

MINUTES
REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2006
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Orves, Mrs A Preston, I Baird, R Hayward, J VanBeveren
Councillors C Michell and Mrs S Michell and 7 residents

1. Apologies from K Green, Mrs D Culley, S Burgess
Andrew Aves had tendered his resignation which was accepted. A vacancy will be advertised.
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone
3. There were no declarations of interest
4. The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8 February 2006 were agreed a true record.
The E-on Energy amount was corrected to £14.63
5. There were no matters arising not covered by this agenda
6. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
Charles Michell advised that the Suffolk County Council council tax will rise by 4.5% which is just below the government threshold. The actual inflation index which represents a county council's basket of costs rose by 8%. The locality budget would still be available.
Sara Michell advised that management consultants had been engaged to help streamline the planning process. Parish Councils were to be phoned and invited to site visits before registration of planning applications. The first of these would be regarding the Moneypot caravan. The continuation of Hartismere hospital unit had been referred to the Secretary of State for a decision.
7. *Open discussion with residents*
Nothing further had been heard regarding the shop. There was a lengthy discussion on viability of shops and what happens next. The Clare voluntary shop was mentioned. The resident from the house where vehicles had been parked at the T junction of Churchway and The Street apologised for any inconvenience and explained that it was just temporary during building works. The explanation was most helpful and appreciated.
8. Planning
A letter had been received from Mid Suffolk explaining the next stage of the long range plan relating to the 2003 request by the parish council for reinstatement of the Half Moon play area within the settlement boundary in that long range plan.
The consideration of other parish council land within the local development framework was deferred until more councillors were present.
Considering creating own village development guidelines for future planning was deferred until more councillors were present.
It was agreed to support the CPRE lobby for greater local accountability in planning as set out in "Whose Masters Voice?"
0238 06 FUL Replacement of building Redgrave Business Centre had been reviewed by email distribution and no exception was taken but comment was made on the need for care with soakaways from such a large roof area.
0149 06 OUT House on land at Pump House Half Moon Lane had been reviewed by email distribution and no exception was taken by the majority. One councillor had objected to the principle of having any house on that site.
2605 05 FUL Green Farm Barn permission had been granted by MSDC.
0386 06 TCA Reduce height of sycamores at Richjoy – no exception was taken
9. Finance and cheques for signature
Invoice £130 for space in Parish Magazine agreed to be paid
Playground inspections agreed to request MSDC to organise at cost of £40 each = £80
The McAlpine minimum charge for maintenance had been increased from £30 to £250 plus VAT. McAlpine had responded to our email and suggested that we could cut costs

by becoming part of the Suffolk County Council large scale contract. A quote will be requested from SCC.

Nothing further to report on investigating a Royal Bank of Scotland account.

Nothing further to report on investigating levels of self-insurance and contingency fund.

The need and cost for filing cabinets would be checked by I Baird & R Hayward

Phone line costs have not yet been quoted

10. Consider more childrens equipment. J Orves & A Preston would give questionnaires to the young people on the Hartismere school bus.

11. Kerry Foods had contingency plans for bird flu for putting the ducks inside. The geese are not thought to be at risk.

12. Any other correspondence or info

Coffee Caravan project – A new caravan had been obtained. Ann Preston will attend the AGM on 29 March

A letter had been received from Hayes Affordable Homes in Diss which might prove useful in the future.

Suffolk County Council is reviewing its mobile library service. J Orves & A Preston would contact users in Redgrave and ask them to reply direct to SCC.

Buckingham Palace Garden Parties – SALC – noted but no action

Free websites & £15 training 23 March or 6 April – SALC- noted

Letter from county council on stile options – need to reply with results of February meeting.

Emergency Planning seminar SALC £10 Tuesday 11 April - noted

SALC Spring Meeting 1 March 7.30pm Stradbroke – Delegates unable to attend.

Agreed to request Public Transport Info vehicle be parked for 1 hr week commencing 20 or 27 March.

Improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)

Julian Van Beveren had ascertained seat prices were between £275 & £285.

Agreed a budget of £2300 for seats to include seat costs and installation.

14. Matters carried forward from this meeting

Co-opt replacement councillor

Own village development guidelines

Street lighting maintenance

Self insurance levels

Young people's questionnaire

Mobile library users feedback to SCC

Proposed locations for seats

15. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on April 12 2005

16. The next Parish Council meeting will be held immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting on April 12 2005

Dated

Signed

Mrs J Orves Chairman