

MINUTES OF THE REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
13 June 2012

Present: Jim McCluskey, Jan Cresswell, Ian Baird. Jackie Moss, Ann Preston, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jason Walker and Bob Hayward

Apologies: None

Chairmans opening – Jason welcomed everyone, the full house of councillors, the Council and District Councillors and the 3 members of the public.

Declarations of interest. - none

Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 9 May 2012 – agreed as a true record.

Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none

Any changes in councillors: - none

Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services

Charles Michel, the County Councillor, spoke about the Redgrave Church Bells. There is an application in concerning the re-hanging of the bells and Charles has spoken to people at the CC and read the planning act of 1990. English Heritage is only interested in the conservation of the fabric of the building and only has limited powers even if they wish to object. In a listed building like the church if the district council is minded to grant planning permission they must notify the Secretary of State and he will then examine the decision and decide whether to look further into it or just rubber stamp it. If there is an objection lodged it is then necessary to get someone else who is impartial to make a report to contradict English Heritage and this should be listened to by the Sec of State.

Sara Michel, the district councillor, hoped that everyone had enjoyed a good Jubilee celebration. The Redgrave celebration had been held on Monday 4 June missing the rain but still very cold. There is a new bag being sent out from SCC into which to put any old clean textiles which can then be left out for collection. Clean clothing, shoes, hats, handbags, bedding and soft toys etc will all be collected but not oily rags or carpets etc. This is aimed at things that aren't good enough for Charity shops but they do not want it to go into the land fill sites if possible. The textiles can then be sorted and recycled.

A report had been received from the PCSO - There has been an increase in the theft of outdoor items, statues and power tools locally so care should be taken during the warmer weather.

Open discussion with residents - none

Planning

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

1391/12 Moneypot Farm extension – no objections were made to this.

1236/12 Moneypot garage and air source heat pump – granted. This was noted.

Neighbourhood planning has MSDC suggested dates for meeting? Nothing so far and Sara Michel asked for more details of this and it was explained that it was regarding the forward planning for the future of the village.

Item 10 Finance and cheques for signature

Progress on Knoll cutting. Cllr Moss said the job done by the new person was not such a good job as was done previously but it was agreed that the PC would continue with it for the foreseeable future.

Consider purchase of Dictaphone for Speedwatch (up to £40) - The police support officers advised that they should have a Dictaphone as a double check on what they should write down. It was agreed that this would be done together with the jackets as detailed below.

Reimburse Jackie Moss £135.60 for HiVis jackets as agreed

Reimburse Brenda Prosser-Snelling £14.49 Speedwatch expenses as detailed on invoice received – agreed.

Reimburse Jan Cresswell £406.78 as agreed for Jubilee Fun Day – agreed

Item 10 to note. The accounts have been audited internally by Julian van Beveren and made available to the public and will now be sent of to BDO. It was agreed that they should be signed and submitted.

The Local Councils Annual return for the year ending 31 March 2012 was signed as necessary by the Chairman and the RFO

Affordable housing – work has started on site and people interested in joining the housing list should contact either Isobel Wright, Hastoe Group on 01799 533175 or Mid Suffolk District Council, Housing Department.

Old School Playing Field – has only been mowed once so far this year. Someone will ask whether it worth getting this field and the Town Pit cut for hay.

Speed monitoring Jackie Moss reported a good training meeting with other co-ordinators. She had brought the speed monitoring device to the meeting for everyone to see. On Monday 2nd July there will be a further meeting in the village to launch the SpeedWatch campaign. Cllr Ian Baird asked if any new further developments in the village should have their power cables laid underground. The device will be insured and security marked.

Any other correspondence or information – none

Discuss pros and cons of a paid clerk – Ian Baird said there was always a clerk before but the last one who was employed caused problems. He said that he had problems with Bob Hayward being a member of RATS as well as on the Parish Council and acting as part of the team that does the Clerk's job. Cllr Ann Preston had been looking into paying a clerk and the rates of pay and the terms of employment. A clerk would have to take control of their own PAYE. It was suggested that an independent clerk would be a better way forward and would take a load off the shoulders of the people who are doing the job at the moment. Bob said that it would be necessary for one or two people to take charge of employing the person and was worried that Employment Law would become a problem, he does not want to be that person! It was noted that there was an allowance every year made in the precept for employing a clerk and certain people thought that shouldn't be so if we don't have a clerk. The discussion moved to the ownership of the playing field which is presently rented, Cllr Jim McCluskey said he joined the PC to help save money towards the purchase of the field and the current arrangement helps to save money to that end. It was proposed by Ian Baird that we employ a clerk, seconded by Ann Preston – the vote was 3 in favour, 5 against and 1 abstention.

Ideas for improvements to village and following-up on previous projects proposed – nothing.

Matters carried forward from this meeting - none

New matters for next meeting – consider funding a Fun Day for the village every year. This should be discussed later in the year. We will look into buying the playing field at the next meeting.

Next meeting 11 July 2012

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.