

Edgefield Parish Council
Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, held in the Village Hall, on
Monday 19th May 2025, at 6.30 pm

Present: Emma Cletheroe Jackie Cole
 Suzanne Longe Claire Cletheroe
 Jeremy Goldney

Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk)

Parishioners x 4

1. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence - Councillor A Brown

2. Approve Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair Proposed JC, Seconded JG

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Chairs Report 2024/25

Chairs report for Edgefield parish council 2025 First I would like to thank the other councillors for attending meetings, their input, knowledge and help throughout the year. Councillor Brown for his contribution to our meetings and to Amanda our clerk for all her work. We still have items we are working on, the bus shelter needs a repaint on Ramsgate Street, but we have that in hand, a new defibrillator in the phone box on the green which the money has been allocated for it, speedwatch needs regrouping and the SAM 2 sign needs maintenance. With that we have also managed to resolve some items as a council.

Policies - Amanda has them up to date

Potholes - many have been filled, but we are always reporting new ones

Telephone boxes (3) - Have all been repaired and repainted

gov.uk - As a council we all have a gov.uk email, which all parishes will have to have

Pond - The environment group had the digger in this year, and many thanks to the volunteers who help with the environment group tidying the pond and the surrounding area

S106 - After finding evidence that the S106 money was still owed to us from Broadland housing development and with persistence, the district council have now paid us our money

The parish council have just held a celebration evening with a lighten beacon on the church car park for 80th VE Day, with cheese and wine, a successful event with approximately 80 people

5. To note reports from village organisations

The Village Hall Committee

2024/25 has been a quieter year for the village hall in terms of additions and improvements, although Gary Bunting recently repaired the entranceway into the main hall, which had

begun to rot and therefore sink. Our longtime cleaner Fang Keighley retired last year and I would like to record my thanks for her excellent work over the years in keeping the hall spotless. Fortunately we have found an excellent replacement in young Evie Kehoe, who under her mother's watchful eye is doing an equally good job!

Last summer we held an open air disco and BBQ on the Green instead of our annual Edgefest and it proved a successful, popular and happy evening. This year we are back to Edgefest - now number 7, which will be on Saturday 19th July, with two acts and a hog roast. It would be lovely to see as many people from the village as possible attend the event.

We also held another Bingo evening last autumn, which as usual proved very popular and generated a lot of laughs and fun, as did the annual Christmas evening, with everyone proving that they never quite lose the ability or will to partake in childish games and nonsense!

Despite losing two regular exercise classes last year, the hall continues to be well used and consequently we strive to maintain our high standards of facilities, to make the hall as attractive as possible to hire.

Poor's Fuel Allotment, Edgefield

The purpose of the Fund is to let, manage and insure and arrange the repair and maintenance of the property, Fuel Cottage, at best rent on a lease. Then to apply the net proceeds of the rental income for the benefit of the poor persons of the parish of Edgefield as the Trustees think fit in the supply of fuel and articles in kind or gifts of money. Annually, in December, the Fund distributes money to assist with the cost of fuel and heating to residents of the village over 60 and who have resided full time for over 5 years. Otherwise, during the year, the Fund advertises the availability of monies, networking with local charities and the Benefice, to make people aware of the funds we hold so as to provide assistance with such things as the cost of fuel and living crisis. Each application for any individual request is assessed for the eligibility of the applicant and then on its own merits. Applications are always welcome for the Trustees to consider. The Trustees have regard to the limitations placed upon them for the use of the funds as set out in the Charity Commission Scheme. The Fund continues to research its possible ownership of some retained land on Little Barningham Road, from the original 1815 Inclosure, and since the time a part of the land comprising Fuel Farm was sold in 1961. The Trustees are still in the process of looking to register the Title of Fuel Cottage, with HM Land Registry. The Trustees have also been, and continue, investigating the possibility to purchase and/or use of other land to provide low cost housing for Edgefield if the Charity Commission concur that is within the objects of the Charity.

Jeremy Goldney, Chair, Poores Fuel Allotment, Edgefield

Cottage Trust

I can report a positive year for The Cottage Trust.

Both of the properties still have the same householders as the year before. Apart from ongoing maintenance costs which are to be expected, we have had no major expenditure and none is planned at the moment. Our finances remain in a reasonable position.

I am glad to report that all trustees have remained in place, and we are pleased that the Parish Council were happy to nominate Dawn Hulbert to continue as a trustee. We thank Dawn for her continued service, and indeed all trustees for their time and effort, enabling the trust to continue.

Mark Cook, Chair Cottage Trust

Jubilee Playing Field

Regarding the jubilee playing field, this year currently we don't have anyone to take the grass off for hay, if this is not achievable, then it will be topped going into winter. This is ongoing and will be resolved soon. A parishioner continues to donate money every month. For the Batchelor field, with very sad news our tenant passed earlier this year, we are now in the middle of a revaluation, to update the agreement and to look for a tenant.

EDGEFIELD ENVIRONMENT GROUP (EEG)

Annual Report for Edgefield Annual Parish Meeting:

EEG's aims remain the same in managing the village pond as a natural pond, working to the management plan; a haven for wildlife to be enjoyed by all residents of the parish and others visiting from further afield. To consider restoration of other Parish green spaces.

"Pond (work) Parties" took place on the following dates:

15th Jun. '24: Taller vegetation was removed from the margins. 7 x volunteers attended.

12th Oct. '24: Further marginal clearance took place. 6 x volunteers attended.

2nd Nov. '24: Marginal clearance took place. The overgrown willow on the hall side was cut back. 6 x volunteers attended.

20th-21st Nov.'24: Pond clearance carried out by contractor.

1st Feb. '25: The woodland area hazel and willow was coppiced, overgrown saplings removed and undergrowth cleared. The overgrown brambles and ivy around the oil tank were cut back.

PB kindly used his vehicle and trailer to remove the brashings to transport to the waste site.

L.P. removed the "Ken Newman tree plaque" to clean and restore. 8 x volunteers attended.

March '25: P.B. attended to cut back the buddleia on the west side. LP replaced the plaque.

14th May '25: Re-growth of Norfolk reed removed. Moorhen with two chicks present. 5 x volunteers attended.

Next Pond Party to take place Weds. 28th May '25 at 6:30pm. ALL WELCOME.

Church report for Parish Council Annual Meeting

The parish church of St. Peter & St. Paul has again had a busy and active year. Major church festivals were, as usual, marked with special services, which were well attended. The Benefice Administrator, Kevin Harvey, has been able to lighten the administrative load of the Rector and has also succeeded in drawing up a rota of services ensuring that they are evenly distributed throughout our seven-church benefice.

In addition to regular services, we have had a baptism, four confirmations, three weddings and three funerals. Roger Allsop has worked hard to keep the elderly war memorial clock

going. Roger Cletheroe has again kindly strimmed hedges and mown the car park. A hardworking team of volunteers have continued to keep the beautiful old churchyard maintained.

Fundraising events included a murder mystery play in the village hall and an enjoyable concert by The Samphires vocal ensemble. The craft fair held in October had fifteen different stalls. We were also pleased to welcome Amanda Watson Green, a descendant of Canon Marcon, from New Zealand. Amanda spent three weeks in the autumn painting at the church before travelling north to lecture at Scottish universities. She has left one of her larger canvases on display in the church, and will be returning later this year.

In November the quinquennial inspection took place. This is when the diocesan architect makes recommendations for repairs to the fabric of the church. Following her report we have put in place a plan for action.

A major aspect of the past year has been our work with young people and a growing number of children have been attending these activities. An informal family church service takes place each month and during the school holidays we have offered craft activity mornings in church. These have been much appreciated.

Richard Peaver
PCC Secretary, SS Peter & Paul, Edgefield

Comments from Parishioners – refer to APCM

Signed.....

Date 19th May 2025