

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 5 April 2017

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mike Denmark, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Ann Preston, David Snashfold, Jason Walker, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Derek Osborne, Parish Clerk and 7 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: John Giddings, Matthew Millard, Neil Smith.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 1 March 2017 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: None.
6. Public Forum: County Cllr Fleming reported that there was a Suffolk Lorrywatch programme which met to discuss problems related to lorries in the countryside. A local Lorrywatch group could be formed and SCC coordinates meetings to discuss issues. The Lorrywatch programme was under Suffolk Trading Standards but control of lorries was under SCC Highways. At present if a lorry used an unsuitable route, there was no penalty but SCC could make complaint to the company. Another issue was that some haulage companies used car SatNav systems which didn't show unsuitable routes for lorries. SCC was a member of the Eastern Region Freight Association and has been working to develop a better relationship and better practices with haulage companies. The PC could still look into weight restrictions for the B1113 but it was noted that would not prevent local access. One resident expressed interest in starting up a Lorrywatch group in the village.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications:
 - 7.1.1 Chapel House, The Knoll. Ref. 0826/17. Erection of a two storey rear extension following demolition of existing lean-to to rear. Planning Permission. It was noted that this would not be visible from the street and there was no objection.
 - 7.2.1 Chapel House, The Knoll. Ref. 0828/17. Erection of a two storey rear extension following demolition of existing lean-to to rear. Listed Building Consent. There was no objection.
 - 7.2 Decisions: None.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Community Assets: The shop premises had been taken off the market so the shop would continue for the duration of the lease – until July 2019. A discussion had taken place at the Annual Parish Meeting about buying the Cross Keys for the community (it had been informally offered by the owner for £300,000). It was noted that a number of residents had agreed to form a committee to look at the details of the sale and report back. It was also noted that someone had advertised in the parish magazine for land for horses. The Clerk would contact them to offer the playing field or the town pit.
 - 8.2 Play Area: The PC received two quotes for new grass mat safety surfacing at the play area. One for £11,875.85 was reported last month and the second was for £24,004. After five months of seeking quotes, the Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the lower quote from Urban Forestry.
 - 8.3 Verges and Footpaths: The County Council had informed the Clerk that it would be carrying out two cuts this year. It was agreed to try to find out when and carry out an additional cut in between.
 - 8.4 Speedwatch: It was noted that the VAS continued to do its work in rotation and looking back at two previous Police speed surveys, findings showed that the number of drivers exceeding the limit had dropped significantly. The Speedwatch team had a very quiet winter, with the bitter cold after Christmas prohibiting any activity during January and February, but had started back to work in March. New members were still needed. The Police had been seen speed checking a few times on Hall Lane and in The Street as promised. The County Speedwatch co-ordinator had informed the group that speed enforcement team scanned the local Speedwatch group submissions and when possible, visited the worst offending sites.
 - 8.5 The Knoll Oak: The Chairman would take down the dead limbs.

- 8.6 Internal Audit Review: Cllr Preston had carried out the review based on the internal controls checklist provided by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, and had signed off on them. It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to accept the review.
9. New Items:
- 9.1 Housing Needs Survey: It was agreed that this would be a good way to inform future development in the village but the cost was high at around £2,500. The Clerk would look into funding.
- 9.2 Neighbourhood Plan: The Clerk would talk to MSDC about whether it was too late to join Botesdale and Rickinghall.
10. Correspondence:
- 10.1 MSDC – There was no objection to the proposed area designation for the Botesdale/Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan.
- 10.2 MSDC: The Town and Parish Council Newsletter was noted.
- 10.3 R Walters: The proposal to turn the Phone Box into a book stall was noted. It was suggested that volunteers stock up the books, keep it clean and tidy, open it in the morning and lock it late afternoon, seven days a week. It was agreed to put this in the parish magazine for comments, other ideas and offers of help.
11. Finance:
- 11.1 Account balance: £30,510.35
- 11.2 Accounts for Payment:
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| L Jackson-Eve | £ 236.17 | Salary Mar 2017 |
| | £ 46.57 | Expenses Mar 2017 |
| HMRC | £ 52.80 | PAYE Quarterly Pmt |
| Redgrave Parish Magazine | £ 130.00 | Advert Fees 12 months |
- 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 report some fly-tipping near the church and report the damage to the village entrance sign again.
13. New matters for next meeting: None.
14. Next meeting: 3 May 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.