

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
10 July 2013

Present: Jason Walker, Bob Hayward, John Giddings, Mike Denmark, Ann Preston, Ian Baird, Jim McClusky

1. Apologies: Jackie Moss, Jessica Fleming, Sara Michell and Jan Cresswell
2. Chairmans opening – Welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest. – none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 12 June 2013 – were agreed as a true record and signed.
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
Report received from Jessica Fleming as follows:*

Progress Power Proposed Gas Plant at Eye Airfield - The Secretary of State has published his Scoping Opinion which has picked up the issues that the County and District highlighted in responses – i.e. need for wider visual impact study area and grid connection. You can read it here:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/progress-power-station/?ipcsection=folder>

The method for connection with the main Grid is still uncertain, however I and others at Suffolk County Council are actively working on this question as we feel that a decision made about the power plant should be inclusive of the method of connection (whether over or underground).

A meeting with PC Commissioner Tim Passmore has now been confirmed for 7.30 pm on Thursday 19th September at Rickinghall Village Hall. You are invited to send a representative to express any particular policing concerns so please put this on your agenda if you would like to participate, a separate invitation will be sent to you requesting a response.

And, the ‘Norfolk and Suffolk Local Transport Body’ - a new local transport organisation - has been formed as of June 17th; this comprises Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. A list of potential projects is published on their web site.

<http://www.norfolkandsuffolkltb.org.uk/current-work/>

Please get in touch with me if there are any matters arising for which I can assist. I am anticipating a communication concerning restoring the Wilson Coat of Arms at some point so that I can make a locality funding application on your behalf.

A report was received from the local PCSO Dave Faulkner:

Crime Stats

Since your last meeting there have been two reported crimes for the month:–

1 x Theft of a garden ornament from a property on Churchway, which occurred overnight on Sunday 30th June.

1 x Criminal Damage which occurred over a two week period between 18th June and 2nd July. A vehicle parked on Fen Street had its fuel line cut causing the diesel to run out.

Priority Tasking Meeting

On Tuesday 2nd July, the Mid Suffolk North Police Team held a public priority meeting at Eye Town Hall, where three new priorities were set for the following three months. These were – 1. To tackle the issue of speeding in Rishangles,

2. To tackle anti-social use of motor vehicles in and around Eye Town during the hours of darkness,
3. To tackle road safety and parking issues in Eye Town centre through enforcement.

Action Fraud

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- Report the Fraud online – Search ‘Action Fraud’
- To report a Fraud over the phone call: 0300 123 20 40

Anyone witnessing a crime in action should call the police on 999. If debit or credit cards, online banking or cheques are involved, your first step should be to contact your bank or credit card company. Reporting through Action Fraud ensures proper crime reporting procedures are followed, and in the case of fraud against you as a victim, you will be given a crime reference number. We are not able to recover money for victims; however trained agents can provide you with advice and guidance on getting support. The information you provide will be referred to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, to be used in intelligence and investigation packages, and which may be forwarded to local police forces. Although each individual report cannot be investigated, the information will help the police build up a picture of who is committing what fraud. This will help them stop the fraudsters and keep other potential victims safe. Any information you have could help us prevent a crime. If in doubt, give us a call.

Suspicious Activity

As always we are after your assistance in combating the rural crime that occurs throughout Suffolk. Unfortunately a large number of thefts, burglaries and damage go unreported to the police as it is seen as insignificant or not worth dealing with. Anything that occurs in your village or the surrounding area is of interest to us, especially suspicious vehicles or people. If you have anything to report, then call 101 and speak to our call takers, alternatively ask to be put through to myself, and if I am on duty I can assist.

8. Open discussion with residents

John Robinson reported that there was to be a meeting on 19.9.13 in Rickinghall with Tim Passmore, the Police Commissioner.

9. Planning - Nothing

10. Finance and cheques for signature

Pay David Newcombe £80 for Knoll cutting - agreed

Consider up to £1000 for play area bark under rope tower – Jim said that the bark under the climbing frame is full of weeds and needs replacing and bringing up to the modern standards. The surround on the zip is rotten and needs replacing as well but that is in excess of the amount requested. There is a lot of work that needs doing just to keep the playground up to scratch. Ian Baird queried the need to do the work and whether it was used sufficiently. Bob said that plenty of children were known to use the equipment. Ian asked whether other sources of funding could be found other than the Parish Council. Ann argued that there was money in the precept to do the work and if its not done it will fail the POSPA inspection and the

playground would have to be closed down. This was put to the vote and it was voted to pay the money with Ian Baird being the only vote against the proposal.

Support for request to locality budget grant for Holt (Wilson) coat of arms conservation, already received grant from Scarfe Trust for £200 and project cost is £620. The coat of arms in the church needs to be refurbished and put up on the wall. It is owned by the church and they are not asking for any money whatsoever from the Parish Council but they would like the PC to support the request. It was put to the vote to ask if the PC would support the request and the motion was carried.

John explained how the precept was arrived at this year. We asked for £7,500 and got £6,835 and then they topped it up with a grant of £665. The feeling was that this was an underhand way of cutting back on the precept and allowing them to remove the grant in future years or reduce it. MSDC is having to cut back on expense but this was felt to be a very underhand way of taking money away with no explanation or prior notice. It was suggested that the PC ask someone from Mid Suffolk to come and talk to the PC about this.

11. Town pit status – none

12. Affordable housing – Hastoe Official Opening – this went very well and there was quite a crowd. The initial problems that were reported were down to the wiring for the heating systems having been done incorrectly and this has been redone.

Consider a survey to assess future needs – these units were oversubscribed. It is now possible for someone who owns their own house to apply for an Association house in exchange. Since it is over 5 years since our last housing survey it was suggested that we do a new survey to assess need. The PC would have to pay for printing costs but this is not a problem as we enough funds, it was proposed that we did the survey and all agreed. Mike suggested that we look at building sheltered housing on the old School Playing Field.

13. Old School Playing Field – the logs have all gone and grass cut.

14. Duck Factory – none.

15. Speed monitoring – John Preston reported that all is going well and flashing signs are still away to be fixed.

16. Any other correspondence or information – Ian Baird reported that the Road work signs were erected too early for the work.

17. Ideas for improvements to village: - John Preston reported that John Simpson, Highways said that gates to the village if erected would have to have shear pins installed so that they would break off clearly in case of an accident. He could allow more ways to slow traffic depending on the results of the traffic survey but he is very short of money within his department.

It was suggested that we plant bulbs on the verges next to the 6 benches in the village.

Ian Baird asked that the potholes in the roads should be marked in a luminous colour until they are fixed.

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting - none

19. New matters for next meeting - none

20. Next meeting 12 September 2013

Meeting ended at 9.00pm