

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield, Monday 21st June 2021, 7pm.

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

Parishioners' comments: None.

21/81. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence – MC welcomed everyone, and apologies were noted for Anne Harrap and Harrie Morshuis.

21/82. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak – None.

21/83. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of Thursday 6th May 2021 – The minutes were approved and signed (prop. LP, sec. JC, all agreed).

21/84. Matters arising, nor covered elsewhere on the agenda – None.

21/85. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor – Thanked everyone for re-election. The new Council is more diverse. SA reported on his priorities, including economy, the environment & public transport.

Emma Cletheroe arr. 7:05pm

The Western Link was discussed, and SA expressed concern at the environmental impact and financial implications. SA's budget has been increased with an environmental aspect. The Offshore Transmission Network was also discussed, along with footpaths. SL reported on an old closed public right of way, and will walk it with SA.

21/86. Report from Andrew Brown, District Councillor – AB's report was emailed prior to the meeting (see appendix A). Waste disposal was discussed, and AB confirmed that there is no intention at the moment to introduce food waste caddies. However, this may be brought in in the future, Government funding depending. The section 106 money was discussed.

SA left 7:19pm.

21/87. To update on windfarm applications:

(a) Vattenfall Community Fund - Vattenfall have emailed Councils to notify them on an upcoming community fund, asking for ideas as to how it can be spent. It was agreed that the Clerk will respond to ask them to put the money towards progressing the Offshore Transmission Network.

(b) Vanguard redetermination - The Vanguard application is back with the Planning Inspectorate, following the successful judicial review.

(c) Equinor Consultation - Alison Shaw from Oulton Parish Council has submitted a response on behalf of 31 Parish Councils. This route will follow the same route as Hornsea 3. To work with other companies, a change in law would be required.

21/88. Finance:

(a) To approve the monthly financial statement – The bank reconciliation and budget update were distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. They were duly approved (prop. JC, sec. LP)

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

(i) K Cotgrove – Clerk's salary June, inc HMRC	£226.20
(ii) Parish Protect at CAS – Insurance policy	£584.62
(iii) Norfolk ALC – annual subscription	£157.21

21/99. Planning:

(a) Refusal of permission – None

(b) Applications – NP/21/1267. The Stables, Ramsgate Street, Edgefield. Prior notification of proposed agricultural development; lean to rear extension onto existing building. PC supports this application.

(c) Development committee decision – None.

(d) Decision notice – None

(e) Additional information on applications – Stonehaven, Ramsgate Street, Edgefield. Householder appeal successful.

(f) To consider late planning applications – none.

(g) To ratify applications made between meetings – none.

(h) Additional planning issues – (i) Glamping site at Church Farm – MC looked today on the planning portal and there is nothing there. Planning permission may not be required, dependent on the number of units and whether there are any mains services to them.

(ii) Field of Fun – A dog agility field has opened in the village. It is uncertain whether planning permission is required for this, as it is a change of use from agricultural to utility. There are visitors there until 10:30pm. The Clerk will enquire with NNDC to see if permission or a license is required.

21/89. To update on Community Speedwatch and discuss the traffic survey – Jeremy Goldney reported that they have conducted some sessions recently, and the police are supporting with visits too.

Consistently getting eight or more people speeding each session, including an increasing number of HGVs. JG met JS and managed to download the data from the SAM2 unit onto the laptop, although they haven't been able to access all data yet.

21/90. To consider dedicated Parish Council email addresses – It was agreed that the Clerk will arrange gmail addresses for all Councillors and remove mobile telephone numbers.

21/91. To update on pond maintenance – The next maintenance will take place next Monday evening (28th June), 6-8pm. AH will put a notice in the board, and the Clerk will advertise this on Facebook. LP & AH are trying to locate the borehole to test the water. Councillors will look next Monday.

21/92. To update on the Broadland Housing scheme, and the land adjacent to the development – LP & AH have asked if there are any plans for the land to be bought by Broadland Housing. AB confirmed that there are no plans at the moment, and has been told by Ed Mumford-Smith that they will let him know if any plans are there. MC proposed asking NNDC to pledge this land to Wild East for rewilding, all agreed. The Clerk will write to NNDC to ask. LP advised that, before the first land was developed, a Parishioner gained a license to use it before development took place. No license has been given for the second option piece of land, although a Parishioner walks their dogs on it daily. NNDC have asked who is using it, and they will look into it further.

21/93. To discuss Highways issues - None

21/94. Correspondence:

(a) Local Government Boundary Commission Final Recommendations - County Council boundaries are being changed. It is still ongoing.

21/95. Any other urgent business for information only – None.

21/96. To agree the date of the next meeting – Monday 19th July 2021, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

21/97. To close the meeting There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:07pm.

Signed as a correct record by:

Date:

APPENDIX A

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE '21

1. HALF-TERM PERFORMANCE REPORT

Just over two years on from the last District elections -how time flies - we have reached the half-way point of the current administration already. It's worth having a look at how the Council has performed up to now and so here goes! :-

- we have planted 20,000 trees and already have plans to plant another 40,000 towards our pledge to plant one tree for every resident in the District.
- our Environment and Climate Change agenda is progressing following two Environment Forum events, implementing a Climate Change emergency agenda installing EV charging points in 5 locations and plans to tackle the Council's and its business partners' carbon footprint.
- we supported business with a Kickstart scheme to get more than a 100 16-24 year olds into employment, invested in new industrial units in North Waltham to create jobs as well as bidding for £3 million Heritage Action Zone investment in the town.
- as well as handling over £26 million in Business Rate Relief payments and £120 million of Government Business Grants we have identified the forgotten sectors in the Government's support plan and given grants to Outdoor Education Centres vital for the education and mental well-being of our young people.
- commenced the new £12million leisure centre, renamed The Reef, in Sheringham due to be completed late August.
- we have delivered on our pledge to provide local homes for local need with 108 new affordable homes last year and 183 planned for 2021/22; a number of rural affordable schemes with our partners Broadland Housing with the one in Edgefield being the last of 5 schemes which won an industry award for best design in the east of England.
- we have acquired 7 temporary accommodation homes with plans to increase to 14 to provide better options for homeless households and developed 66 flats with on-site care in Fakenham for older residents wanting a secure home for the future.
- finally, COVID has presented an enormous challenge to the Council's staff and services. We have managed to control public facilities like car parks and toilets, high streets, promenades, the pier and beaches; run a Community Support Service assisting with 500 food parcels and over 5000 prescriptions. Thanks to the management of public facilities throughout last summer incidents of infection were amongst the lowest in the country despite the large numbers of visitors.

2. HOLT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING APPEAL

The long awaited decision in the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate last December for the building of 110 houses and a new 2 form entry primary school of Beresford Road was announced 3 weeks ago. Along with a number of colleagues I voted against this proposal at the Development Committee because Holt has already had significant sites approved and the impact of traffic to and from the new school along with failure by the County Council to commit to building the school was difficult to support in my view. The Developer appealed against the Council's but the Inspector disagreed. We did not incur any costs of the Developer and the policies in our Local Plan and calculation of our 5 year Housing Supply were upheld which is very important for defending future challenges from developers.

3. NORTH NORFOLK SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES "BIG SOCIETY" FUND

We have awarded almost £210,000 between 2020-21 to Community Groups and Organisations. In this area, Briston received £9,150 for play equipment and seats in the Plantation Hill Estate, Hindolveston received £8,500 for the Village Hall kitchen upgrade, £6,760 for the Treehouse at Holt Country Park and £40,000 to North Norfolk Community Transport for the dial-a-ride and accessible car schemes.

4. STONEHAVEN RAMSGATE STREET APPLICATION PF/20/0761

The Council refused the application because of the cumulative impact of the scale, design and form of proposed alterations contravening Local Plan policies. The Council argued that materials proposed would result in the property being at odds with more traditional properties in the village's Conservation Area. The Inspector chose to allow the appeal because he thought the design and materials were high quality and in terms of overall size once extended the property would be similar to neighbouring adjacent properties. The details can be accessed on the NNDC Planning website in the list of documents in PF/20/0761 as Appeal Decision 3262862 using this link : <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/development-management/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

5. COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS Congratulations to Cllr Steffan Aquarone on his re-election to the Melton Constable seat. On a personal note, I was not successful in challenging for a seat in the Wells Division. I will continue to serve on the District Council to fight for what matters to the residents in our area.

6. CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW BY THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

People have until Monday 2nd August to make representations on the plan to make our Parliamentary Constituency match the North Norfolk District area. There are approx 7,000 too many voters. Under new proposals which will come into effect from late 2023 or early 2024 Broadland Constituency will transfer Melton Constable and Briningham in Stody with Fakenham and Walsingham into North Norfolk and to balance up the number of voters overall two wards to the south east in the Stalham and Hickling areas will go into the Great Yarmouth Parliamentary constituency. Further details are available on the "bcereviews.org.uk" website.