

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
12 February 2014

Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Ann Preston, Mike Denmark, Ian Baird, Jan Cresswell, Bob Hayward, John Giddings and one resident

1. Apologies: Jason Walker, Jackie Moss, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Sara Michell and Police Dave Faulkner
2. Chairman – temporary chair for the meeting was John Giddings
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 8 January 2014 – agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. Any changes in councillors: Nobody has so far volunteered for the vacancy. Will be put in parish magazine again and on noticeboard plus Cross Keys noticeboard
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
Reports from county and district councillors were circulated after meeting. The key points are:
MSDC- There may be a small increase in council tax of about 5p per week for a Band D property.
A housing needs survey has been sent to some households to understand the current housing stock.
SCC- Intends to freeze its portion of council tax. There is a consultation on future funding for school transport accessible through the SCC website. There is further consultation on the Eye Gas Plant until 6 March on www.progresspower.co.uk If anyone has missed the January deadline for primary schools places they can still apply via the SCC website. There are many useful links on Jessica's report so it has been circulated and will be placed on the noticeboard
Police- The reported crimes in Redgrave were theft from a field near Half Moon Lane, theft from a property in The Street, burglary in Churchway and criminal damage in Churchway
8. *Open discussion with residents - none*
9. Planning
One renewal had been received and will be circulated for comment
<http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov>
10. Finance and cheques for signature
Pay Ann Preston £16.20 Parish Liaison Meeting
Future mileage rate for council business agreed at tax allowable 45p per vehicle mile and to increase in line with the tax allowable threshold
Pay Street lighting Suffolk County Council £142.63
Pay Parish Magazine for our 1 page editorial £130
Find and if necessary pay for a minute taker and magazine correspondent – discuss in item 16
The £7500 Precept sent to Babergh for MSDC. Ours has been unchanged for over 10 years. Government will not be imposing referendums on parish councils for increases this year.
Agreed pay S137 donations Optua £50, Coffee Caravan £50, Citizens Advice Bureau £50, Suffolk Accident rescue £100, Air Ambulance £100, Victim Support £50, Redgrave Football Club £200.
Pay parish purposes grants Redgrave Amenities Trust £300, PCC graveyard maintenance £300
Agreed pay up to £200 if necessary for materials for repairs to play equipment.
11. Town pit status – suggested graze sheep
12. Affordable housing
Nothing to report on next survey to assess future needs
13. Old School Playing Field – suggested graze sheep
14. Duck Factory – Gressingham Foods had been very helpful over tracking down the source of the intermittent high noise levels and the PC representatives would help using our noise level meter.
The water quality from the waste lagoon was good.
15. Speed monitoring – had been affected by the bad weather. The flashing sign will return in March after new security measures against theft.

16. Any other correspondence or information

There were 500 signatures to the petition requesting the Churches Conservation Trust to agree to proceeding with the Redgrave bells project without delay as per the granted listed building consent.

Parish magazine needs new editors as Charles and Lesley are retiring after 13 years

Open spaces location record filled in and sent to MSDC

BT high speed broadband – it is essential that everyone expresses their wish for high speed fibre broadband for the Botesdale exchange on <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx>

Consider if a paid clerk is necessary and affordable – Ann Preston will contact SALC to get all of the details of up to date employment law for a paid clerk

Shop as asset of community value decision by MSDC will be 3 March

17. Ideas for improvements to village – picket fence progress – not reported

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting all headings plus 16 - Clerk

19. New matters for next meeting – Village clean-up day will be 14 April 10.30 at the Knoll

20. Next meeting 12 March 2014