

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
10 April 2013

Present – Bob Hayward, Jason Walker, John Giddings, Jackie Moss, Mike Denmark, Ann Preston, Jan Cresswell, Ian Baird, Jim McCluskey, Sara & Charles Michel, PCSO Ben Oswick and 4 members of public.

1. Apologies: None
2. Chairmans opening – Welcome to everyone from Jason Walker
3. Declarations of interest.- none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 13 March 2013 – Error on payment to Rosemary Walker for refreshments noted then agreed as true record.
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - the litter pick was noted as a great success.
6. Any changes in councillors – None

7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*

*Charles said it was the last time that he would be speaking as a Councillor. He has written a report for the APM. 16 years that he has been our County Councillor and it has been memorable time. He feels the time is right to go now. At first it was all unpaid work and he voted against payments when it first came in, it has made fewer people want to do the job in the long term. It has now become professional but he still treats it in the same spirit and will stand down after the elections in May. He will still keep his connections with Redgrave and hopes to be able to still join in and gave his thanks to one and all and said Goodbye. Jason thanked him for all his work and his cheerful help and wished him a long and happy retirement and presented him with a gift from the Parish Council.*

*Sara has sent in a report for the APM and will still be here after the May elections. The household Recycling dept in Eye won an award as Best Green Newcomer at Suffolk County Council. The textile recycling scheme was introduced in summer and so far over 400 tonnes have been recycled this way.*

*The new PCSO is Ben Oswick and he was welcomed by Jason. There are now 3 PCSOs for this area and Ben is our main contact. There were no crimes for the last period, but there is a warning over the thefts of catalytic converters and oil from domestic tanks. He will be trying to make contact with everyone over the next few weeks.*

*Includes any progress on crossroads problem- none! Bus stops completed now and looking good.*

8. *Open discussion with residents. John Robinson wished to thank the PC and Bob Hayward in particular for setting up the Annual Parish Meeting. Reporting back on the bells project. The CCT regional manager met with Bob Hayward, Julian VanBeveren and Chris Davies but there is no progress to report. The CCT conservation committee made an alternative suggestion to put 3 bells up the tower above the existing frame. Morton structural engineers said that it would pose a real potential risk of damage to the tower. The report is on the PC file. So we are back to our original proposal which has listed building consent. Only 2 people on the conservation committee have ever been near the church! The next stage is to appeal the conservation committee decision. Jim expressed concern, as an engineer, for the safety of the frame as the bells are now rung more frequently. Replacement of the frame was a priority.*

9. Planning

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

1855/12 New Dwelling Street Farmhouse was approved.

0546/13 extension to bungalow Tyrella, Gallows Hill. Jason couldn't understand the application that came in and it was too late as building has already started. The PC will comment on the access as raised by Cllr Ian Baird but have no other comments.

10. Finance and cheques for signature

Pay £30 to Community Action Suffolk (successor to Suffolk ACRE) - agreed

Pay SALC £216 - agreed

Consider purchase of 10 more litter pickers – Jan said that this is not necessary as she has ordered 12 from lady at Mid Suffolk and some more Hi-Vis jackets for free. This lady is going to come back to Jan about more dog fouling bins and signs.

John Giddings has the time table for the audit for this year and spoke about the audit procedures.

11. Town pit status –Possible developments are currently being mooted in South Norfolk and until further information is available, the possibility of short term stay development will be reviewed on a regular basis. There is an aging population which can only mean a requirement for accommodation of this nature and the current availability is totally inadequate to cope with the demand.

12. Affordable housing – Jan is thinking that they need to allow the tenants to settle in a bit before conducting a survey, this was agreed by the PC.

13. Old School Playing Field.

Tree progress – John Preston is waiting to hear from contractor about the tree.

14. Duck Factory – meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May Cllr Jim McCluskey will raise concerns about the damage to kerbs at the crossroads. Jim also reported that he has told them about the number of empty Vodka bottles that were picked up near the factory during the litter pick which is very worrying.

15. Speed monitoring

Progress - Stickers have been distributed around the village. Rob Gardner who deals with statistics is now dealing with the figures on the Speed Checks. White railings are drying still and will then be painted. Highways needs to approve this first.

16. Any other correspondence or information

Overhanging hedges problems have been reported to Cllr Bob Hayward on the corner of the Knoll.

Car tracks over the new bus stop grass area; it seems this may be the buses themselves!

17. Ideas for improvements to village and following-up on previous projects proposed. The possibility of a footpath from Gallows Hill to the Cross Roads was raised as it is quite dangerous to walk along there and there is no where to go to get away from the traffic.

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting – Jan asked that we pass on thanks to those who helped with the litter pick.

19. New matters for next meeting - The precept referendum bill?

20. Next meeting 8 May 2013