**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 19th August 2019, 8:25pm**

**Present:** Mark Cook (Chair) (MC) Emma Cletheroe (Vice Chair) (EC)

Anne Harrup Lin Pateman (LP)

Harrie Morshuis (HM) Suzanne Longe (SL)

Andrew Brown (North Norfolk District Councillor) (AB)

Steffan Aquarone (Norfolk County Councillor) (SA)

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) +7 parishioners

**Parishioners comments –** A parishioner noted that weekend work has stopped since the last meeting.

A parishioner has witnessed people allowing their dogs to foul on the Village Green.

A parishioner reported a damaged road sign. The Clerk will report.

**19/127. (i) To elect a Chairman for 2019-20** – Following John Seymour’s resignation, MC was nominated by LP, seconded by AH, all agreed. The declaration of acceptance of office was signed.

**(ii) To elect a Vice Chairman for 2019-20** –EC was nominated by HM, seconded by LP, all agreed. The declaration of acceptance of office was signed.

**19/128. Chairman’s welcome and apologies for absence** – MC welcomed everyone. There were no apologies.

**19/129. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.

**19/130. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 15th July 2019** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed (prop. HM, sec. LP).

**19/131. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – The Clerk reported that the Turkey Lane footpath application has been completed, and the restricted byway has been added to the definitive map.

**19/132. Police report** – None.

**19/133. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** – Faster broadband in Norfolk is now mostly rolled out ahead of plan, with a 95% coverage. NCC had invested £15 million in the project, and NNDC £1 million. The next generation will be fibreoptic to homes, not the cabinet, and funding should ensure this is done on an ’outside in’ basis, where the most rural areas should be connected first. NCC has stalled on its commitment to provide 250 extra mobile mast sites to improve coverage in the County. There is a meeting in the autumn to address this. SA has looked into the ownership and access issues for the two Surveyors Plots in the Parish. NCC have provided documentation to show the compensation was paid for the Pond Hills site. The Clerk, JS & MC are due to meet Stody Estate in September to discuss access for this site. There is not enough paperwork to prove ownership for the Holt Road site. The only option open now would be to obtain witness statements from the surrounding land owners to try and prove ownership. HM asked when fibreoptic will reach Ramsgate Street. SA confirmed it should be in September.

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| *SA left the meeting at 7:20pm.*  **19/134. Report from Andrew Brown, District Councillor** – AB circulate the plans relating to the enforcement action against a property in Cley, which was built not in accordance with approved plans. The North Norfolk Environment Forum took place last Thursday and a number of useful opinions obtained. There will be a further opportunity to give views at the Greenbuild event on 8/9 September at Felbrigg. NNDC are sponsoring a Mammoth Marathon next year, to promote the Deep History Coast. A decision has been taken to close two projects; Cromer Tennis Club & Egmere Business Park. An extra £2 million has been invested in the Sheringham Splash project. This has been subject to an overspend due to poor project management, but a new project manager is now in place. NNDC are starting a legal challenge against the decision to charge to dispose of DIY waste at recycling centres.  A parishioner asked if costs are known yet for the netting project at Bacton. AB advised that costs are not yet known. |

**19/135. 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. LP).

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

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

**19/136. 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.

**19/137. To update on community Speedwatch and consider the traffic survey** – A new volunteer is now trained, and someone else is keen to volunteer. There are currently eight volunteers. It was agreed that LP will now take charge of the SAM2 unit, and the equipment will be kept at her house. Jeremy Goldney reported that there has been a 60.67% response rate to the first survey.

**19/138. To discuss the Village Green grass cutting** – There are currently two volunteer grass cutters who work in conjunction with the contractor. One of the volunteers has a son who would also like to help. As he is 16, the Clerk has spoken to the Parish Council insurers who have confirmed that this is ok, providing a risk assessment has been carried out. The Clerk has produced a risk assessment and passed to Councillors. It was agreed that is anyone would like to add anything to it, they will let her know asap, then she can pass it to the volunteers.

**19/139. To update on the Broadland Housing scheme, including feedback on the recent site visit, and formalise footpath responsibilities** – Councillors had a meeting earlier in the month with the Managing Director and site manager. Recent complaints were raised and discussed. The site manager assured Councillors that he tries to keep site noise down as much as possible. The house built on the corner of the site nearest to the road was measured and is built in line with the approved plans. Councillors were told that no weekend work takes place. The only time the site has been opened on a weekend was when the break in took place. Flooding concerns were addressed and it was noted that there is a huge soakaway in the centre of the site. There is an area for vehicles wheels to be washed before leaving the site, and the contractors use a road sweeper, to prevent mud on the road. BHA have confirmed that the footpath, hedges and trees will become their responsibility, but trees and hedges on properties will be the responsibility of the householders.

**19/140. To update on Highways issues** – None.

**19/141. To discuss dog fouling in the village** – There have been a number of recent incidents, including a person seen throwing a bag of dog waste into a nearby field. It was noted that, despite notices in the newsletter in the past, the situation is getting worse. AB advised that NNDC will prosecute, but it is difficult to obtain the proof required to secure a criminal conviction. It would be easier to deal with if it were a civil matter. It was suggested that some of the issue could be visitors to the Pigs, so it was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Pigs to ask them to put up a notice. If anyone witnesses anyone allowing their dog to foul, they should send details to the Clerk to write to them.

**19/142. Correspondence** – (i) Parish Footpaths – Briston Parish Council are setting up a Parish Footpaths group and are wondering if Edgefield would be interested in getting involved. It was noted that Green Lane is always overgrown. The Clerk will reply to let them know.

(ii) Parishioner request for use of the Jubilee Playing Field – A Parishioner has emailed to ask if they can use the JPF to graze tethered sheep. It was noted that this wouldn’t work with the hay growing, and that it could be risky with dogs being allowed on the field. The Clerk will reply to decline.

**19/143. Matters for further discussion** – (i) Upcoming Parish Councillor vacancy – Due to John Seymour’s resignation due to a house move, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be free to co-opt at the next meeting. Any interested people should contact the Clerk. JS was thanked by MC for all his hard work over many years on the Parish Council, as both Councillor and Chairman. A presentation took place.

**19/144. To agree the date of the next meeting –** Monday 16th September 2019.

**19/145. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8pm.

Signed as a correct record by: Date: