

Minutes of Redgrave Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 9 February 2005

Present

Mr S Burgess, Mr R Hayward, Mr K Green, Mr J VanBeveren, Mrs J Orves, Mrs A Preston, Mr I Baird, and 25 residents.

1. Apologies
Mrs D Culley Mr A Aves. Mrs S Michell & Mr C Michell (later by email)
2. Chairmans opening
The chairman welcomed everyone and said that the Shop would be discussed under item 7
3. Declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 12 January 2005
Ian Baird asked for it to be clarified that in item 17 he was elected a member of West Suffolk Hospital Foundation Trust Council of Members.
The minutes were then agreed as a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda
No matters arising
6. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
There were no representatives present
7. *Open discussion with residents*
All had come to hear about and discuss the proposed change of use of the shop. The application was received after the publication of the agenda so to have as many as 25 members of the public at this parish council meeting was most helpful in obtaining a more informed opinion than from the parish council alone. There was unanimous agreement that the parish council must oppose any change of use of the shop. The parish plan survey had shown very strong support for having an operating shop despite its having been closed for over a year. There were written comments from 60 children on the impact of the closure. A letter had been received today from Irene Robertson on the impact on pensioners of the closure. It was agreed that Simon Burgess would draft the letter to Mid Suffolk District Council communicating the objection and showing how any change of use would be contrary to policy statement 5.3 for shops and offices.
8. Planning applications received and decisions received
Shop proposed change of use 0123/05 0124/05 – recommend refusal see 7 above
Pond House proposed tree surgery 0322/05
Agreed subject to David Mitchell being sure that the maple and acacia should be removed.
SCC reply on road signs
Many of our proposals had been agreed. The bend signing after Foxhollow had not been agreed nor had the 30 mph extension and we needed to consult with local residents regarding a no right turn at the Churchway end of the Knoll. Ian Baird has arranged a meeting with SCC and will report back.
9. Finance and cheques for signature
E-on energy £10.23 street lighting. Ian Baird will check whether or not this duplicates a direct debit.
10. Progress in search for secretarial services
Two people had been in contact and Joyce Orves had requested further information from them. One was expecting a complete parish clerk role which was contrary to our current aim. It was pointed out that our having shared the workload and having one of our members with the title of parish clerk was

revealing that the work involved was far less than expected. The advert for services will appear in the March parish magazine.

11. Registration of Parish Land – progress & costs
Bob Hayward will go to the Suffolk record office Gatacre Rd Ipswich to look at the Redgrave enclosure map ref 150/1/2.11
12. Info only: Reinstatement of footpath Redgrave Fen to B1113
The Fen Trust and Suffolk Wildlife Trust agreed to reopen the footpath at the B1113 end so that it will be usable right through. SWT have already removed the two fence planks which were an obstacle at B1113 and trimmed a tree which was intrusive. Nothing more formal needs doing – it is open. Jim Kerry to be advised and thanked for bringing this to our notice.
13. Info only: Parish Plan progress and date for village meeting
John Preston reported that the parish plan had been drafted and now needed to be formatted ready for printing. The next meeting of the steering committee would discuss the action plan and the arrangements for a presentation meeting for the village.
14. Info only: Progress on grants for Activities Centre
The £2000 from Charles Michels locality budget had been confirmed. Applications had been made for £5000 to Mid Suffolk, £4200 to Awards for All and £2000 to Suffolk Community Development Fund. *Update 10/2/05 the SCDF has been agreed subject to funds being available early April.*
15. Info only: Progress on Bus Shelter maintenance
Await better weather for outdoor painting
16. Info only: Progress on painting village sign
The village sign had been repainted by Kay and Mitch Mitchell and was now back in position on the Knoll. Congratulations on a grand job and many thanks from all of the members of the parish council.
17. Info only: Health Service public engagement
Ian Baird reported not much progress from PCT but he would keep us informed if anything changed.
18. Pond cleaning
Bernie Cresswell volunteered to get a working party together to clean the pond and would discuss with Hughie Taylor who had organised a previous work party.
19. Handling action plans arising from Parish Plan
It was pointed out that funds would be required for the actions arising from the parish plan. In future our £3000 project budget will prove useful for that purpose as will any savings from not having paid a parish clerk since September.
20. Any other correspondence
SALC Emergency planning meeting Kesgrave Wednesday 23 February 09.30
SALC second-hand computers available – Ian Baird to decide if useful.
SALC Affordable housing meeting Wednesday 9 March Old Newton 19.30
21. Matters carried forward from this meeting
10 through to 19 less 12, plus the shop.
22. New matters for next meeting - none
23. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9 March

Signed

Dated