

Monday 15th January 2024, 7pm

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield, Monday 15th January 2024, 7pm.

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

Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk)
Cllr Andrew Brown
12 members of the Public

24/1. Election of Chair – Emma Cletheroe was elected as Chair for this meeting. EC mentioned that Mark Cook has resigned as Chair and Councillor and we thank him for all the work he has done over the years, ALL AGREED

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

A parishioner had some questions for the Council. Flooding at Rectory Road, the ditch that was dug was insufficient and can something be done, Clerk will write to the landowner, also Flood contact phone numbers to be distributed. Ash tree on the corner of the loke and tithe barn is falling down and needs addressing, Council to look into who owns the tree. A while ago there was a speed watch survey, what happened? This is being addressed. Another parishioner mentioned the flooding opposite the Church, Cllr AB can raise with Cllr Aquarone/Highways. Clerk to forward photographs. A parishioner mentioned about the large poplar on the green, he is requesting why permission was withdrawn. Council to issue response. A parishioner asked for an update on Dams Hill. Cllr AB advised that the enforcement team are still in the process of monitoring and reporting. Cllr AB will look into this and report back.

24/2. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence – Apologies Cllr Steffan Aquarone. EC welcomed everyone.

24/3. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak - none

24/4. To consider any applications for Councillor vacancies – There were 3 applicants, voting took place. Jeremy Goldney & Claire Cletheroe were co-opted and joined the Council.

24/5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of Monday 20th November 2023 – Circulated to Councillors on 7th January 2024. On a Proposal by Cllr LP, SECONDED Cllr EC the minutes were AGREED

24/6. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda – Lock is coming loose on the door to the Village Hall and to remind people that the library is still coming to the Village. Clerk to contact Village Hall re lock and post library timetable on the Notice Boards. People are parking without consideration around the war memorial. Some research needs to be done about whose cars they are.

24/7. Report from Cllr Steffan Aquarone, Norfolk County Councillor – sent to Councillors on 8th January 2024.

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24/8. Report from Cllr Andrew Brown, District Councillor – emailed to Councillors on 8th January 2024. Due to the financial pressure that NCC is currently experiencing Council Tax will be increased and many services will be cut back.

24/9. FINANCE

(i) To approve the financial statement, bank reconciliation, cash book & budget – emailed to Councillors on 7th January 2024

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

(ii) To Approve the following payments

Clerk salary £313.08 (November 23)

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ICO Direct debit £35.00

Training and support Induction £52.00

How to make successful grant applications £40.00

Village Hall rental for 2023 £258.00

On a PROPOSAL by Cllr SL, SECONDED by Cllr AH it was AGREED to approve the payments. ALL AGREED

24/10. Planning Applications and Decisions

- i. NNDC Planning Consultation Ref. PF/23/1537 – Withdrawal of development of land At The Flintstones, Plumstead Road, Edgefield, Melton Constable, Norfolk, NR24 2RN
- ii. NNDC TPO Served TPO/23/1036 – Dam Hills

24/11. To Update on Community Speedwatch and discuss traffic – Speedwatch is encouraging more applicants as someone is required to download the data and submit. JG & Clerk to revisit results of traffic survey and possibly revise.

24/12. To Update on Greening, Edgefield. To consider signed Heads of Terms for the lease – Heads of Terms to be circulated to new Councillor's before signing.

24/13. To decide on Highways issues – Clerk to collect photo's and forward onto Cllr AB.

24/14. To adopt Biodiversity Policy and follow action plan – ALL AGREED

24/15. Correspondence & Clerk Report -

- Quote received for Jubilee playing field fence post repair £274.32 ALL AGREED
- Request for training for using the defibrillator – As this is very expensive we can look into funding, Clerk will look into this.
- Email received Friday 5th Jan re flooding on Rectory Road – ref above
- Request by Parishioner for an update regarding the poplar tree on The Green – ref above

24/16. To agree date of the next meeting – Monday 19th February 2024

24/17. To Close the Meeting – meeting closed at 20.11 pm

Signed as a correct record by:

date: