

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 8 October 2014
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jason Walker, Ian Baird, Bob Hayward, Mike Denmark, Ann Preston, Richard Hilton, Jackie Moss, Jan Cresswell, John Giddings, MSDC Councillor Sara Michell, three residents and the Parish Clerk, Leeann Jackson-Eve.

1. Apologies: None.
2. Chairman's Opening: Jason welcomed everyone.
3. Declarations of interest: None
4. Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 10 September 2014 were agreed as a true record.
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda: None.
6. Public Forum: 7.34pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *District Councillor Sara Michell reported that the Parish Liaison meeting on 4 November would focus on mobile phone infrastructure and planning policy. Due to light staffing, the Brome Household Waste site occasionally needs to close during published opening hours and it was advised to phone 01379 873371 to ensure that the site was open before visiting. The Energy for Waste site was beginning to deal with bulky waste and when fully open, it is expected that the site will produce enough energy to power 30,000 homes.*
The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.44pm.
Cllr Baird tendered his resignation and left the meeting at 7.55pm.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Tree applications and applications between meetings: It was agreed to consider setting up a Planning Committee at the next meeting.
 - 7.2 Decisions: Erection of a wooden Summerhouse. Ref. 2487/14 - Orves House, The Street, Redgrave. Planning permission GRANTED.
8. Finance and cheques for signature:
 - 8.1 Account balance: £27,548.68
 - 8.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£ 222.80	Sal/Exp Sept 14
Redgrave Amenities Trust	£ 996.00	Safety bark for play area (agreed 13/07/13)
Royal British Legion	£ 20.00	Wreath for Remembrance Sunday
MSDC	£ 62.04	Annual Play Inspection

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
 - 8.3 Finance Proposals – This item had been withdrawn.
 - 8.4 Budget – It was noted that the precept had been frozen for ten years and could no longer meet the annual budget. It was RESOLVED, with 8 for and 1 abstention, to set a BUDGET of £10,555 for the year 2015/16 and to retain reserve funds of £28,000 making a total fund of £38,555. It was RESOLVED, with 8 for and 1 abstention, to request a PRECEPT of £10,074 from the District Council. This would result in an overall 34.3% rise on the amount received in 2014/15 or an average of £0.89 per month per household to the Council Tax.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Town pit /Allotments – nothing to add.
 - 9.2 Affordable Housing – It was agreed that the verge in front of the houses, which was the responsibility of SCC, was an eyesore. The PC would look into the cost of preparing and grass-seeding the site prior to asking residents to provide future upkeep.
 - 9.3 Gressingham Foods – nothing to add.
 - 9.4 Speed Monitoring – Cllr Moss would write to the Safety Camera Partnership about funds for a fixed sign. The PC would look into organising a survey of the type of vehicles using the B1113 as it was thought that the road was not a lorry designated route. More volunteers for the speed monitoring were needed.

10. New Items:
 - 10.1 Drains – The drain halfway down Half Moon Lane would be reported for clearing.
 - 10.2 Christmas Tree – Cllr Cresswell would give an estimate at the next meeting.
 - 10.3 Community Assets: Cllrs Hayward, Hilton and Denmark would form a Working Party to look at the future use of PC lands.
 - 10.4 Planters at Village Entrance – The Garden Club Committee was happy to manage the planting and upkeep. Details would be reported at the next meeting.
 - 10.5 Training: The councillor training on 18 October had been cancelled. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to support the Clerk choosing appropriate professional training, within the budget provided, the PC to pay a third of related costs with Botesdale and Rickinghall PCs.
11. Correspondence:
 - 11.1 Royal British Legion: The details of the Remembrance Sunday ceremony were noted.
 - 11.2 Royal British Legion: The invitation to Standard “Laying up” Ceremony was noted.
 - 11.3 Suffolk County Council: It was confirmed that there were no grit bin/heap locations.
12. Ideas for improvements to village – Residents would be reminded of their responsibilities regarding cutting back their own verges and hedges and clearing ditches in the next parish magazine.
13. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council – Cllr Moss tendered her resignation and Cllr Cresswell indicated that she would be resigning before the next election. The Chairman thanked them and Cllr Baird for their hard work on behalf of the Council.
14. New matters for next meeting – Planning applications.
15. Next meeting: 12 November 2014

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.