

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield, Monday 16th August 2021, 7pm.

Present: Mark Cook (Chair) (MC) Lin Pateman (LP)
Jackie Cole (JC) Anne Harrap (AH)
Suzanne Longe (SL)
Andrew Brown (District Councillor)
Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)
+ 4 members of the public

Parishioners' comments: A Parishioner was in attendance to discuss retrospective planning permission for a track at a farm in the village. The Parish Council were consulted in July, and had no comment on the application. The Parishioner gave a copy of his report to the Clerk. AB has attended the site, and confirmed that a change of use should be required for the track. He also confirmed that a caravan on site is a breach of planning too, as it is connected to utilities. As no representation had been sent to NNDC, the Parish Council can still make a comment. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council object to this application, as the application is not correct, as the track was not there previously, and the track was put over a meadow.

2 x parishioners left the meeting & 1 parishioner arrived at 19:14.

21/114. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence – MC welcomed everyone, and apologies were noted for Harrie Morshuis & Emma Cletheroe.

21/115. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak – None.

21/116. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of Monday 19th July 2021 – The minutes were approved and signed (prop. AH, sec. LP, all agreed).

21/117. Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda – The Clerk sent some quotes to Councillors for a recycled plastic bench. It will be discussed in the September meeting, and quotes obtained to repair the bench on the Green.

21/118. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor – SA sent his apologies and emailed a brief report.

21/119. Report from Andrew Brown, District Councillor – AB's report was emailed prior to the meeting (see appendix A). He highlighted that the Planning Policy met this morning, and the issue of pop-up campsites was raised. They decided that, until the DC can demonstrate that significant harm is being done to conservation areas, nothing can be done. AB has looked into what evidence would be required for a breach in the 56-day rule. Extensive evidence is unfortunately required. AB will also speak in the item relating to the housing development.

21/120. To update on windfarm applications – Nothing to report.

21/121. 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. LP, sec. JC)

(b) Payments - The Following payments were approved (prop. AH, sec. JC)

(i) K Cotgrove – Clerk's salary July, inc. HMRC £226.20

21/122. Planning:

(a) Refusal of permission – None

(b) Applications – PF/21/1991. 1 Wood Farm Cottages, Plumstead Road, Edgefield. Extension and alterations – The application was discussed. The PC has no comment on this application.

(c) Development committee decision – None.

(d) Decision notice – None

(e) Additional information on applications – None.

(f) To consider late planning applications – none.

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

(h) Additional planning issues – (ii) Field of Fun – The Clerk has heard back from Planning Enforcement, who has confirmed that a change of use application is required. He has asked the owners to apply.

21/123. To update on Community Speedwatch and discuss the traffic survey – Jeremy Goldney was in attendance. They have been out on three occasions, and on each occasion, they caught 7, 18 and 11 people retrospectively. The police attended with a speed camera on 15th August. There is no progress on the traffic survey, as JG needs to speak to SA.

JG left at 19:40.

21/124. To update on the Broadland Housing scheme, the land adjacent to the development & to update on the FOI request – The Clerk has forwarded reports to Councillors. Most of the negotiations for the option to buy were apparently carried out verbally. AB has spoken to Nicky Debbage, the Housing Options Manager, who has researched, and has confirmed that it was correct that NNDC gave an option to Broadland Housing in 2018. The process was delayed due to a tenant on the land, which NNDC didn't know about. This delayed the legal signing of the option, which has still not been completed. The Parish Council should look and see if anything was in writing that there would only be one phase, as this could be a basis for objection. It was noted that this was only spoken about, and not in writing. AB suggested that, should the PC not object to a second phase, the Rectory Road playing area could be transferred to the PC. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to NNDC, to state that the PC have no appetite for a phase two development, and that we were told there would only be one phase. It was noted that a phase two would go against the Council's own environmental policy. Still no evidence has been received to prove who has come off of the local needs list. There is also concern that some of the properties which have been built are second homes, so not for a local need. The local need restriction is routinely lifted after six months. Various other concerns relating to the phase two land, and work not done on phase one were discussed. AH has made a plan for the playing field, but it is accepted it is owned by NNDC, so permission would be required to do anything to it. It was agreed not to proceed with this at this stage.

21/125. To discuss Highways issues – None.

21/126. To note the resignation of the Clerk, and to agree a personnel sub-committee - The Clerk has handed in her notice, as she has taken up a post of Clerk to Reepham Town Council. A member of the public has been in contact to express an interest in the post, and was in attendance at the meeting. It was agreed that MC, LP & AH will be on the interview panel, and will make contact with the applicant.

21/127. Correspondence:

(a) New Parishioners in the village are interested in holding a pop-up pizza event on the Rectory Road play area. They will contact NNDC to get permission. MC proposed that the PC give permission for them to set up on either the village green or the JPF. All agreed.

(b) Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance Leaflet – this will be sent out to all homeowners in Norfolk.

(c) A Parishioner has complained about the smell of sewerage at the Pigs. The DC are aware of this issue already, and the Clerk will report to Environmental Health again.

21/128. Any other business for information only – None.

21/129. To agree the date of the next meeting – Monday 20th September 2021, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

21/130. To close the meeting There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:25pm.

Signed as a correct record by:

Date:

16th August 2021