

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 4 January 2017
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Neil Smith, David Snashfold, Jason Walker, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Derek Osborne, Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Matthew Millard, Ann Preston.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 9 November 2016 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: The Clerk had reported the damaged village entrance sign at the south end of the B1113 and the finger post sign at the junction with Fen Street as well as some 30mph repeater signs which were very faded. Suffolk County Council had responded that such repairs were not a priority at this time. The PC agreed to pursue it further.
6. Public Forum: 7.40pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *County Cllr Fleming reported that the government had sponsored a new digital project to provide better information to large vehicle operators which included updated Ordnance Survey based mapping linked to SatNav. There was an added cost to access the full data and it would need input from local sources to improve accuracy. District Cllr Osborne reported that an MSDC representative would be speaking at the Neighbourhood Plan meeting to be held at 7.30 on 18 January at Rickinghall Village Hall.* The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.49pm.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications: None.
 - 7.2 Decisions:
 - 7.2.1 Land adjacent to Green Farm House. Ref. 3941/16. Erection of timber entrance gate to serve dwelling under construction approved by planning permission 1478/15. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 7.2.2 Land North of Elm Cottage. Ref. 4045/16. Use of land for siting of 2no. holiday cabins with provision of parking, treatment plant and solar panels. Planning Permission GRANTED.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Community Assets: It was reported that the funding applications for the shop were under way. The two remaining applications to register parish council property required the submission of the full Land Enclosure Act 1818, by request of the Land Registry, and the Clerk would look into obtaining one from the Suffolk Record Office.
 - 8.2 Play Area: The Clerk was waiting for a quote from one company for new play surfacing and was arranging site visits for additional quotes.
 - 8.3 Verges and Footpaths: The Clerk had requested three quotes and two contractors had agreed to walk the footpaths prior to giving a quote.
 - 8.4 Phone Box Adoption: It was noted that the application had been submitted and a response was awaited from BT. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, that the Clerk would sign the phone box adoption agreement once the application had been processed. It was thought that the defibrillator already had a site and the Clerk would confirm this before the next meeting.
 - 8.5 Speedwatch Report: It was noted that during October, November and December the group had run 9 sessions and reported 43 vehicles speeding. In December the weather had been too cold or wet but they had run sessions when possible. Numbers reported per session continued to vary between 0 and 14. No new volunteers came forward as a result of the parish council magazine appeal and the team was continuing at its present strength. The police had been active in The Street, as they promised, on at least one occasion.
9. New Items:
 - 9.1 Equal Opportunities Policy: The PC noted that a formal policy was necessary for funding applications and RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adopt the policy drafted by the Clerk.

- 9.2 Neighbourhood Plan: It was noted that Botesdale and Rickinghall were considering drafting a neighbourhood plan and an introductory meeting was being held at 7:30pm on 18 January at Rickinghall Village Hall. This would be a community-led endeavour which Redgrave residents might wish to join.
- 9.3 The Knoll: It was agreed that the Chairman would inspect a branch which was reported to be broken on the oak tree.
10. Correspondence:
- 10.1 MSDC: The PC received the consultation on street naming methods and a proposal for parish councils to each send in a list of potential street names to streamline the process. It was noted that parish councils could continue to offer names on an ad hoc basis if they wished.
- 10.2 St Botolph's School: The Headteacher had received a number of queries about capacity at the school and wrote to the PC to say that the perception seemed to be that the school wouldn't have the capacity to take any additional children if new homes and thus families moved into the area. He said that in some instances this was true but on the whole the school did have the capacity to take in more pupils and out of the seven classes there was currently space for additional pupils in all except for yr6, yr5 and reception. In total they had space for 29 new children throughout the school, the equivalent to a whole class. The Clerk would forward this to County Cllr Fleming for information.
- 10.3 SARS: It was noted that funding to SARS had been agreed at the November meeting.
- 10.4 EAAA: It was noted that funding to EAAA had been agreed at the November meeting.
11. Finance:
- 11.1 Budget Report and Account balance: £33,419.69
- 11.2 Accounts for Payment:
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| L Jackson-Eve | £ 259.97 | Salary Dec 2016 |
| | £ 30.86 | Expenses Dec 2016 |
| HMRC | £ 57.80 | PAYE for LJE – 3 rd quarter |
| D Newcombe | £ 50.00 | Knoll Cut Oct/Nov 2016 |
| J Preston | £ 15.00 | Tree Warden Forum fees |
| J Cresswell | £ 204.00 | Christmas Tree and lights |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
- 11.3 Precept 2017/18: The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed to sign the form requesting a precept of £10,580 from Mid Suffolk District Council (as agreed in November 2016).
12. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: The PC had received correspondence from development company Strutt and Parker requesting another presentation about proposals to build 20-25 houses on the land off Hall Lane near the end of the village. This presentation was provisionally arranged for the March meeting.
13. New matters for next meeting: None.
14. Next meeting: 1 February 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.08pm.