

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 6 July 2016

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Matthew Millard, Ann Preston, Neil Smith, Jason Walker, Parish Clerk and 7 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Richard Hilton.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 8 June 2016 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: The decoration of the shop was complete and a Tea Party on the Knoll would be held in August. A meeting had been held with Gressingham Foods and it was reported that the new cold store project was underway, with the aim of reducing movements on site, a planning application for addition solar panels was not going ahead due to MSDC's requirement of an archaeological survey, contractors had nearly finished the new bridge which would re-route trucks along the abattoir side, the burned-down farmhouse had been delisted and planning permission had been secured for a new property on site, the footpath and lagoon would be fenced in and Grange house had been purchased and planning permission for conversion to office use secured. SCC had not been able to help with the standing water on the road near the entrance so Gressingham Foods would deal with that directly.
6. Public Forum: 7.32pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *County Cllr Jessica Fleming reported that verge cutting was two weeks behind schedule. Suffolk County Council had voted in favour of the proposals for a Norfolk-Suffolk combined authority and 'weak' elected mayor model. SCC would be voting on a draft order in October to establish the new local authority. District Cllr Derek Osborne reported that Mid Suffolk District Council had also voted in favour of the proposals. Mark Emsden spoke about his fundraising for East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) through balloon modelling and asked the PC to keep him in mind for local events. He also asked for permission to use a metal detector at the Town Pit. If anything of value was found, the law specified that the finder and the landowner would each receive half of the proceeds. He had a written agreement with EACH to donate at least 50% of anything he earned by this method.* The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.51pm. A prospective candidate for parish councillor, David Snashfold, was considered by the Council. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to co-opt Mr Snashfold, who was invited to take his seat on the Council. The PC also RESOLVED, with all agreed, to let Mr Emsden use a metal detector at the Town Pit.
7. Planning: It was noted that an application for Listed Building Consent for the bell frame repairs at St Mary's Church was likely to be submitted over the holiday period. It was agreed that as these were specialist repairs and there was no objection to them in principle, there was no need for the PC to meet to comment if the application arrived before the meeting in September.
 - 7.1 Applications:
 - 7.1.1 Oak House, The Green. Ref. 2740/16. Formation of new dormer window to rear elevation of dwelling. RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2 Decisions:
 - 7.2.1 The Grange, Hinderclay Road. Ref. 1775/16. Change of use and extension of existing dwelling, associated outbuildings and paddocks to commercial offices with ancillary research kitchen, fitness suite, open space, and car parking provision utilising existing vehicular access. Planning Permission GRANTED.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Community Assets: The tribunal reviewing the Cross Keys Pub's status as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) was to take place on 20 July. Mid Suffolk District Council's solicitor had indicated that the tribunal would not only review the process of ACV designation but the designation itself. It was agreed that Cllr Snashfold would attend the tribunal as a representative of the PC and the Clerk would update him with the background. Regarding the registration of PC property, it was noted that the documents had now been submitted to the Land Registry.

- 8.2 Traffic Issues – The HGV traffic survey had been completed and the results were awaited.
- 8.3 Play Area: It was explained that one set of football posts and net, basketball goal, play train, picnic bench, little house w/slide, monkey bars and the small slides were owned by Redgrave Amenities Trust. The rest of the equipment was owned by the PC, with the exception of the other set of football posts, which were owned by the Football Club. Currently there were not enough volunteers to keep up with the maintenance, particularly of the safety surfacing. It was agreed to get quotes for low maintenance soft-pour surfacing in areas which would be specified by Cllr Smith. The PC considered the removal of the youth shelter due to repeated vandalism but agreed instead to look into the removal of the Perspex panels, to reduce the area which could be used for graffiti.
- 8.4 Speedwatch Report: It was noted that the data downloaded so far from the vehicle activated sign had confirmed that the peak time for speeding was between 5 am and 8 am, with another lesser peak in the early evening. Peak numbers of vehicles passed through between 9 am and 10 am, and 5 pm and 7pm. It was noted that 85% of all vehicles, at all times, travelled at 38 mph or below. The Speedar device was still not working due to the defective battery charger and delivery of a new one had been delayed. The Speedwatch group had requested that the PC allocate Speedwatch an emergency budget of up to £150 a year so that it did not encounter delays for essential replacements. The PC considered this and opted instead to review the Financial Regulations to allow one or more councillors, including the Chairman, and/or the Parish Clerk to agree small purchases between meetings. This would be looked at in September.
9. New Items:
- 9.1 Verges: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the quote for £125 from L Bryant for the same programme of verge cutting as last year. The Clerk would follow up on a quote for cutting the Old School Playing Field. Cllr Walker would ask Mr Bryant if he could cut a roadside hedge near the Town Pit.
10. Correspondence:
- 10.1 MSDC: The Town and Parish Council newsletter June 2016 was noted.
- 10.2 SCC: The PC noted the information concerning the Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation and the extension of the deadline to 24 July. It was agreed that Cllr Millard would reply on behalf of the PC.
- 10.3 Anglian Water: The PC noted the request for information about privately owned pumping stations and agreed to put it in the parish magazine
11. Finance:
- 11.1 Budget Report and Account balance: £30,225.95
- 11.2 Accounts for Payment (July):
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| L Jackson-Eve | £ 278.97 | Salary June 2016 |
| | £ 9.52 | Expenses June 2016 |
| HMRC | £ 54.80 | PAYE for LJE – 1 st quarter |
| SALC | £ 18.00 | Training Course LJE |
| J Walker | £ 27.00 | Statutory Declarations for Land
Registration - Jackamans Solicitors |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
- 11.3 Accounts for Payment (August):
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| L Jackson-Eve | £ 298.37 | Salary July 2016 |
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- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the account detailed above.
12. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: There was a blocked gully on Half Moon Lane causing localised flooding at times of heavy rain. The Clerk would report to Highways.
13. New matters for next meeting: None.
14. Next meeting: 14 September 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.