

EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Edgefield, Monday 29th June 2026, 4.30pm.

Present: Cllr Emma Cletheroe (EC) Chair
Cllr Jackie Cole (JC)
Cllr Melinda Derry (MD)
Cllr Jeremy Goldney (JG) (Vice Chair)

Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk)
1 member of the Public

26/93. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence- Claire Cletheroe, apologies accepted

26/94. To receive Statements of Pecuniary or Prejudicial interests for dispensations – EC – dispensation granted to speak regarding update on the pond but to abstain from voting.

26/95. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Monday 15th June 2026 – Circulated to Councillors on 22nd June 2026. Proposed Cllr EC, seconded Cllr JC. ALL AGREED

26/96. To report progress on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – None

26/97. Open Forum – 10 minutes will be allowed for public comment on agenda items only at the start of the meeting – None

26/98. Village Pond - To receive an update regarding the critical infestation of Crassula helmsii (New Zealand Pygmy weed) at the pond on The Green

Clerk conversation with A Piers at NNDC advised the following - Following our conversation regarding removal of Crassula helmsii from the pond in Edgefield, I anticipate that any works carried out prior to the Great crested newt hibernation period (November to January) is likely to require a mitigation licence. It is likely that based on the purpose of the works and the proposed methodology, a "low impact" licence (CL33 licence) would be the most appropriate, although I would advise you to contact the Natural England Wildlife Licensing team directly:

Clerk has sought advice from EA regarding the presence of crassula in the pond and they advised that the pond should have a barrier around it to prevent entry into the water. Also, signage should be put up to warn people not to enter the water to prevent inadvertent spreading of the crassula. Different barriers were discussed and it was decided to use metal barriers at the cost of £15 per barrier and 22 barriers would be needed. AGREED MD, JG, JC. (EC abstained)

26/99 To consider the appointment of an Ecologist to assist the Council with Great Crested Newt requirements and compliance with Natural England guidance regarding the November – January working period – On advice from NNDC and NWT an ecologist must be

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employed to help with the application to Natural Wildlife Trust for a licence. This is needed because of the presence of Great Crested Newts. The Clerk has contacted Glaven Ecologists however their offices are closed until 1st July.

26/100 To receive and consider quotes for proposed works on the pond – EC left the meeting, JG took on position of Chair

Clerk has received 2 quotes. None in favour of quote 1, all in favour of quote 2. Clerk to contact the Contractors.

EC returned to the meeting and resumed as Chair

26/101. To consider the invitation to a site meeting at the development at Wood Farm, Plumstead Road – JC, EC and JG considered the invitation and decided to attend after the meeting.

26/101. To agree the date of the next meeting – 20th July 2026

26/102. To close the meeting - 17.01

Signed as a correct record by:

date: