**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 21st January 2019, 7:00pm**

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

Anne Harrup (AH) Lin Pateman (LP)

Suzanne Longe (SL) Emma Cletheroe (EC)

Steffan Aquarone (SA) (County Councillor)

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) +5 parishioners

**Parishioners comments:**

A Parishioner asked if it was necessary for the traffic lights to be active on the Holt Road as long as they were, especially weekends when no-one was working. Enquiries will be made to see if the lights can be removed sooner, and at weekends. Notice of traffic lights will also be requested.

**19/01. Chairman’s welcome and apologies for absence** – JS welcomed everyone and apologies were received for Harrie Morshuis.

**19/02. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.

**19/03. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 17th December 2018** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed (prop. EC, sec. LP).

**19/04. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – None.

**19/05. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** – Norfolk County Council have identified 200+ sites for small cell transmitters, to improve mobile phone signal in black spots. They are extending the invitation to communities, so if anyone knows of a possible location, please let SA know and the site can be added to the list to be forwarded to mobile phone providers. Cuts to the minimum income guarantee for adult social care are being considered. Anyone who may be affected should contact SA with their concerns.

*SA left the meeting at 7:15pm*

**19/06. To discuss common land in the village** – One of SA’s volunteers has investigated the surveyor’s plots on Holt Road and Pond Hills. From her investigations, it seems that NCC gave the land to Stody Estate in error, as it was owned by the Parish, and compensation was paid. It was agreed that this will be investigated further, as it differs from what Councillors understood. The Clerk will contact Evie to ask for dates and any proof regarding this, and to investigate the Holt Road site further.

**19/07. To discuss payments to the village hall** – The VH committee have forwarded a list of regular free hirers to the PC, and the total hire for this was compared to the cost of the electricity and oil. JS proposed that the Parish Council pay the regular hire fees for community groups, currently at £546 per year. All agreed.

**19/08. Police report** – The Clerk received a brief email report from PC Gower-Smith, who has reported that there was a large theft of red diesel in a neighbouring village. He asked all Parishioners to ensure their heating oil tanks are secure.

**19/09. Report from Georgie Perry-Warnes, District Councillor –** None.

**19/10. 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. EC, sec. SL):

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

**19/11. Planning –**

1. **Refusal of permission** – None.
2. **Applications** – PF/18/2324. Mount Farm Barns, Hunworth Road, Edgefield. Demolition of part farm buildings, conversion and extension of remaining buildings into 4 residential dwellings with associated development. It was agreed that a site visit was necessary. The Clerk will arrange.
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.

**19/12. To update on the Broadland Housing development** – The Clerk will contact Highways and BHA to ask if the lights can be removed when not being used. It was reported that works traffic is using the entrance on Rectory Road, which is not allowed. The Clerk will report to BHA.

**19/13. To update on the Hornsea windfarm project** – Two further meetings will be taking place on 28th and 30th January. JS and the Clerk will attend the one at NNDC on 28th, and the Clerk and possibly LP & EC will attend the meeting at the Mercure Hotel on 30th January.

**19/14. To update on community Speedwatch, and to discuss speed reduction in the village, including traffic survey** – Speedwatch has not yet returned from the Christmas break. The survey was discussed and it was agreed that the PC will only be happy with a non-political survey. It was agreed that, if necessary, the PC will fund a non-political survey.

**19/15. To update on Highways issues** – The pothole outside Street Farm has been repaired, but badly. Further potholes were identified and will be reported by the Clerk.

**19/16. Correspondence** – (i) Community Led Housing newsletter – this was emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

(ii) NNDC Your Priorities – The Clerk asked Councillors to contact her with anything, to be included on the next agenda. It was agreed that something will be put in the next Edgefield Extra to remind people of their responsibilities in disposing of their dog’s waste.

**19/17. Matters for further discussion** – The Village gates are dirty; the Clerk has asked the Rangers to clean these.

**19/18. To agree the date of the next meetings** –Monday 18th February 2019

**19/19. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:27pm.

Signed as a correct record by: Date: