

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

Present: Mrs J Orves, Mr J Walker, Mr J VanBeveren, Mr R Hayward, Mr I Baird, Mrs A Preston, Mrs J Cresswell, County Councillor Mr C Michell, District Councillor Mrs S Michell and 5 residents

1. Apologies from Mrs D Culley, Mr S Rourke, and WPC P Shadbolt
2. The chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. The minutes of meeting of Wednesday 11 October 2006 item were modified to read PC elections *could* cost £1500 then agreed as a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services.*  
*Charles Michell advised that SCC had put on a budget roadshow which had visited the larger conurbations inviting input on what the people of Suffolk regarded as essential and what could be sacrificed. The priorities in order were: better health and wellbeing, environment, schools, value for money, roads, and transport.*  
*SCC wished to involve young people more and one of its actions had been to organise a debate at Hartismere High School involving council leaders and sixth formers.*  
*Sara Michell advised the the periodic electoral review had advised no change to the number of Redgrave parish councillors. The aim of MSDC was to continue to strive for parish council elections. It was pointed out that the last election was in the early 1960's and the full number of councillors had been reduced from 15 to 9 in that time. It is always difficult to find councillors and all those who express a wish to be councillors have only a few months to wait before a vacancy occurs and they are co-opted.*  
*Sara advised that the next issue of the Mid Suffolk Messenger would carry a questionnaire asking what we felt was important. It would be appreciated if many people as possible would reply.*
7. *Open discussion with residents*  
*There were no points raised.*
8. Planning  
We needed a copy for file of Key Service Centres (sustainable villages) consultation reply  
A response to new planning referral procedures had been sent to MSDC and to SALC  
Consideration of the draft of Redgrave PC planning policy was deferred to January  
There was no objection to 1872 06 LBC New windows Kent House  
1584 06 FUL Moneypot Hill Farm – Proposals for replacement of fire damaged house – there was concern over the inclusion of the barn conversion annexe into the new house and that it should be stipulated that it could not be split into two dwellings in the future. Otherwise, given the circumstances it was agreed to take no exception. It should be pointed out that there was likely to be a perception of inconsistency in MSDC having turned down planning permission for a bungalow in that area then being more accommodating merely because of a fire.  
2596 06 TCA Willow Tree House. Reduce height willow. No reply given - new policy  
1578 06 FUL Chapel House Garage permission granted by MSDC
9. Finance and cheques for signature  
Insurance certificate received  
Precept £3,750 received  
Consider request for £50 towards photo booklets for Twinning Association in 07/08 – agreed put provision in budget then decide next year.  
Agreed reimburse J Robinson £16.50 for Neighbourhood Watch meeting room rental  
The precept budget for 07/08 was compiled and is attached.  
It was unanimously agreed that the precept for 07/08 would remain unchanged at £7500.  
It has now remained at that level for 5 years and the parish council has not been short of money for any project desired by the residents. SCC and MSDC take note.

10. Progress on getting buses restored  
 A letter had been received from SCC which said they had not yet received the costings from Simonds and had not yet made a decision. Our reply pointed out that this has been dragging on since May and we expected the buses restored by 1 January 07.  
 The poor marketing by SCC where no timetables are displayed or advertised was highlighted in the meeting but has not been put in any letter as it would dilute the current focus on just getting the buses restored.
11. Housing survey working group – Ian Baird Jan Cresswell Sean Rourke  
 The group had met with Suffolk Acre and the survey would start in January.
12. Childrens equipment – progress – Ann Preston  
 9 young people and 3 adults had met with the MSDC coordinator and a further meeting was planned. The projects funding is directly dependant on the young people taking ownership of the process by forming a committee and drawing up longer range plans.
13. Kerry Foods liaison – Nothing to report
14. Progress on seats – The quote for installation had been accepted and installation would therefore go ahead.
15. Any other correspondence or info  
 Reply from Suffolk Wildlife Trust on Lopham Little Fen paths closure. No reply needed as Jason Walker representing the Fen Trust and Bob Hayward had been invited to the South Lopham parish council meeting where Suffolk Wildlife Trust had been called to explain what they proposed, why, and why they had not consulted the respective parish councils and fen trusts.  
 The village clean-up day was very successful with 12 people turning out to collect the litter which surprisingly filled 6 bin bags. Thanks were recorded to Jan Cresswell for organising the clean-up. Thanks to Jackie Bradley and Wortham for lending the jackets and pick-up sticks. Agreed rather than buying our own jackets and sticks we should offer to help to replace the Wortham equipment when needed.  
 £4 million Lottery funding to create nature friendly green places – Jason will investigate for Steeple Meadow and the churchyard.  
 Draft taxi licensing proposals MSDC – not considered relevant as its an urban issue.  
 Warm Front scheme grants up to £4000 for providing heating and insulation for those receiving income or disability benefits – the notice would be posted at the Activities Centre.
16. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)  
 Costs and proposal for 2 dog fouling bins – no reply yet from MSDC  
 Ann Preston suggested a “floral entry” to the village  
 Ian Baird suggested 3 new noticeboards Half Moon, Knoll, Fen Street. Ann Preston has details of vandal proof boards.  
 Joyce Orves suggested that all should come with moe proposals to the next meeting
17. Matters carried forward from this meeting  
 Draft Redgrave PC planning policy,10,11,12,15SWT,16
18. New matters for next meeting
19. Date of next meeting – 10 January 2007

Dated 10 January 2006

Mrs J Orves

Chairman