

MINUTES OF REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
9 November 2011

Present: Jason Walker, Bob Hayward, John Giddings, Mike Denmark, Ann Preston, Jackie Moss, Ian Baird and Jim McCluskey plus 2 members of the public

Apologies: Jan Cresswell PC Nic Kegge

Chairmans opening, Jason welcomed everyone

Declarations of interest – none

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 12 October 2011 were signed as a true record

Matters arising not covered by this agenda – none

Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services

District Councillor – Sarah Michell spoke on boundary changes and said this has been discussed at MSDC and it has been suggested that residents of wards nearer to BSE have stronger connections to BSE than to Needham Market. There is still a lot of argument as to what to do and she asked that the PC should send in their suggestions. The wards around here don't want to be moved to another constituency.

County Councillor - Charles Michell stressed that we are talking about changing the constituency boundary not the district boundary and this will be different from how local people would feel historically and it is a bit of a hatchet job. The government is proposing a new constituency of Ely and Newmarket, the CC is against that move but there is a working group trying to make up an alternative arrangement to put to the government.

Sarah said moving Needham Market and other wards to a new constituency was not what MSDC wanted to happen.

Ian Baird queried about census figures that are due out soon and that doing this move before the figures are published would not be a good idea. Charles said that they don't use the census figures.

Planning

Consider 3389/11 Kent House rooflights and window SW elevation - no objections

Consider 3373/11 Kent House double garage and wood store – no objections

Consider 2059/11 Rose Dene, Fen Street made an application to make a lake for breeding fish for recreational use. There was considerable discussion about this and the impact that it may have on the water table and drainage in the area particularly being close to a SSSI. Natural England has been consulted on this application and the PC felt that it required careful attention and we should reply urging caution and careful research of the consequences.

Finance and cheques for signature

Pay Barry J Day £900 for digging out pond (£750 + VAT) this was agreed.

Pay a cheque for our one third of the cost of the insurance for the war memorial.

Set budget and precept for 2012/13

The S137 was agreed as for the previous year.

Clerks salary was discussed and the fact that we save money by not having a clerk. An extra £250 was put into the budget to cover pay rises and extra expenses occurred by those doing the job. Election allowance has to be still entered in case we do ever have to have an election. Property expenses were left as before, there is no way of knowing in advance what expenses may occur.

Parish Amenities, covers the cost of work done on behalf of the Parish. Upkeep of burial ground, donation is made to the Football Club in respect of having the Knoll cut regularly.

Traffic control measures have been set at £5000 to cover the probability of reacting to the speeding problem.

Bob suggests that we go for a precept of £7500 as we have a sufficient balance to cover other projects that we may wish to do.

The precept was accepted as proposed by all except for one.

Ian asked that his objection to the budget be recorded.

Town pit status – Jason has tried to get someone to clear it up and make it look better but with no luck. Jackie spoke about the idea of planting trees there and Bob said that planting trees would stop future possibilities for the field, we have to be very careful. Jason wants to find a use for the field to produce an income. AR will ask Mr Davie-Thornhill if he knows of anyone that can do the work.

Affordable housing progress, application plans have gone to MSDC.

Old School Playing Field – one more cut to be done before winter and the mower has been fixed. There was further thoughts as to what to do with the field and the suggestion of using it for allotments was raised again and discussed.

Speed monitoring - report of meeting from Jackie Moss is that a working party should be set up and a meeting will be held with all interested parties to discuss other options other than speed guns and to also discuss the loan of equipment from Walsham le Willows and to answer other questions. The meeting will prioritise what is important to the village. There will be more traffic surveillance in the village by the police. Ian asked about other areas of the village that need speed calming other than just the main street and asked that speed limits be extended.

Proposal that standing orders shall be simple, practical and very easy to remember this was proposed by John and seconded by Ann and agreed by all. Bob explained that this would make life easier for all councillors. Ian asked for it to be written down on paper. John said this has been discussed two or three times already and it is a waste of time to go through them again. Ann said they had been done on the 14.9.11.

Any other correspondence or information:

Winter grit bins. These have been offered for us to buy but the council thought that we would not need them.

Email suggesting amendments to standing orders, Ian suggested they should be looked at and amended every 2 years. All agreed that this should be minuted to be done as suggested.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

The date of the next meeting is 11th January 2012