

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

10 October 2012

Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jim McCluskey, Ian Baird, Ann Preston, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jason Walker, Bob Hayward, Charles Michell, Sara Michell, Karen Coll MSDC, and 4 residents

1. Apologies – Jackie Moss, Jan Cresswell
2. Chairmans opening - Jason welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest. – none as shop item carried forward
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 12 September 2012 – agreed after correcting typo
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. Any changes in councillors -none.
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
Charles Michell had talked to the department relevant to road flooding. They had been to clear the culverts but there was still flooding of the low road. The locality budget will be temporarily frozen from March 2013 in the lead-in to the council elections. Ann Preston had requested a locality grant of £380 towards the shop freezer which Charles and his advisers would consider.
Sara Michell explained that Mid Suffolk government finance had been cut by 10% per year amounting to £3.5 million over 3 years which would mean priorities must be set. She introduced Karen Coll from Mid Suffolk who asked for views on priorities. It was pointed out that work load should be cut before making staff savings otherwise there would be a downward spiral in service times. The main point made was that services to rural areas were always cut more than to towns which meant inequality for the same council tax. Bus services being reduced hit the most vulnerable going to work and college even though the overall passenger numbers appeared uneconomic and the timing was not suitable for work or college. Road improvements should be done before new housing was allowed in key traffic areas like market towns.
8. *Open discussion with residents – several residents with overhanging hedges on footways had trimmed them after the request.*
9. Planning
<http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov>
2312/12 First Floor extn Rose Cottage Half Moon Lane - granted
2518/12 & 2517/12 Two Storey extn Money Pot Farm - granted
Although the listed building consent for Redgrave Church bells had been approved unanimously by the Mid Suffolk elected planning committee it had been sent to the secretary of state for review because the unelected English Heritage had objected. That is rather a strange situation for the department which is pushing for localism and diminution of power of unelected bodies. The department was supposed to reply within 28 days but that expired a month ago which again is not a good example for a department which is pressing for simplifying and speeding up the planning process.
10. Finance and cheques for signature
Consider grant of £380 to village shop for display freezer (part of £850.80 total cost) - deferred
Renew Redgrave website address £8.38 for 2 years – agreed
Pay RAT £48 for speedwatch meetings - agreed
Confirmation of insurance had been received
Rural Coffee Caravan request for donation will be considered in January
There was a need to increase amounts for donations to make them more meaningful. That will be discussed in the November budget meeting and possibly applied to this financial year.
We had agreed Sept 2011 up to £750 for play bark. That will now be less than £250 and will be by reimbursement against Bob Hayward credit card to get the club discount to allow that lower cost.
11. Town pit status – nothing to report
12. Affordable housing – the public meeting with Hastoe had been well attended and the options had been

explained. Preference would be given to Redgrave people but they need to be on the Mid Suffolk housing list for prioritising by the points system. The houses will be complete by 14 December.

13. Old School Playing Field – Nothing to report

14. Duck Factory – The hedge has been cut

15. Speed monitoring – There is no more news yet on bin stickers. Two speed checks are being done per week and there has been some positive comment from residents. A proposal for white rails at the village entrances is being researched by the team. It was suggested to ask the police to do occasional number plate checks to catch those cars which are not insured.

16. Any other correspondence or information

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Information was given on the emergency planning meeting but there was not much interest

17. Ideas for improvements to village and following-up on previous projects proposed

The white rails was also a previous suggestion which was not taken forward at that time.

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting

20. New matters for next meeting

21. Next meeting 14 November 2012

14 November 2012

Jason Walker Chairman