

Minutes of Redgrave Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12 January 2005
At Redgrave Activities Centre 7.30 pm

Present

Mr S Burgess, Mr R Hayward, Mr K Green, Mr J VanBeveren, Mrs J Orves,
Mrs A Preston, Mrs D Culley, county councillor C Michell (from 8.30), district
councillor S Michell and 6 residents

1. Apologies
Mr I Baird, Mr A Aves
2. Chairmans opening
The chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest
None
4. Minutes of meeting Wednesday 10 November
Minutes agreed as a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by the agenda
None
6. Open discussion with county and district council and services
Noted that police were again not represented possibly due to confusion over date. Sara Michell explained the new one-stop service bureau at Stowmarket for both District and County Council inquiries. It is in the old Lloyds building in the main street in Stowmarket. It is for both face to face inquiries and for telephone inquiries phone 0844 800 0101. It is called Customer Service Direct. If it proves successful, it is planned to create similar bureaux in Eye and Needham Market. Charles Michell spoke later in the agenda but it is reported in this section. Charles explained that there will be county council elections in May and he will be standing for the election for the next term. Any requests for locality budget funding needed to be made before the end of the financial year. The new council offices are fully operational and Charles would be pleased to show anyone the facilities if they happened to be in Ipswich.
7. Open discussion with residents
There were no items raised
8. Planning decisions received
Permission had been granted for:-
1168/04 Garage Foxhollow
C/TPO/30/04 reduce canopy of tree at Oak House
1131/04 Conservatory 12 Churchway
1295/04 Oak House agricultural to garden
1353/04 Garage Charters Towers – we missed the comment date on this one
TCA/75/04 Sycamores at Holly Cottage
TCA/68/04 Maple at Felix Cottage
1083/04 Two dwellings rear of old shop/post office - MSDC sent a letter to the Parish Council explaining why they had granted permission even though we had objected. The main reason was that permission had already been granted for 2 dwellings on that site in 2002 and that would remain in force even if the current modifications were refused. Restrictions have been placed on the use of the land in front of the proposed dwellings. It is noted that such an explanation is

a very useful new initiative in the dialogue between parish and district.

9. Donations to charities

Simon Burgess presented his listing of the charities for discussion.

It was decided to concentrate the £400 budgeted for this purpose to only those charities which had direct relevance and value to the residents of Redgrave.

It was decided to support the following:-

Village Day £100, Neighbourhood Watch £50, Suffolk Accident Rescue £50, Pyramids Playbus £50, Botesdale & Rickinghall Playgroup £50, Citizens Advice Bureau £30, Community Council Father Christmas £25.

Andrew Aves will be asked to find more about the Bacon Trust and its applicability to Redgrave before making any decision on a grant to Bacon Trust.

10. Finance and cheques for signature

Recorded that it was agreed by email circulation between meetings that £25 be paid to Community Council for Father Christmas (forgot at November meeting).

Agreed that the payments be made to all of the charities listed in item 9.

Agreed that £130 be paid now to the Parish Magazine for one page space for one year from March 1st.

Rent cheques had been received for Town Pit £52 and Fen Allotment £46.

11. Progress in finding new clerk

Based on the experience of running with one of the councillors as a voluntary clerk it was decided to outsource secretarial and book-keeping services for the voluntary clerk rather than being the employer of a paid clerk in local government with all of its increasingly onerous employment legislation requirements.

Potential suppliers for the service will be sought.

12. Registration of Parish Land

A quotation will be sought from a solicitor for the Land Registry registration of the three parcels of parish council land.

13. Reinstatement of footpath Redgrave Fen to B1113

The Fen Trust who own the land agree. R Hayward to discuss with Suffolk Wildlife Trust who are the tenants.

14. Parish plan progress

The report is drafted and designed and is now in the detailed editing phase.

The feedback meeting to the village is provisionally planned for March 4.

15. Progress on grants for the Activities Centre

The Big Lottery had not made a grant for the project due to their reduced funding. Mid Suffolk had written agreeing in principle to support but not specifying an amount. Charles Michell would be given the project brief as there could be a possibility of a grant from his Locality Budget. A local businessman had offered to level the extension site and dig the footings free of charge.

16. Progress on bus shelter maintenance

Grant received, just awaiting better weather.

17. PCT Public engagement

Ian Baird had been elected as a member of the public and would report back on progress.

18. Pond cleaning

Await information on products used by Kerry Foods for similar problems.

19. Other correspondence

Agreed take no exception to Cross Keys entertainment licence

Privy Council has decreed Redgrave Church redundant – takes effect April 1

Code of conduct on dual-hatted members distributed to councillors

Copy of land bid reply May 04 on old school field received

Band “D” parish council portion of council tax is £31.85 for 2005/6

Letter sent supporting 40mph buffer zone Fen to 30mph B1113

20. Matters carried forward from this meeting

Items 11 to 18

21. New matters for next meeting

None

22. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9 February 2005

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed

J Orves Chairman

Dated