

Monday 21st August 2023, 7pm

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield,
Monday 21st August 2023, 7pm.

Present: Mark Cook (Chair) (MC) Anne Harrap (AH)
Suzanne Longe (SL)
Anne Harrap (AH) Jackie Cole (JC)

Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk)
9 Parishioners

10 minutes will be allowed for public comment on agenda items only at the start of the meeting.,

Edgefield Hill. (Dams Hill) pre application for 5 shepherds huts, tents & 2 houses, this was refused by Highways and planners. There are now 5 shepherds huts, 2 shower blocks and toilets. It has been asked how did they get access to water. There has been no planning request for this development. A parishioner advised that an enforcement officer has been on site and the owners say they are waiting for a response. It was mentioned that there was a serious accident at that location previously and yet the works have still gone ahead. There are no fire restrictions, no planning and the pond has been dredged. The Council responded on 5th Nov 2021 stating significant damage could be caused and Highways decided that the proposal would not be approved. A parishioner advised that the people who are letting the land have been advised that they don't need planning permission. Clerk to email AB & NNDC to advise our concerns, there are considerations regarding access, Highways, the Environment Agency about the ponds and Forestry Commission about the trees.

Old Church Tower. A Parishioner mentioned that there is a problem with the Old Church Tower and the Parish Council should be looking after this. As the Churchyard is closed it should be a matter for the PC. The Parishioner said he has been unable to secure funding. Clerk will look into this on receipt of the email.

23/112. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence – Apologies, Emma Cletheroe & Cllr Andrew Brown. MC welcomed everyone.

23/113. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak - none

23/114. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of Monday 17th July 2023 – Circulated to Councillors on 14th August 2023. On a Proposal by Cllr JC, SECONDED Cllr AH the minutes were AGREED

23/115. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda – None

23/116. Report from Cllr Steffan Aquarone, Norfolk County Councillor – None

23/117. Report from Cllr Andrew Brown, District Councillor – None

23/118. FINANCE

- (i) To approve the financial statement, bank statement, cash book & budget – emailed to Councillors on 14th August 2023

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr LP, SECONDED by Cllr JC it was AGREED to approve the financial statement, bank statement, cash book and budget.

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To Approve the following payment

Clerk salary £291.41 (July 23)

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr SL, SECONDED by Cllr AH it was AGREED to approve the payment

(iii) To sign mandate from NS&I. Signatories appointed are Mark Cook, Amanda Yacoubian & Emma Cletheroe. ALL AGREED & mandate was signed by MC & AY. As the mandate is to close the account Clerk will look into opening a savings account.

23/119. Planning Applications and Decisions

Edgefield Hill (Dams Hill) – see above.

PF/23/1537 Land at the flintstones – object – does not fit in the with appearance of the village

PU/23/1670 Land North East of Wood Farm – no objection

23/120. To Update on Community Speedwatch and discuss traffic – JG has been stood down since the end of July, he has no capacity to do the admin anymore. The admin requires at least 2 hours a week plus an hour recording speed. It requires a new recruitment campaign. A leaflet needs to be designed and distributed around the village. LP will design a leaflet along with JG.

23/121. To Update on Greening, Edgefield – no update, to be taken up with Cllr AB. LP & AH will draft a series of questions for NNDC

23/122. Update on Highways issues – Pathway opposite The Pigs – Highways will not address the issue of putting stones on the path as the path is not categorized as a footpath. The footpath will have to be registered as a footpath. Clerk will contact Steffan Aquarone to ask about how to proceed

23/123 Bench in memory of Annie Brooks – Friends of Edgefield would like to put a bench and a plaque as a lasting memorial to Annie Brooks. Proposed MC, Seconded AH, all agreed

23/124. Correspondence –

- a) Email from Edgefield Town Council, North Carolina – Clerk to put an excerpt in the Parish News
- b) Purchase of Flags by Friends of Edgefield – Friends have bought 4 more flags and will put them up on various occasions
- c) NALC new design website, the website has been updated by NALC, it was decided to put more things on the website

23/125. To agree date of the next meeting – Monday 18th September 2023

23/126. To Close the Meeting – meeting closed at 19.47pm

Signed as a correct record by:

date: