

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield, Monday 20th September 2021, 7pm.

Present: Mark Cook (Chair) (MC) Anne Harrap (AH)
 Suzanne Longe (SL) Emma Cletheroe (EC)

Andrew Brown (District Councillor)
Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk)
+ 1 member of the public

Parishioners' comments: none

21/131. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence – MC welcomed everyone, and apologies were noted for Harrie Morshuis, Lin Pateman, Jackie Cole & Steffan Aquarone
21/132. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak – None.
21/133. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of Monday 16th August 2021 – The minutes were approved and signed (not seconded, will be considered in October meeting).
21/134. Matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda – None
21/135. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor – SA sent his apologies
21/136. Report from Andrew Brown, District Councillor – No report as Andrew wanted to discuss the Broadland options & where things stand. Following the last PC meeting there has been a zoom meeting on 1st Sept in which Andrew put forward PC's case regarding Broadlands imminent option to buy the parcel of land beside the existing development in Edgefield, and also, in light of these recent events, the PC has felt compelled to apply for FOI request and want to bring an end to Broadland having any interest in Phase 2. Seeing as it is land they currently control, the Council will want to keep options for the long term, so for the short term the Council are prepared to agree that they will not enter into the option that was granted by the council in 2018 with Broadlands however, if this land isn't to be developed, what will be done with regards to maintaining the land? The council have offered a lease or tenancy for 3 years, options may be extended to 5 or 7, if the PC is amenable to this the question is who will maintain the land in this period. Maintain, as in not to be occupied or trespassed.

The Council have conceded that this whole affair was not handled very well, Andrew also advised that Andrew Savage (CEO of Broadland Housing) now has an application in for 38 developments in Corpusty and has said they have no intention of entering into any other options at present.

Andrew asked for concerns from the board.

21/137. To update on windfarm applications – Nothing to report.
21/138. Finance: No up to date statements as AY has no access to internet banking yet
(a) To approve the monthly financial statement – to be approved at the next meeting
(b) Payments - The Following payments were approved (prop. AH, sec. JC)

(i) K Cotgrove – Clerk's salary up to 13 th September, inc. HMRC	£156.60
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Approved, AY salary will be paid in October

21/139. Planning:

- (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.

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

(h) Additional planning issues – None

21/140. To update on Community Speedwatch and discuss the traffic On Friday there was the highest record of 22 vehicles speeding through the village, Jeremy Goldney was in attendance. JG will keep forwarding details of incidents on the road, there was an overturned car this morning. MC mentioned Duncan Baker would like to join in on a speed recording session and asked Jeremy to email to arrange a meeting. It was noted that speeding is a problem everywhere.

21/141. To update on the Broadland Housing scheme, the land adjacent to the development & to update on the FOI request – There has been a response from Graham Connelly, stating they would like to rebuild the relationship with PC offering the PC a tenancy of 3 years, there is no guarantee what will happen after this period. No amounts have been discussed but suggests it may be a “peppercorn rent”, ie not gifted. Options with the land were discussed. It is noted £7600 is held towards developing the land as per Section 106, page 13, dated 13th April 2017. This is available to view on the planning portal in relation to the Broadland development, 2015 permission, PF/15/1223, on NNDC planning permission. The lease with the former tenant was terminated last year, the land would need to be kept as amenity land. It was decided that in principle this is agreed however 3 years is not long enough to put any plan in place, we need to see a detailed map clarifying the area, who owns the playing field, how much is the rent and what the covenants/restrictions are (section 106). Andrew asked if PC still want to follow up the FOI request, PC advised that they do.

Parishioner left at 7.40

21/142. To discuss Highways issues – Outside the old school house there is a grate in the road which has sunk down, this is to be reported to highways.

Someone needs to collect the apples that fall on Edgefield Street to prevent flooding, Highways will not take responsibility, the culvert near the old bus shelter (PC to investigate who owns it)

21/143. Correspondence: A householder from The Limes has approached Duncan Baker about poor phone coverage, we advised we have approached phone companies and no-one is interested

21/144. Any other business for information only – It was noted that the village sign needs attention, MC will check to see if there is any oil available.

The phone boxes need refurbishment, Nigel Harrison previously volunteered to paint the village hall phone box, suggestions made to put something in the village extra or FB to refurb the phone boxes on Edgefield Street and Rectory Road.

The pond needs clearing, AH will approach Phil Borley to arrange a date, provisionally 2nd October

21/145. To agree the date of the next meeting – Monday 18th October 2021, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

21/146. To close the meeting There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:35pm.

Signed as a correct record by:

Date: