

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
14 November 2012

Present: Jim McCluskey, Ian Baird, Jan Cresswell, Ann Preston, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jason Walker, Bob Hayward. Sara Michell, Charles Michell, and 5 residents

Apologies: Jackie Moss

Chairmans opening – Jason spoke

Declarations of interest – Mike declared an interest in his tree which is to be mentioned.

Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 10 October 2012 - agreed.

Matters arising not covered by this agenda – Ann Preston reported she has the money for the new freezer for the shop from Charles Michell and so it will not be bought up again.

Any changes in councillors – none

Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services.

Charles Michell, county councillor – spoke about Ash dieback disease – he had a form to pass over to the PC for reporting the occurrence of the disease.

Sara Michell, district councillor, mentioned that on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Parish liaison meetings at 9.30 and 6.00pm. She spoke about a Residents Summit in Elmswell on November 21<sup>st</sup> which is for all residents of the district to get feed back from them and find out what they feel is most important. She encouraged all residents to attend if possible and the PC will put a notice on the Parish notice board. The boundary commission recommends now that this ward will stay in the Mid Suffolk District and not move. She was pleased that the planning permission for the bells has been granted. The planning application for the new build at Street Farmhouse will be going to committee.

Ian Baird asked about signs that litter the verges and don't seem to be attended to or monitored.

Open discussion with residents – Bernie Cresswell spoke about lighting the Christmas tree on the Knoll which he wishes to run from a car battery in a bolted box. He has multitude of lights that will run from the battery which has to be bought which will cost about £70 – he will get the lights and if it won't work he will use an alternative. About 20 strands of lights are needed and it will be totally safe so no H & S problems. £470 total budget- tree £120, battery and lights. John Preston would like to plant a real tree instead but the PC thought that was not an option. Bernie says he will fit a 6 inch drain as permanent hole which is covered during the rest of the year and won't be seen.

Another resident asked the PC to support the application of the speed watch in Fen Watch and ask the council if they would extend the speed limit there so that speed watch can be used. Bob said it takes at least a year to do this so Speedwatch might want to consider non-enforceable speed checks in the interim. There was discussion about how far the limit could be extended as several people have tried previously to get limits extended on other roads. John Preston wants the PC to try again with the support of Speed Watch and the police. Charles Michell said the Highways Dept has very strict rules about where speed limits are allowed and it is linked with housing density. Charles says you have to ask for it due to a change of circumstances in the locality, such as the expansion of the duck factory. It will take quite a while to get such a thing passed. Speed Watch will write and the PC will also send a letter of support but they need a map showing where they wish the limit to be moved to. Ian will see if he can find his previous correspondence.



## Planning

0777/12 Redgrave bells - granted and upheld by Secretary of State – took 8 months total

Tree preservation order on Tree of Heaven at Pine Tree Cottage response by 3 December – TPO on this tree is suspect. It was applied for on October 30<sup>th</sup> but it is not known who applied for it. There is an appeal procedure that can be launched and this has to be begun very soon. There are articles about what a menace these trees are, it is considered as an alien invasive plant and the PC as a whole agreed that the TPO should be removed as the tree is likely to be menace.

1885/12 Street Farmhouse, New Dwelling. Clarified with MSDC that our no comment had been checked with councillors and should be considered as support.

Finance and cheques for signature – it was agreed that all the cheques below should be paid.

Reimburse John Robinson £12 for hire of this hall for Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Reimburse Bob Hayward £30 paid for parish council wreath for war memorial service

Reimburse Bob Hayward £219.61 paid for 3.6 cubic metres play area bark from Blooms

Request from Speedwatch team to pay £18 hire for next meeting at this hall

Pay David Newcombe £40 for cutting Knoll grass 18 Sept and 2 Oct.

Set budget and precept for 2013/14 and NALC advice to hold advising to MSDC

Jan Baird asked about the figure for the cost of BT line and broadband rental - £360 which gets used very little and does not think it is money well spent. It took a long time to get it all set up and so the PC voted to keep it.

There were a few queries on the figures but the precept was agreed. The precept was adopted, by a show of hands vote with 7 agreed and 1 did not.

Affordable housing – some people will be moving in on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012, all local people. The Chairman thanked Jan Cresswell for her work on this matter.

Duck Factory – next meeting in January and the state of the roads will be brought up.

Speed monitoring - report from J Moss read by John Preston. They went to Neighbourhood Watch meeting. They had logged over 50 motorists so far and are continuing to investigate stickers and white rails etc. Suffolk Police is looking to see what can be done to improve the scheme but Redgrave was congratulated as being a very good scheme. They are having a meeting to discuss a VAS system that tells you what speed you are doing. There is a possibility of funding for the Bin Stickers from other sources and a suggestion for putting flower planters in front of white railings at entrances to the village.

Any other correspondence or information

Parish Liaison meetings will be 28 November at 9.30am and 6pm in council chamber at MSDC

From Chris Davies, Ash dieback (Chalara) is present in the village. John spoke as tree warden and had been to a meeting on this subject and urged people not to panic or to interfere with the trees but to burn the leaves. <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2012/11/09/action-ash-tree-disease/>

Ideas for improvements to village and following-up on previous projects proposed – there was a proposal to give £500 for the village tree – 6 in favour and 2 against vote.

Matters carried forward from this meeting – none

New matters for next meeting – Ann asked about trying to get the playing field given Village Green status.

Next meeting is 9 January 2013

Jason wished everyone a Happy Christmas and meeting closed at 9.00pm.

*J Webb*