

## EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7pm.

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

Andrew Brown (District Councillor)  
Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk)  
Representatives from Norfolk County Council Water Board Sean Riseley & Mark Ogden)  
Adel Macnicol (Deputy Lieutenant)  
16 Parishioners

**21/163. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence** – MC welcomed everyone, and apologies were noted for Steffan Aquarone, Jackie Cole, Lin Pateman

**21/164.** Adel Macnicol, Deputy Lieutenant, representing the Queen, presented the Parish Council with a plaque to recognise lifelong commitment to the community.

**Adel Macnicol left the meeting**

**21/165.Parishioners' comments:**

1.PF/21/2468 - Edgefield - Land At Top Of Sands Loke, Sands Loke, Edgefield. Parishioners wanted to discuss the recent development of this area into an enclosed dog training/exercise area & carpark stating that the long hours, constant traffic, flood lighting & constant barking is causing distress to wild life and residents in the area.

2. Flooding Ramsgate Street

Parishioner affected by the flooding on Ramsgate Street on 20<sup>th</sup> October had prepared a statement. The Parishioner spoke on behalf of the affected residents saying that every measure possible needs to be taken to prevent this from happening again, they wish to use the PC as a conduit to landowners and Government bodies. As this was a huge deluge, debris was washed downstream and blocked the culvert under the road, the stream burst its banks and ran down the road into properties. A Parishioner has voluntarily unblocked the stream by lifting out silt and vegetation with a hired excavator, the grill was fitted previously but has not been maintained to keep it clear. Houses, garages, gardens were flooded with silt. It was mentioned that on a previous flood, 20 years ago certain measures were put in place however these have lapsed. It was requested to resurrect these measures.

The members from NCC Water Management stated measures to prevent flash flooding are on the website. They requested that all members who were affected forward their details to the Council as data is imperative. Sean Riseley & Mark Ogden have some options that would benefit and a folder was handed to the PC for perusal

1. 5 properties were flooded that are known, following a report from fire brigade the Water Management team were alerted. The water course was overgrown and a lot of debris was apparent, these water courses need regular clearing, water breached the water courses and flooded the land. There are 3 locations that need addressing. Landowners can implement measures to prevent this happening, the culvert is not designed to carry such large quantities of water. The Water Management Team has identified landowners and will be contacting them.
2. Leaky dams created by wood or fallen trees/telegraph poles span the width of the water course, allow water to pass through, but dam flood water.

3. A report will be published and discussed with the relevant landowners and affected bodies, the report does not identify specific people. Ditches and watercourses have been overflowing all over Norfolk and it has been recognised that clearing these is not the only answer, damming and other options will be discussed.

MC stated that we do write to landowners however some land owners are missing and we are unable to contact them. At this time there was an unrepresented amount of water and critical fields had just been ploughed. The Parish has no legal powers to make landowners clear their properties, we can only request. The NCC Water Management Team confirmed that they can help with this and implement other measures to help. District Council can take on clearing water ways but does not do this generally as it is public money and they do not want the responsibility.

The grill under the road is too fine and liable to cause blockages, this should be removed. Highways will do this.

A Parishioner requested commissioning a survey on the tributaries and ponds as the landscape has changed, the Water Management Team said that land studies and local knowledge should be enough to develop and plan to avoid this happening again. The report has yet to be finished and all options will be discussed and planned. Email address [water.management@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:water.management@norfolk.gov.uk) fao Sean Riseley for anyone who wishes to put forward their thoughts.

Note. (Cllr Andrew Brown) stated that Land Registry are not obliged to know who owns land. The Environment Agency is currently plotting flood risk areas and approaching land owners & developers. The Water Management team said that they want to look into trying to divert water away from the flood area, the missing land owner relates to the piece of land behind the bus shelter, there used to be a pond in that area, this may be an option, all options will be considered. HM asked if culvert will be removed? The Water Management team advised all options will be looked into.

**Representatives from NCC Water Management Team left the meeting along with some parishioners**

**21/166. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.

**21/167. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Proposed AH, seconded EC

**21/168 Issues not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda**

Hedges on the lane coming out of Edgefield, opposite the old tip, need cutting

**21/169. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** – SA sent his apologies. email has been sent round re setting up a speed watch sub committee, to be discussed later

**21/170. Report from Andrew Brown, District Councillor** – a report was emailed before the meeting. **AB** asked if there are any comments, the headlines

*New Enforcement reporting online* – new interactive online reporting link for logging complaints to replace the current email address

*Conservation area appraisals* – The conservation team are contacting parish clerks & parochial church councils wardens to arrange venues in each parish for public consultations between 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 10 January

*Offshore Wind Projects* – All projects are challenged to be delayed until it is established what the outcome will be by Orsted and Equinor using pathfinder status for their point to point cabling scheme

*Greenbuild 2021 certificate* – Norfolk is one of the top 3 biodiversity hotspots in the UK, the Council arranged for Chris Packham to give a presentation

*Spotlight on sewerage discharges* – Anglian water has been offered a gradual reduction in the amount of sewerage that can be discharged into rivers and main waterways but no timescales have been set

*Tree planting strategy launched* – 20,000 trees have already been planted & it is aimed to increase this to 40,000 by the end of next March

*New Section 106 tracking system managing funds* – new software has been approved to track and manage funds pledged by developers at the various stages of planning agreements

**21/171. To update on windfarm applications** – Email received stating that Councils do not need to take any action yet as a letter will be drawn up to issue to the SOS, Councils only need to respond if they no longer wish to be included in the signatory list. It was decided that we wish to remain therefore no action necessary

**21/172. Finance:** We have been advised to be considerate with precept due to souring costs, Clerk's fees will increase to £3182.40pa, all other expenditure items are to remain the same apart from training to increase to £100, defib can decrease as we will have a new battery but will still need pads, this means that the precept will remain at £6625.00. It is recommended to keep the precept the same HM proposed, EC seconded. MC says we have funds available as not much was spent in 2021 – 2022.

**(a) To approve the monthly financial statement** – to be approved next month

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

Clerk	(i) Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk net salary for November 2021, PAYE £9.74)	£ 265.20
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**21/173. Planning:**

**1. Retrospective planning at the top of sands loke** PF/21/2468 Change of use of land from agriculture to enclosed dog exercise area with associated car parking area. (Retrospective) | Land At Top Of Sands Loke Sands Loke Edgefield Norfolk

**(a) Refusal of permission** – None

**(b) Applications** – one

**(c) Development committee decision – to comment**

2 parishioners are being affected by the lights and barking dogs. This is a very quiet area and there is a lot of wildlife however this has changed since the development with a lot of traffic, noise and people. The land was "set aside land". The PC will object to any lighting, although it is realised that land owners are being encouraged to diversify this is not fair on the local residents. Not only do the dogs bark on the training field, they set off local dogs barking as well. Access is through a private road. It was suggested to comment on the planning application to operate under normal business hours (not daylight hours) and artificial/flood lights will not be approved. The PC feel that the dog training area is situated in the wrong place for this type of business

**(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

**2. Flintstones 3 bedroom development** - PF/21/2710 | Erection of two-storey three-bedroom dwelling and detached carport with associated access, parking and landscaping | The Flintstones Plumstead Road Edgefield Norfolk NR24 2RN

**(a) Refusal of permission** – one

**(b) Applications** – one

**(c) Development committee decision – to object**

5.2 access & design, local planning policy SS2 prevents new builds in designated countryside. AB is concerned about this application, this cannot be considered as affordable housing. It all contravenes planning policy & no material gain for the village. This will not be approved.

**(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

**21/174. To update on Community Speedwatch and discuss the traffic** – SA has suggested setting up a sub committee, MC stated there is no need to set up a sub committee, any proposals will have to come before

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the Parish Council in any case. Highways want assistance in writing a report with stats & data provided by parishioners and this is why they have requested a sub committee. PC realises there is an issue and welcome SA input and happy to meet with Highways at any time, parishioner said it's very hard to get out of Sands Loke as the traffic travelling along Holt Road is considerable

**21/175. To update on the land adjacent to the development**

AH & LP have drawn up a proposal, councillors will consider the proposal over the next month. Clerk will email councillor to say we have prepared a proposal. Parishioner says to amend proposal to opposite way round, MC also said we may change the proposal as it's not been considered yet, it is to be voted at the next Parish Council Meeting in December, then it will be circulated to the village for comments.

**21/176. To discuss Highways issues** – Pot hole down Rectory Road, road is breaking up the at entrance to council houses and needs to be reported. Also the road where the flood occurred on Ramsgate Street where Street Farm is. Clerk to inform Highways

**21/177. Correspondence:** New Years eve party, PC insurance policy covers events held by the PC only. PC will not approve of fireworks or fire pits

**21/178. Any other business for information only** – A parishioner stated is there any budget to move road speed restriction signs. It was suggested to invite Steve White from Highways to come to the next council meeting to discuss moving speed restriction sign to increase the speed restriction area

**21/179. To agree the date of the next meeting** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**21/180. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:30pm.

Signed as a correct record by:

Date: