**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 18th June 2019, 8:25pm**

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

Anne Harrup Emma Cletheroe (EC)

Harrie Morshuis (HM) Suzanne Longe (SL)

Andrew Brown (North Norfolk District Councillor) (AB)

Steffan Aquarone (Norfolk County Councillor) (SA)

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) +8 parishioners

**Parishioners comments:** A Parishioner noted that there is still a lot of noise coming from the building site, including reversing diggers, which were meant to have stopped by now. They are still starting very early, and are there some Sundays too. The footpath was reduced in width a month ago, supposedly for two days, but has still not been reinstated.

A Parishioner commented that the flood water in Rectory Road was attended to, and asked if the Parish Council knew what had been done. The Clerk will ask Highways

**19/92. Chairman’s welcome and apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were received for Lin Pateman.

**19/93. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.

**19/94. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 20th June 2019** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed (prop. EC, sec. SL).

**19/95. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – AH will arrange a date for the pond work via email.

It was agreed to sow the poppy seeds, given to commemorate the end of World War One, around the War Memorial.

**19/96. Police report** – None.

**19/97. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** – SA has been investigating the two Surveyors Plots in the Parish. Norfolk County Council felt that a cheque was issued, stopped, then re-issued. According to the Minutes however, no cheque was reissued. SA will continue to investigate this. Norfolk County Council are not comfortable with signing over the Holt Road plot without a paper trail to prove ownership. It may be possible to advertise a claim on the land to all possible interested parties, to claim ownership.

**19/98. To discuss the Offshore Ring Main petition** – This petition is being distributed widely via email. It is unlikely to stop the Vattenfall and Orsted projects, but could hopefully influence future projects. Everyone is encouraged to sign the petition at [**https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/240822**](https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/240822)The Clerk will put a link in the Edgefield Extra.

**19/99. To update on Community Speedwatch and to consider the traffic survey** – Jeremy Goldney showed Councillors a possible format for part one of the questionnaire. The second, offering possible speed reduction measures, should follow a month after the first. It was agreed that the first questionnaire should include a note at the bottom to explain what the second survey will contain. It was agreed that JG will circulate a form of words for Councillors to agree, otherwise the first questionnaire was approved by Councillors.

*SA left the meeting at 7:32pm*

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| **19/100. Report from Andrew Brown, District Councillor –** The District Council are currently discussing a Corporate Plan with the Heads of Service to agree a way to move forwards for the next four years. The Local Plan consultation is open for a few more days. This decides the planning blueprint until 2036. A capability review is currently taking place on how the Council is structured, to see if savings can be made.  AB advised that he had reported the Rectory Road flooding to Highways on behalf of a Parishioner. A discussion took place on the increase in flooding, and the likelihood that the Broadland Housing project has made the flooding worse. AB has been in discussion with the Planners to discuss water run-off from the site, and how it is affecting properties on Rectory Road. It was agreed that AB will ask Planning where the surface water from the site should be going, and the Clerk will ask the Developers. The senior planning officer has offered to come to a Parish Council meeting to discuss the project.  *AB left the meeting at 7:50pm* |

**19/101. Finance:**

**(a) To approve the monthly financial statement** – The Monthly financial statement and budget update had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were duly approved (prop. EC, sec. MC).

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

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

**(c) To agree an insurance policy** – The Clerk has obtained three quotes. It was agreed to accept the quote from CAS Ltd for a three-year long-term agreement (prop. JS, sec. EC)

**19/102. 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** – None.
7. **To ratify applications made between meetings** – None.

**19/103. To update on the Broadland Housing scheme** – The Clerk has not received an update from the contractors. She will contact them with concerns regarding working hours, noise from diggers and radios, bad language, flooding issues and the footpath issue. There are also rumours that streetlights will be installed. It is thought that this will not happen, as the Parish Council were asked if they wanted them before building started, and advised that they did not want them. She will confirm this with Broadland Housing, and ask if it is necessary to tarmac the footpath running from the development to Rectory Road, and to address rumours that the path along the hedge will be closed and rerouted. There was a strong feeling that there is no local need for a phase two, and that Broadland Housing should not consider it until all phase one properties are inhabited. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact AB to accept the offer of the senior planning officer’s visit to the July meeting.

**19/104. To update on Highways issues** – SL has reported a number of issues online. There is flooding at the bottom of Edgefield Hill – the Clerk will report this, and ask them to check the culvert on Ramsgate Street. The Clerk will also contact the owner of the Pigs to ask them to sweep the gravel back from the road.

**19/105. Correspondence** – (i) Parish Partnership scheme – invitation to bid – Councillors will contact the Clerk if there are any items.

(ii) Village Hall terms and conditions review – noted.

(iii)) Norfolk Wildlife Trust research for ponds project – the Clerk has replied to this, and has indicated that the Parish Council may be interested in getting involved.

**19/106. Matters for further discussion** – EC reminded everyone that it is Open Gardens this weekend, 11am – 6pm.

**19/107. To agree the date of the next meeting –** Monday 15th July 2019.

**19/108. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:32pm.

Signed as a correct record by: Date: