

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
14 May 2014
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jason Walker, Mike Denmark, Ian Baird, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Jackie Moss, Ann Preston, Jan Cresswell, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, Jon Eaves (Police) and 15 residents

1. Apologies: Sara Michell
2. Chairmans opening- The chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 16 April 2014 – agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. Any changes in councillors: Richard Hilton was co-opted as a councillor bringing the total to the required 9.
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
Sara Michells notes for the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm were taken as her report Jessica Fleming had to leave early but left notes. She wished to highlight the bus service from the centre of Ipswich to the Suffolk show and all of her links to other items of interest will be put on the parish council noticeboard.
Jon Eaves thanked John Robinson for his excellent work over the years for neighbourhood watch as a fine ambassador and helping to bring the community together on crime prevention. Suffolk police had noticed an increase in house burglaries which appeared to be gangs from Essex targeting houses in daylight whilst residents were at work. There had been success in reducing heating oil thefts and further suspects had been identified. John Campbell is taking over as neighbourhood watch coordinator and is planning to use email in parallel with phone around as a more accurate way of transmitting messages. So far 70 people have given him email addresses.
8. *Open discussion with residents*
The speedgun operators had noticed that immediately they were packing up the equipment the motorists started speeding again. There was a lively debate regarding permanent speed warning lights and as with many of these matters everyone liked the idea but the implementation is rather costly. Just on would cost more than the annual budget of the parish council. Many thanks to Jackie Moss for researching the costs and feasibility and trying to see whether the county council will contribute.
9. The Parish Council AGM for election of officials & representatives
 - (a) Chairman –Jason Walker
 - (b) Vice Chairman – No volunteer
 - (c) Responsible financial officer –John Giddings
 - (d) Clerk – Bob Hayward but only until there is an alternative in place
 - (e) Tree officer – John Preston
 - (f) Trustees, Charity for Needy & Mary Foster Charity –Marion Wilby & Jason Walker
 - (e) Little Ouse Project Trustee – Bob Hayward
 - (f) Redgrave Amenities Trust – John Preston, Norman Orves, Julian Van Beveren
 - (g) Footpaths officer –Currently John Preston
 - (h) Gressingham Foods liaison –John Giddings & Jason Walker
 - (i) War Memorial – Check if Angie Robinson will continue
10. Planning
<http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov>
0509/14 Dwelling adjacent Newlands permission refused
11. Finance and cheques for signature
Agreed reimburse John Robinson £13.66 expenses for neighbourhood watch
Agreed reimburse Angela Bigley £25 for book token for John Robinson thank you.

Agreed pay MSDC dog & litter bin emptying £168

Agreed pay David Newcombe £80 Knoll grass cutting (4 cuts)

Agreed purchase dog waste bin up to £230 plus VAT Mike to look at scaffold pole as support

Agreed replace Knoll waste bin £244.67 Mike kindly agreed to fit it to existing base

Paid clerk – it was agreed to trial a paid parish clerk for 6 months. Ann Preston has all of the relevant information to pull together the package and will present the proposal, ready to be advertised, for the next meeting.

12. Town pit status – still no suggestions for use

13. Affordable housing – the correspondents have changed so Jan Cresswell will need to find who are now key people.

14. Old School Playing Field – mole hills are still preventing cutting

15. Duck Factory – Work is in progress on the new turning and truck cleaning internal road layout

16. Speed monitoring -

17. Any other correspondence or information

We will send a letter of thanks for John Robinson retiring from neighbourhood watch coordinator

Reply from Churches Conservation Trust re bells. Loyd Grossman declined to attend the annual parish meeting to explain the CCT reason for not allowing the project which has listed building consent to go ahead. He suggests sending one of the staff to come and discuss in a closed meeting. Since then CCT has declined independent adjudication to test the only remaining CCT objection.

Signage for the road closures for surfacing around Redgrave appears chaotic presumably because Norfolk and Suffolk Highways have not coordinated their signage.

The glass in the phone box has been mysteriously replaced presumably by BT at long last.

18. Ideas for improvements to village

19. Matters carried forward from this meeting

20. New matters for next meeting

Approve the accounts. Village shop. Grass verge cutting.

21. Next meeting 11 June 2014

11 June 2014

Jason Walker Chairman