

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11 January 2012

Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jim McCluskey, Jackie Moss, Ian Baird, Jan Cresswell, Ann Preston, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jason Walker, Bob Hayward, Sara & Charles Michell, Sgt Jon Eaves

Apologies: PC Nick Kegge

Chairmans opening – Happy New Year and welcome to everyone and the 2 members of the public.

Declarations of interest - none

Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 9 November 2011 – signed as a true record

Matters arising not covered by this agenda – Ian Baird asked some questions about the operations of RAT (Redgrave Amenities Trust) These were not matters arising from the minutes of the 9 November parish council meeting but Jason agreed that any questions about RAT could go onto the next meeting agenda.

Any changes in councillors - none

Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services

Sara Michell, District Councillor, wished everyone a good new year and said that last weeks MSDC meeting was cancelled. MSDC has 3 strategic directors for people, place and corporate. No one appointed internally and interviews are taking place for the first two but the Corporate director has been appointed. Next step down is 6 more directors and 5 have been appointed from within MSDC. She has seen a new website for joint MSDC and Babergh combined which looks good and will be live in the spring time.

Charles Michell, County Councillor, said that the CC has a new chief exec and she has only just started and is looking very hard at making savings to be able to return a 0% rise in Council Tax. Money will be spent on care of the elderly but savings are to be made everywhere else. He reported the sad death of one of the councillors from Kesgrave who was chairman of the audit committee. He feels that the CC is in good heart and will get through these hard times.

Sgt Eaves spoke to update crime scene in Redgrave. Since 1st December – theft from the pub and a domestic incident as opposed to 4 incidents last year and fraud. An arrest has been made in Woodbridge regarding metal thefts which is an important thing. There had been a number of thefts from housing in the Eye area but cross border operation has resulted in arrest of a man from Diss. County wide the bridge offences have resulted in signs over all bridges and two 8 year old boys arrested. He reported more crime in Debenham area from garages so please keep an eye on all outside buildings. Next public meeting at Goodwin Hall, Fressingfield 7.30 to 8.30 on Tuesday 24th January. Police priorities currently are agricultural campaign to reassure farmers re security also parking, road safety and traffic in Eye. He takes over the Mid Suffolk Central Team from April this year which means he will oversee more than 80 villages.

Ian Baird asked about cars parked on the street without showing lights in a 30mph zone, this is legal as long as they are not facing on-coming traffic. The concern about travellers from Dale Farm coming to this area has amounted to nothing.

PC Nick Kegge sent in a report.

Item 15 was discussed while Sgt Eaves was present and Cllr Jackie Moss asked the PC to approve a scheme.

Sgt Eaves gave outline of Community Speedwatch Scheme. The regular appearance of people monitoring speed will help to slow traffic and these people would note all offending vehicles and report it to the police. Vehicles who offend 3 times will be prosecuted. The scheme needs to be approved by the PC and funding of £1500 plus about £100 per year for maintenance.

John Preston said they had volunteers who are willing to go ahead but the approval of the scheme by the PC is needed plus the funding.

Clerk Bob Hayward said the PC cannot agree funding if the item has not been advertised on the agenda in advance so that parishioners can have their say if they wish. J Preston said he needs to know whether the PC members support the idea in principle. John Giddings spoke in favour of the scheme but was not sure about spending more money on two flashing speed detection signs. Charles Michell said he will have a new budget in April and thinks it might be a good idea to apply for funding from him then. He mentioned sharing the gun with Walsham le Willows who already have one. Cllr Hayward said that Walsham has already approached him and he is surprised that this has not been taken further, he thinks this would be a cheap way to test out the scheme for a while and see how it goes.

John Giddings proposed that the scheme be approved in principle subject to funding being agreed and available at the next PC meeting on 8th February 2012, seconded by Ann Preston and agreed by all. It was agreed that on this occasion PC will accept one quote for the one and only manufacturer of the gun and coats approved by the police and so we will waive the requirement for 3 quotes. All agreed.

Planning

LBC permission granted for rooflights at Kent House.

No objections to Honeysuckle Cottage application

Finance and cheques for signature

Pay £180 to RAT for meeting room, Pay S137 Optua £25, Coffee Caravan £25, CAB £40, Suffolk Accident Rescue £100, Village Shop £100, Victim Support £20, Parish Purposes RAT £300, Knoll cutting £220 Redgrave PCC £300 all agreed for payment. The payment for Knoll cutting to Redgrave FC will only be made if the football club is continuing with the cutting.

Affordable housing progress – Final decision due to be made tomorrow

Any other correspondence or information

There has been an invitation to Jason, as chairman, to lay a wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Suffolk County Council published the result of the budget consultation on new heritage organisation for Suffolk.

The Diss and Thetford CAB annual report was received.

A report received on integrating staff for MSDC and Babergh.

SALC fees are to increase for 2012/13 by £7.

Ideas for improvements to village

John Giddings said that there might be money available from the government if people wished to do something to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. John Preston suggested building petanque pitches on the playing field, putting green, bowling green or crazy golf also suggested. The money is available for events to celebrate the Jubilee and this can be done under the umbrella of the RAT so if anyone is interested in organising such an event they should talk to a member of the PC or RAT. Jan will make up a poster and advertise for people to organise an event.

New matters for next meeting

Ann Preston asked that the pavement be made up outside the old school to stop cars from parking on the side of the road and causing people to walk out into the road. Ann will draft a letter for Jason to sign.

Date of next meeting – 8th February 2012