

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Monday 16th November 2020, 7pm.

Present: Mark Cook (Chair) (MC) Anne Harrup (AH)
Lin Pateman (LP) Jackie Cole (JC)
Suzanne Longe (SL) Harrie Morshuis (HM)
Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)
Andrew Brown (District Councillor) (AB)
Steffan Aquarone (County Councillor) (SA)
+ 2 members of the public

Parishioners Comments – None.

20/135. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence – MC welcomed everyone, and apologies were accepted for Emma Cletheroe.

20/136. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak – None.

20/137. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of Monday 26th October 2020 – The minutes were approved and signed (prop. HM, sec. LP, all agreed).

20/138. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda – A tree has fallen onto cables on the Hunworth Road. It has been reported to Highways, so the Clerk will report to the utility company.

20/139. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor – SA emailed a newsletter to Councillors prior to the meeting. He encouraged people to respond to the budget consultation. SA commented that the traffic survey was a fantastic piece of work, and will take time to digest. Once it is, it will need to be decided where this issue sits within the priorities of the Parish Council. It was agreed that road safety is of paramount importance.

20/140. Report from Andrew Brown, District Councillor – AB emailed a report prior to the meeting. The building in the garden of a property on Holt Road was discussed. It is thought it may be permitted development, but AB will check with planning enforcement, who have already been contacted about this.

20/141. To consider a donation to the windfarm judicial review crowdfunding appeal – This was discussed at length, and it was agreed not to donate to this appeal.

SA left the meeting at 7:25

20/142. 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. JC, sec. LP)

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

(i) K Cotgrove – Clerk's April November (via SO) £203.45

(c) To approve the 2021-22 budget – It was agreed to raise the grounds maintenance line, to allow for tree work, and to allow £1000 for S137. The budget was therefore approved (prop. HM, sec. SL, all agreed)

(d) To approve the 2021-22 precept – It was agreed to increase the precept to £6625, to cover budgeted expenditure (prop. LP, sec. JC, all agreed).

AB left the meeting at 7:36pm.

20/143. Planning –

Refusal of permission – None.

Applications – (i) PF/20/1798. Estate Office, Stody Estate. It was agreed to support this application.

(ii) PF/20/1975. The Pigs, Norwich Road. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillors object to this application, as it is out of keeping. Suggestions were made to soften the appearance.

(iii) Mount Farm Barn, Hunworth Road. It was asked if the roof of the piggery is asbestos, as no mention has been made in the application. The plan for starling and swallow boxes is welcomed, but it was noted

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that the owl boxes from the previous development have still not been erected. It was agreed that the Council support this application, however Councillors would like a site visit. The Clerk will contact Stody to arrange.

(iv) PF/20/2036. 15 Rectory Road. It was agreed to support this application.

(v) PF/20/2035. Holly Lodge, Ramsgate Street. It was agreed to support this application.

Development committee decision – None.

Decision notice – None.

Additional information on applications – None.

To discuss late planning applications – None.

To ratify applications made between meetings – None.

20/144. To update on community Speedwatch and the traffic survey – Due to the second lockdown, Speedwatch has been paused. This has given the new team at Norfolk Constabulary a chance to familiarise themselves with the systems. New kit has been provided. Hopefully, a new volunteer has come forward. Jeremy Goldney met with SL & SA last week to discuss the survey results. JG has emailed the results through to Councillors, and these were discussed.

HM left the meeting at 7:56pm.

MC thanked everyone who was involved in the survey. It was agreed that Councillors will need time to digest all the information, so this will be discussed further in the next meeting. JG asked if the results can be passed to Parishioners. It was agreed that this is fine. The Clerk will put something in the next Edgefield Extra to thank everyone who contributed.

20/144. To update on the Broadland Housing scheme – Some landscaping is taking place.

20/145. To update on the channels on the Village Green – The Clerk wrote to the Parishioner regarding the channels. The big channel is yet to be filled. SL has suggested filling the bottom with stones, to aid drainage. All agreed this would be good, with the end blocked, to slow water going into the pond. This work will be carried out once lockdown restrictions ease. The war memorial has been tidied, and bulbs planted. Thanks were given to SL for this work.

20/145. To discuss Highways issues– It was agreed that the Clerk will respond to the budget consultation, to ask that more consideration is given to Highways issues in the budget.

20/146. Correspondence – (i) Village Hall Risk Assessment for Fuel Fund distribution - Noted.

20/147. To agree the date of the next meeting – Monday 18th January 2021.

20/148. To close the meeting There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:08pm.

Signed as a correct record by:

Date: