

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

14 March 2012

At Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jason Walker, Bob Hayward, John Giddings, Jim McCluskey, Jackie Moss, Ann Preston, Mike Denmark.

Apologies: Jan Cresswell, Ian Baird, PCSO Nic Kegge & Charles Michell

Chairmans opening – Jason welcomed everyone.

Declarations of interest – Bob Hayward declared a non-financial interest in the item on the bells.

Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 8 February 2012 – these were agreed as true.

Matters arising not covered by this agenda – none

Any changes in councillors – none

Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services

Sarah Michell gave apologies for Charles absence and was asked whether she knew about a donation that had been requested from his locality budget by the Speedwatch group for the cost of the speed gun. An email had been sent but it appears that he has not received it as yet, this will be chased up. She mentioned that both MSDC and SSC had frozen the council tax so there is no increase. The restructuring of the council is still on going and at present they are working on Tier 4, the key management level, they are seeking to appoint managers, there will be far fewer of them than before so there will be redundancies and so the staff are feeling stressed.

A report was received from PCSO Nic Kegge:

There was no crime to report.

Crime prevention regarding oil thefts

Steps to be taken include making sure that your oil tank is not visible from the road, and if it is, then fences, trellis, trees or hedging can be used to make the oil tank less visible to passing traffic. If you have a drive with gates, then keep them closed when away from the property. Use a security light placed near the oil tank that will come on if there is any movement near the tank.

Small infrared cameras are getting cheaper to purchase. A covert camera to record the number plates of any vehicles entering your drive way could help. It may not stop thieves but may help to trace them later. Placing a highly visible camera on your house may act as a deterrent to opportunist thieves.

Use of an oil tank alarm can help monitor the oil level in your tank and sends a radio signal to a receiver inside the house. It can also detect when the oil level drops dramatically such as would happen if there were a leak or theft and alerts the receiver unit.

Police Direct is a free service provided by Suffolk police. This service is used to quickly pass on information relating to crime or news in your area. The system works by sending a text, Voicemail or Email to members informing them of local crimes registered to their postcode area. Each member

can register up to 3 different post codes so can also use the service to be informed of crimes in a relatives area or a second home. For more information visit

<https://policedirect.suffolk.police.uk/registration/>

Please note the following events: 18th April 2012 NHW Meeting held at The Redgrave activity's centre @ 7:30 pm and on 24th April 2012 SNT tasking meeting held at The Redgrave activity's centre @ 7:30 pm.

Open discussion with residents – none

Planning

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

0644/12 Walnut Tree House single storey extension (no exception by web input)

0644/12/12 Meadow Cottage, Half Moon Lane garage (made no comment)

2121/11 Moneypot farm barns LBC granted

4293/11 Street Farm shed demolition prior to bungalows - cons area granted

Application made for St Mary Redgrave bells. A substantial amount of money has been left by Albert Driver for the purchase of 2 bells. There were conditions put on the position of the bells and an application for listed building consent has been put in. Bob Hayward explained the complexity of the bells and how they work and where they should be positioned then he left the room while the rest of the PC decided what would be the wording of any response to the application.

Finance and cheques for signature

Pay Suffolk Acre £25 subs - agreed

Pay The Parking shop £177.60 for Speedwatch signs (agreed last meeting)

Pay SCC £133.47 Street Lighting (agreed by email)

It was also agreed that the purchase of litter picking sticks with a budget of £75

Affordable housing –a written note from Jan said that money from the section 106 pot should be released this week and the purchase of the plot should be finalised by the end of the month. She also reported that no one else had come forward to offer any help or ideas for the Jubilee Celebration. There was further discussion about the possibilities for the Jubilee and whether we should offer to join forces with Rickingham. It was suggested that we do a leaflet drop to all the houses and put whatever is decided upon onto the village website.

Thanks were offered to John Giddings for the maintenance of the Old School Playing Field.

Duck Factory – no meeting

Speed monitoring – dealt with earlier. There has to be training done by the volunteers before this can begin and there are forms to be dealt with and police checks to be made.

Annual Parish meeting will be April 11 2012 at 7.00pm followed by the monthly meeting which will be the AGM. Refreshments will be served.

Any other correspondence or information

Consider any footway proposals – none

Ideas for improvements to village and following-up on previous projects proposed – none

Matters carried forward from this meeting – the Jubilee Celebration.

New matters for next meeting – none

Next meeting 11 April 2012 at 7.00pm

Meeting declared closed at 8.35pm by Jason Walker