

**MINUTES OF REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**11 July 2012**

Present: Jim McCluskey, Jackie Moss, Ann Preston, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jason Walker and Bob Hayward County councillor Charles Michell, District councillor Sara Michell  
Apologies: Jan Cresswell

Chairmans opening – Welcomed everyone

Declarations of interest. - None

Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 13 June 2012 – signed as a true record.

Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none

Any changes in councillors. - none

- Adoption of new code of conduct, this has been sent out by email and needs to be filled out as a matter of urgency.
- Code of Conduct for Local Councils received from Mid Suffolk District Council and voted unanimously by the council that it should be adopted.

*Open discussion with county and district councillor – Charles Michell, County Councillor, said he had spoken to the Historic Buildings Officer about the bell project who said there are 6 organisations that are consulted and English Heritage are the only one to have objected except for SPAB who have made a slight objection but nothing serious. He said that since there is local support for what the Redgrave Parish wishes to do then that will carry quite a lot of weight with the secretary of state such that he is unlikely to call in the application. Bob Hayward said that the MSDC officers are minded to object but really only because English Heritage are objecting, this would then go to the planning committee and Bob is hoping that if this happens it will have a positive outcome. Bob and Chris Davies will be having a meeting with officers of MSDC on Friday but if it goes to committee then both Charles and Sara will go to the committee to support the application. The parish council agreed that since this was a project of benefit to the community and run by volunteers from the community Bob would represent the parish council in addition to being the nominal applicant. Councillors also wished to attend the committee meeting as observers.*

*Sara Michell, District Councillor, - restructuring at the council continues and there are now 34 new managers in place. She has a list of new positions and will make sure that this is distributed to all councils. Ann Preston said there had been no parish liaison meetings for a long while but Sarah will chase to get them restarted again.*

*PCSO Nic Keege reported an increase in crime locally from garages. Trailer thefts are also up and he suggests that people should look to increase security measures in outside buildings and mark belongings with your postcode.*

*Open discussion with residents – John Robinson said Hello!*

## 9. Planning

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

1618/12 Knoll Cottage remove window and door – we took no exception

1855/12 2 storey 3 bed house at The Street Farmhouse. The Council had no adverse comments.

Neighbourhood planning has MSDC suggested dates for meeting – still nothing as yet.

Finance and cheques for signature

Pay for Knoll cutting David Newcombe £60 - agreed

Pay for play area inspection £60 Mid Suffolk - agreed

Town pit status – nothing to report except that Jason had asked if they could be cut for hay but has not come up with anything.

Affordable housing – nothing to report except work continues with the drains being put in. They are on target at the moment.

Old School Playing Field – nothing to report

Duck Factory – next meeting 27th July – any points to be raised should be given to Jim or John before that. Asked that the lorries should be asked to slow down!

Speed monitoring – Jackie Moss reported a very successful launch with press present and tested the equipment. Last week they did a test and put their sign out but found that the sign slowed everyone down and no one was going over 36mph. It was suggested that they vary the time of their speed checks to include early mornings and later in the evenings when there is more traffic.

Any other correspondence or information:

Funding village day for every year – something to be thought about for the future

Discuss possibilities to purchase playing field – the lease expires in 2021 and a decision has to be made before then. Ann Preston wondered whether it was a good idea to contact Llanover estates to see how the land lies, it is always a slow process to get any decision from them and so it may be good to start the process as soon as possible. Jason Walker said that they may well want to trade – such as being given permission to build elsewhere in return. At current values the land might cost over £100,000.00 and Jim thought that it may possible to get a grant for up to £50,000.00 to purchase the land from Sport England. Bob thought it would be difficult to make a successful case to them for funding without having a plan to attract more sport. It was suggested that RAT might like to start the ball rolling. Jim suggested that it should be asked why the PC does not sell some of its assets to part fund the purchase and we should expect this as we have several pieces of land in Parish ownership that are surplus to requirements and currently bring in no income.

ROSPA report received – more bark needed under the play equipment, this will be purchased by the PC and laid by the RAT.

Sustainable Communities Act – this has been circulated around the Councillors

Ideas for improvements to village and following-up on previous projects proposed – the white gates that have been erected at the entrance to a few local villages were discussed and whether it would be a good idea for Redgrave. This is to be considered further. Jason complained that the hedges along Fen Street are blocking part of the road but highways will do nothing about it. There are also problems with the footpaths not being cut but this is due to cutbacks in council funding.

Matters carried forward from this meeting - none

New matters for next meeting - none

Next meeting 12 September 2012

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Jason Walker 12 September 2012