

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield, Monday 18th October 2021, 7pm.

Present: Mark Cook (Chair) (MC) Anne Harrap (AH)
Suzanne Longe (SL) Emma Cletheroe (EC)
Lin Pateman (LP) Jackie Cole (JC)

Andrew Brown (District Councillor)
Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk)
+ 2 members of the public

Parishioners' comments: none

21/147. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence – MC welcomed everyone, and apologies were noted for Harrie Morshuis & Steffan Aquarone

21/148. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak – None.

21/149. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of Monday 16th August 2021, Monday 20th September & Friday 8th October – The minutes were approved and signed 16th August 2021 Proposed LP, Seconded JC, 20th September 2021, proposed LP, seconded EC, Extra ordinary meeting 8th October 2021, proposed LP & seconded AH

21/150. Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda – There was a meeting at the pond on 2nd October, further meeting proposed first Saturday in November (6th) at 9am, also the village sign has been treated by MC & oiled, a second coat still to be applied

21/151. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor – SA sent his apologies. email has been sent round re funding for potholes & footpaths, this has not been approved. Schemes may come out in the future

21/152. Report from Andrew Brown, District Councillor – report sent October 17th covering Fuel Poverty, Rising fuel prices & eligibility for assistance

Affordable Housing –

Currently there are 16 temporary accommodation units, 1 is occupied by a family with vulnerable children, funding & equipment was withdrawn during the pandemic but is now available.

Lending of Litter Picking Equipment returns -

EC mentioned that we now have equipment available, AB mention grab sticks maybe available free of charge and sacks. AB mentioned this is good for the Community as can be made into a social event. There are some planned in Corpustrey, after bonfire night. It was decided to contact Jayne Shillabeer to arrange

Armed Forces Covenant -

Armed forces covenant is being added to strengthen the council covenant to improve the lives of armed forces personnel.

Virtual Greenbuild 2021 Event -

The green belt event will go ahead later this year from 1st November to 12th November Chris Packam has been enlisted.

New Customer Service Strategy –

The Council are trying to improve their services, particularly the phone, and introduce more interactive services.

National re-cycling week -

Building control & regs being looked at to improve building & efficiency, England is behind rest of Europe with regards to efficiency & re-cycling

Stop Press –

Serco have been struggling with Brown bin collection due to a shortage of vehicles & drivers, things should improve as less garden waste in winter months

SL mentioned a problem with NHS dentists, AB advised that the problem is that they cannot operate on such a reduced capacity and therefore are dropping their NHS status and going private so they can continue to work and make a profit.

21/153. To update on windfarm applications – Nothing to report.

21/154. Finance: The reports have previously been emailed to the EPC, we have received 2nd precept, proposed LP & seconded AH

(a) To approve the monthly financial statement –proposed LP & seconded AH. Clerk will be paid as per the agenda however adjustments will have to be made next month as the hourly rate and payment date need to be amended as per NALC 2020-2021 guidelines. From 13th September the rate is set at £12.24 per hour, it has been noted that the previous Clerk has not been paid at the correct rate. This means the payments will go slightly over budget. Proposed JC, & seconded LP, payments to be paid on the 28th oem from November 2021.

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

Clerk	(i) Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk net salary from 14 th September 2021)	£ 149.30
	(ii) Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk net salary October 2021)	£ 263.47

21/155. Planning: EC mentioned that we often see notices around the village but we never know if planning has been approved or not, we would like to be informed if planning has been approved. AY to write to District Council to ask if they can notify the EPC re the outcome of planning permissions

(a) Refusal of permission – None

(b) Applications – None

(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 – None

21/156. To update on Community Speedwatch and discuss the traffic - JG mentioned that so far the highest return is of 22 speeding in a month, this last month they have been out twice & there were 18, this shows that speeding has increased considerably and also there has been a further accident this month near Valley Farm. JG says that no-one is aware of these accidents as they do not have to be reported to the police which is portraying that the roads are safe when in fact they are not. A meeting is to be arranged with Steffan Aquarone, JG & County Council to go through the facts & figures. JG to contact Steffan Aquarone. JC asked what maybe the outcome. JG advised once they have the required information, we will see what is proposed. Traffic calming is a possibility, or width reductions, MC advised with large HGV's passing through any restrictions on width will not be possible. It was also mentioned the Green has been damaged by large agricultural vehicles however it was mentioned that they have no alternative route and it is the only route available for specified fields.

21/157. To update on the land adjacent to the development & to update on the Extra-Ordinary meeting re Playing Field and adjacent land.

MC advised AH & LP will come forward with a plan in Jan 2022, this will then be proposed and put forward to the village. AB confirmed the field is District Council owned, also District Council are responsible for the equipment, grass cutting and insurance on the playing field. AB says the offer is only on the field and not the playing field but will clarify as we need to know before we work on a plan.

21/158. To discuss Highways issues – none

21/159. Correspondence:

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Email received re Queens Jubilee, it was decided the EPC want a beacon as this will be the last one of QEII reign, it was agreed that we wish to proceed on June 22nd 2022

Email received regarding a Plaque, it was agreed we wish to proceed, AY to let them know when our meetings are.

Poppy wreath is still in good condition for remembrance Sunday, we will buy another wreath next year, we have agreed to stop donations and provide a wreath instead

JG mentioned Parishioners have asked him how to request usage of the village green on new years eve, it was advised that they should attend a meeting to discuss

21/160. Any other business for information only – none

21/161. To agree the date of the next meeting – Monday 15th November 2021, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

21/162. To close the meeting There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:25pm.

Signed as a correct record by:

Date: