfolk District Council have asked Broadland Housing to consider a further plot for development behind the Rectory Road play area, and a housing needs survey is currently being undertaken to see if further development is necessary.

A Parishioner asked why trees needed to be cut down for the development. Some trees will be retained but three large trees will need to be felled. This will be offset with the planting of additional trees.

The need for a second phase was questioned.

The additional access to the recently converted barns was discussed.

The slightly re-routed footpath was shown.

Ed Mumford-Smith confirmed that the play area will not be built on.

JS thanked Ed Mumford-Smith for attending and Mr Mumford-Smith and 2 Parishioners left the meeting.

#### **Parishioners comments:**

Two Parishioners were concerned to hear about the planning application, as they are both near the property in question, and were not notified of the application by North Norfolk District Council or the applicant. Also, no yellow notice was displayed at the site.

A Parishioner raised concerns at the water level of the pond, due to the recent drought. He asked if the borehole could be used to top up the water. He asked if a plan is in place to deal with this catastrophic event.

**2. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were received for Harrie Morshuis, Graham Gower-Smith (Norfolk Police) & Steffan Aquarone (County Councillor).

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

**4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed (prop. MC, sec. EC).

**13. To discuss pond maintenance and borehole use** – JS reported that the borehole water had been tested in the past, and was found to be very high in nitrates, so it was felt inappropriate to use it. Another testing kit has been obtained. The pond maintenance has been considered a huge success. It is felt that the water level has not dropped much more than in previous summers. The cracking around the edge of the pond is not the clay liner, but just mud. When the water is re-tested if it is still high in nitrates, it cannot be used to fill the pond. A Parishioner suggested that a local village has asked the fire brigade to fill their pond when

levels dropped dramatically this summer, but could not remember which village. The Parish Council have decided that although this year is unusual in the lack of rainfall, emergency measures are not yet needed. An ex Parishioner had tried to fill the pond with water from the borehole, but as the pipe is blocked, this was luckily unsuccessful. He has been written to, to ask him not to carry out this type of work in future, and has responded to the letter to apologise. It is thought that local cats are largely responsible for moorhen chicks disappearing from the pond. SL will speak to one of the cat owners to request they put a bell on the cat's collar. The Parishioner with concerns was invited to join the village Environment Group to assist with the pond maintenance.

*One Parishioner left the meeting at 8:05pm*

**5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – The Clerk has obtained the paperwork relating to the common land in the village, and will pass it on the Steffan Aquarone.

**6. Police report** – None.

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

Just after I saw you in July, Full Council met for the last time before the summer break. The outcome was somewhat unsurprising. We didn't get a let-up on DIY waste charges. But we did secure some concessions through campaigning and committee pressure prior to the meeting, as is often the case. Of notable relief is Special Educational Needs and Disability transport: the proposals to cut funding to this vital service have been dropped. This is a bittersweet victory as it wasn't so much a reverse of policy but instead statutory requirements meaning that Children's Services had to be given more money due to increased demand. 'Increased demand' in a business sounds like a good thing but in social services it's very worrying indeed. It also means we as a council are now operating 'on the line', below which we would be unlawful. I asked the new leader what steps he had taken to ensure children's services gets things right first time in future. We're now moving our campaign efforts on to mobile libraries ready for when we return in the Autumn.

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

**9. 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 EC):

(i) K Cotgrove – Clerk's August salary (via SO) £203.45

**10. Planning –**

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

**(b) Refusal of permission** – None.

**(c) Applications** – PF/18/1210. Pongside, The Green, Edgefield. Erection of 2 storey side extension inc. juliet balcony, single storey front and rear extensions, roof alterations and new double detached garage. Concerns were raised that no-one had notified the neighbours, and that no yellow site notice is being displayed. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council objects to the application on the following basis:

Due to the location of the double cart shed, there are concerns it could be used for future development.

There are concerns that the development will overlook neighbouring properties.

The application is considered to be overdevelopment, both in relation to the original building, and also for the location and proximity to nearby buildings.

There are concerns regarding access for the double cart shed

The extension dominates the original property.

There should be an access plan in place for vehicles whilst any development takes place, as the access is also a public right of way.

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

**(e) Decision notice** – None.

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

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

**(h) To ratify applications made between meetings** – None.

**11. 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.

**12. To update on the Hornsea windfarm project** – The Clerk has registered the Parish Council's interest with the Inspectorate.

**14. To discuss a footpath from the Old School to the Pigs** – Highways have agreed to look into this, but if there are ditches etc along the verge, it could be a costly process. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Highways to chase.

**15. To consider a road name for the new development** – AH has been to the Records Office to establish the original ownership of the land. It was not donated, but was compulsory purchased for the original council houses. Edesfield was the original name for Edgefield in the Domesday book. It was agreed to put forward Edesfield Loke and Canon Marcon Lane as suggestions.

**16. To report on Highways issues** – The Clerk has received a response from Highways that the exit from the Pigs at the rear of the building will be closed off.

**17. To report on community Speedwatch** – LP reported that the group is going well, and a new volunteer has started. 31 people speeding have been logged in the last 10 days. The SAM2 will remain where it is for another month. A Parishioner asked if the SAM2 can be programmed to show 'slow down' from 25mph, instead of 30mph. JS will ask Westcotec if this can be done, and the Clerk will ask Highways if they would be happy with this. LP will check with the police. JS will speak to Ed Mumford-Smith to see if Broadland Housing could fund the purchase of a second SAM2 unit. A Parishioner asked if the junction of the new development at the Holt Road could be raised, to slow traffic. It is thought unlikely that Highways would allow, but the Clerk will check, and ask if 30mph can be painted on the road at either end of the village.

**18. Correspondence** – (i) Parishioners' letters regarding flooding on Ramsgate Street – The Clerk has received letter from two residents of Ramsgate Street, concerned that two plots of land either side of the culvert are still overgrown, causing a blocking risk to the culvert. The Clerk will write to the landowners again, and ask Highways if further grilles are possible.

(ii) Parishioner complaint about antisocial noise – A Parishioner emailed the Clerk as she has been suffering with noise from a neighbour. The Clerk directed her to the Environmental Protection team at North Norfolk District Council.

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**19. Matters for further discussion** – The Village Hall contacted JS and the Clerk to ask permission for a private hirer to erect a bouncy castle on the village green. The Clerk contacted the insurers who confirmed that they would only cover it if the Bouncy Castle company had liability insurance and remained on site. The request raised an issue of marquees etc being erected on the Green. The Parish Council Insurers have stated that they want the village hall to notify the Parish Council if any structure will be erected outside of the hall and provide a risk assessment. All agreed that the Parish Council will send a letter to the Parish Council to formally allow erection of marquees, parking etc if the conditions are suitable. Jeremy Goldney reported that £560 was raised at the Norfolk Day event. JS thanked him for organising the day, and congratulated him on the amount raised.

**20. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**21. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:10pm.

Signed as a correct record by:

Date: