

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 1 March 2017

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Richard Hilton, Matthew Millard, Ann Preston, Neil Smith, David Snashfold, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Derek Osborne, Parish Clerk and 26 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Bob Hayward, Jason Walker.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 1 February 2017 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: None.
6. Public Forum: 7.31pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *Paul Sutton from Strutt and Parker spoke about the proposed development in Hall Lane following up on the scheme presented at the PC meeting in October 2016. The main changes were to the layout and mix of the houses which now numbered 20 rather than 25, with seven affordable homes (housing association/shared equity) and 13 market homes. This would include three 2-bed, twelve 3-bed, three 4-bed and two 5-bed homes. A wooded area had been placed at the south-east corner to soften the entrance into the village and a historic hedgerow on the southern boundary would be reinstated. The site itself was smaller and the larger detached houses had been placed at the roadside to reflect the character of the area. A member of the public asked what had changed – why would they be allowed to build in the Conservation Area (CA) and outside the village envelope. Mr Sutton explained that building in a CA was not prohibited if the benefits (to MSDC to help secure their housing requirements for the district) outweighed the disbenefit to the character of the CA. A member of the public asked why there were no bungalows and Mr Sutton noted that as the site was very low-density, there was no reason why they could not be accommodated and this would be considered. Others expressed concern about how sustainable the development would be. It was felt that the existing infrastructure, particularly the school, surgery and the sewage/water systems could not cope without some investment. Mr Sutton explained that there was a tariff of charges on any large development for improving infrastructure (Section 106) but it would also be the duty of the sewage/water company to provide an adequate service. Many of those present were alarmed by the effect of 80+ more cars accessing Hall Lane near a very sharp bend and it was questioned whether the visibility splay was sufficient. Mr Sutton replied that the access was deemed to be safe according to technical guidelines, with the standard 43m visibility splay for a 30mph zone. However, if a speed survey showed that speeds at that location were in excess of 30mph, the access would need to be considered further. The prevailing mood in the public forum was that the village had very little say in the matter. Mr Sutton said that ultimately the process was dictated by MSDC and it currently did not have enough sites to demonstrate the 5-year supply of housing required by government. The Parish Council agreed to look into the possibility of carrying out a housing needs survey and/or producing a neighbourhood plan. It was noted that there would be further revisions to the scheme and Mr Sutton's contact details would be added to the website. Cllr Fleming reported that Bird Flu controls remained in place at the Bridge Farm Redgrave with a 3km Protection Zone and a 10km Surveillance Zone in place around the premises. Defra had published full details of the controls in place on their website and Suffolk Trading Standards were providing updates via Twitter and Facebook. She would be taking part in a "Lorrywatch" group meeting on 23rd March and would be discussing a county-wide meeting of Lorrywatch groups which could include Speedwatch groups if interested. A member of the public spoke about the inadequate bus service and Cllr Fleming referred to local transport schemes which might be able to provide a more convenient service. She also reported that the Policing Precept would increase by 1.972% in 2017/18 and the County Council budget for 2017/ 2018 included a 3% increase to help meet increasing social care needs. Cllr Osborne reported that the MSDC budget had been set and there would be a 5p per week increase to Council Tax for Band D properties. A member of the public asked the Parish Council to have the pavements between Redgrave and Botesdale cleared of growth. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.28pm.*

7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications: None.
 - 7.2 Decisions:
 - 7.2.1 The Old Forge, The Street. Ref. 0111/17. T1 Cedar. Raise canopy to 3m and reduce height by 3m given its close proximity to house. NO OBJECTION.
 - 7.2.2 Malva House, Hall Lane. Ref. 0111/17. T1 Reduce by 50% (Goat Willow), T2 Reduce by 1/2 (High pollard) (Ash), T3 Reduce by 1/3 (High pollard) (Ash). NO OBJECTION.
 - 7.2.3 Land adjacent to Green Farm Cottage. Ref. 3845/16. Erection of detached dwelling and garage. Planning Permission GRANTED.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Community Assets: It was noted that the moratorium on the sale of the Shop had ended and the owner could sell to anyone within the next 12-month period, after which the designation as an Asset of Community Value would continue and the process would have to begin again. It was noted that the Land Registry had requested a copy of the second part of the Land Enclosure Act 1818 for the allotments and town pit and this had been obtained from the Suffolk Record Office.
 - 8.2 Play Area: A quote for £11,875.85 plus VAT had been received for new grass mat safety surfacing at the play area. It was agreed to pursue other quotes for comparison.
 - 8.3 Verges and Footpaths: Two quotes for £674.91 and £480 had been received for cutting footpaths in the parish and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the quote for £480 from David Newcombe. A cut would be made mid-late May and in September if needed.
 - 8.4 Phone Box Adoption: It was noted that the purchase had been completed. As the defibrillator already had a site, it was agreed to ask the community what it would like to do with the phone box.
 - 8.5 The Knoll Oak: The Chairman would make arrangements to take down the dead limbs.
 - 8.6 Internal Audit Review: The results of the review were pending receipt of a replacement copy of a bank statement.
9. New Items:
 - 9.1 Internal Auditor: The PC discussed whether to have an internal auditor not connected to Redgrave but it was agreed to maintain the existing arrangements. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to appoint Julian van Beveren as internal auditor for the end of year accounts.
 - 9.2 Spring Clean / Litter Pick: It was agreed to hold the event on Sunday, 9th April at 10am – meet outside Reed House (large White House two doors to the right of pub) by the Knoll. District Cllr Osborne agreed to bring bags.
 - 9.3 Transparency Fund: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to submit a second application to the Fund for the £50 cost of website with OneSuffolk.
10. Correspondence:
 - 10.1 Carols on the Knoll: The request to hold the event on Friday, 8 December was agreed.
11. Finance:
 - 11.1 Account balance: £31,361.87
 - 11.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£ 256.97	Salary Feb 2017
	£ 82.92	Expenses Feb 2017
Redgrave Amenities Trust	£ 300.00	Grant to maintain recreational facilities
Suffolk County Council	£ 159.91	Street Lighting 2016-17

 RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
12. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: The Clerk would find out when the defibrillator would be installed. There was a stile on footpath 2 which needed some attention.
13. New matters for next meeting: Housing Needs Survey and Neighbourhood Plan
14. Next meeting: 5 April 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm.