

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield, Friday 8th October 2021, 7pm.

Present: Mark Cook (Chair) (MC) Anne Harrap (AH)
Jackie Cole (JC) Lin Pateman (LP)

Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk)
+ 2 members of the public

Extra Ordinary Meeting to discuss application for tenancy of land next to rectory road

Parishioners comments - none

21/147. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence – MC welcomed everyone, and apologies were noted for Harrie Morshuis, Andrew Brown (District Councillor) & Emma Cletheroe.

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

21/149. Discussion about possible taking on temporary lease

Email from Graham Connelly dated 23rd September was discussed,
Conversation with Ed Mumford Smith, confirmed nothing is planned for the next 5 years but maybe after that

It was highlighted that if we wish to rent land to provide amenities for village it will only be for a short while, as the land will eventually be developed.

LP said funding is available to provide a green space so we can hopefully retain the land and prevent it from being built on.

It was decided that members of the committee are all in agreement to apply to develop the playing field and develop the land next to the playing field. As it stands there is a lot of mowing and maintenance on the playing field however, the plans on the drawing show that it can be made much more manageable, there are a lot of community funds available to protect & develop green spaces

The question was raised can we peppercorn rent both pieces of land? The playing field belongs to NNDC

It is suggested that funds will cover costs of the insurance and maintenance, it is also suggested that once the land has been developed into a decent playing area it may be allowed to stay and not built upon

The document Norfolk Open Spaces gives evidence of the benefits of open spaces

It was suggested that there are funds available but is there any point in spending it if eventually it will be built upon.

MC suggested finding out how much funding would be available, MC also stated there no need for 22 houses on this particular area. We need confirmation from the council regarding any funding that is currently being held

A parishioner is concerned about activity behind his land, he also suggested beehives, it was discussed to keep a gate in place to keep any vehicles off the land

A second parishioner said there are ways of deterring dog fouling & keeping dogs on a lead etc

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LP & AH to find out who we can approach for additional funding

If anyone would like to join as a working group to organise costing & a proposal, JC confirmed

Write to the District Council to ask if they would rent the field and advise we are working on a plan, probably ready in January

Summary

Confirm if the Council will rent the playing field

If yes then proceed with plan

Circulate the plan to the Parish for feedback & suggestions

Email Graham Connelly

AH & LP to come back in January with figures

21/150. To agree the date of the next meeting – Monday 18th October 2021, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

21/151. To close the meeting There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:05pm.

Signed as a correct record by:

Date: