

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
8 February 2012

Present – Jim McCluskey, Ian Baird, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jackie Moss, Jason Walker and Bob Hayward.

1. Apologies: Jan Cresswell and Ann Preston also from Charles & Sarah Michell, the County and District Councillors.

2. Chairmans opening – Welcome from Jason to all.

3. Declarations of interest. – None

4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 11 January 2012 – Signed as a true copy

5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda – None

6. Any changes in councillors: None

7. Open discussion with services.

PC Price based at Eye reported that there were 4 crimes here in last 4 months as detailed previously, 1 burglary, 1 common assault, 1 domestic and 1 theft of cash from the Cross Keys. He reiterated the use of the 101 telephone number for non emergencies.

At the moment they are concentrating on providing support for the farming community and the issue of speeding through Fressingfield.

Please note that on 24th April 2012 there is a community priority setting meeting here in Redgrave at the Activities Centre starting at 7.30pm.

8. Open discussion with residents - none

9. Planning

<http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov>

3750 11 Honeysuckle Cottage granted - noted

4292 11 & 0815 12 Barn Conversions Street farm (planning & listed building consent).

Applicant wishing to convert the buildings behind Walnut Tree House to bungalows. The PC had no comments to make on this except that the buildings are very close to the existing Walnut Tree House.

0186 12 Moneypot farm barn modifications to 2120/11. They wish to make the shed into a garage and to change the layout of the original plans for the 2nd time. There was some discussion about the need for so many changes to the plans at such an early stage in the building. Otherwise there were no objections.

0331 12 Street Farmhouse re Outbuilding and garden. Lawful Development Certificate application for use of garden and barn as such. No objections.

10. Finance and cheques for signature

Knoll cutting £220 RFC was for last year so OK - agreed.

Pay parish magazine £130 same as last year - agreed

Consider purchasing Speedwatch equipment at a cost of £1521.20 inc VAT to be loaned to Redgrave Community Speedwatch for them to monitor speeding and report to police. This proposal was put forward by those running the scheme and there was only one quotation for the equipment put forward as it has to be purchased from police approved suppliers. Cllr Moss reported that only one person had expressed an initial reluctance to the use of the scheme but that person was not present at the meeting. John Preston will oversee the use of the scheme and he reported that all other users had reported that there was a decrease in speeding when using the scheme for a while. A member of the public asked if the police could monitor the speeds in the village after a year or so to see if there was an improvement in speeds through the village. Cllr Moss proposed and Cllr Baird seconded that the proposal is accepted and all agreed. Cllr Baird proposed that the Speedwatch group should ask Cllr Michell for a donation from his Locality Budget towards the cost of the equipment. It was requested that the police should try to do some speed checking early in the mornings to catch those speeding through the village between 6.00 and 8.00 am.

11. Town pit status – Cllr Heyward asked that someone might be able to do some hedge laying to improve the look of the field.

12. Affordable housing – things are proceeding along and awaiting planning but it looks hopeful and they are hoping to make a start before long.

13. Old School Playing Field - Cllr Baird reported that the hedge has been removed from one corner of the field. It was felt that the edge of the field should be identified and marked to avoid confusion in the future.

14. Duck Factory – Cllr Giddings attended a liaison meeting. They are still having a few problems with their new treatment plant but they have replaced some tubing and hope that this has solved the problem. He reported that they have been processing guinea fowl for Marks & Spencer.

Cllr Baird reported on the bad state of the road to Holiday Farm and up to Hopton but this is outside the Redgrave Parish area.

15. Speed monitoring - dealt with earlier.

16. Any other correspondence or information

Consider proposals to put a raised footpath outside the Old School. Cllr Heyward had given the agenda to the people living in the area and none were present but as Ann Preston, who had raised the query, was unable to be present this item was held over to the next meeting.

List of projects (mainly highways) which need to be done and have not been done. We should have a list so that every time we ask for money we can quote the list. It would be useful to compile such a list at the next meeting.

Village charities and their relationship to the parish council and availability of accounts to public. Cllr Heyward showed the accounts of Redgrave Amenities Trust for the last 8 years and made it clear that these are available to the public at any time. All of the charities within the village also have the same open accounts available for inspection. Details of who is paid by the Charity for the Poor are kept confidential.

17. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas). There has been no reply to the reporting of the broken glass in the village telephone box. It was suggested that it would be better if the villagers were to tidy it up themselves.

The Diamond Jubilee. The form for applying for a grant for a Jubilee celebration on Monday 4th June has been received. The Activities Centre and field has been booked for the day. Suggestions include a Hog Roast. The Cross Keys have offered to run an outside bar. Further details of this are to be discussed at the next meeting and the discussion of a donation up to £750 from the Parish Council.

Village clean up day on Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd April at 10.30am on both days being organised by Cllr Jan Cresswell. Meet on the Knoll outside Reed House.

Next meeting 14th March 2012

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.