

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 11 November 2015

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Ann Preston, Neil Smith, Jason Walker, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, 5 residents, Parish Clerk.

1. Chairman's Opening: Jason welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: None.
3. Declarations of interest: The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11.6 as a member of the PCC.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 14 October 2015 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda. None.
6. Public Forum: 7.40pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *Jessica Fleming reported that representatives of 7 local authorities in Norfolk and Suffolk had met central government on 4 November to discuss devolution for the regions. Further details were expected in early 2016. She reported that the energy insulation provider Climate Energy had become insolvent. If anyone had engaged them to undertake insulation work, Climate Energy was no longer providing this service on behalf of the County Council. Anyone who had work left unfinished by the company could contact the County Council at CreatingGreenestCounty@suffolk.gov.uk or 01473 264832. Finally, she reported that the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Rural Economic Growth Fund had been allocated £13m for the rural economy. Further information could be had from Alastair.rhind@newanglia.co.uk or by calling 01603 510080. Gordon Lawrence, the co-ordinator of the local community transport scheme (RBGNS), spoke about the changes to the scheme which had been supported by Suffolk County Council for 15 years. Under the new model, SCC sought to reduce funding from £2.4m to £700k. SCC would not be retaining the vehicles previously provided and maintained for the community transport schemes and were re-tendering for the service. As volunteers, Mr Lawrence and his team of drivers could not tender for the service but it was hoped that another organisation would come forward to maintain it in its current format. The PC agreed to write a letter in support of the service.* The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.12pm.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications: None.
 - 7.2 Decisions: None.
8. Finance:
 - 8.1 Account balance: £32,940.45
 - 8.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£	296.16	Sal/Exp October 15
D Newcombe	£	25.00	Knoll cut x 1
Bowls Club	£	50.00	s137 grant
Botesdale Parish Council	£	52.17	1/3 of War Memorial insurance
J Canning	£	36.38	1/3 of Remembrance event costs
Spire Solicitors	£	150.00	Initial payment for land registry fees

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
 - 8.3 Budget for 2016/17: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to set a BUDGET of £10,740 for the year 2016/17 and to retain earmarked funds of £27,000 making a total fund of £37,740. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to request a PRECEPT of £10,377 from the District Council. This would result in an overall 3% rise on the amount received in 2015/16.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Affordable Housing: nta.
 - 9.2 Speed Monitoring: The Clerk reported that SCC Highways had placed the order for the four new or extended posts for the Vehicle Activated Sign and had confirmed that this would be paid for by SCC. The County Councillor had made a formal offer of £1,500 towards the purchase of the sign itself and the funds would be issued before the end of the month.

- 9.3 Community Assets: The Clerk had received the rental value for the town pit and the old school playing field and the suggested amount per year was £150-200. The PC agreed this use did not maximise the value of the land to the parish and it was agreed to look into its potential for residential development, particularly for much needed smaller homes. A meeting would be set up with Mid Suffolk Planning in January. In another matter, it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the quote from Michael Bryant for £192 to repair the bench at Fen Street.
10. New Items:
 - 10.1 Repainting Village Sign: The Chairman would pursue a quote for the work.
 - 10.2 Play Inspection: The necessary work would be carried out by the Redgrave Amenities Trust.
 - 10.3 Meeting dates for 2016: 13 Jan; 10 Feb; 9 Mar; 13 Apr; 11 May; 8 Jun; 6 Jul; 14 Sep; 12 Oct; 9 Nov. The July meeting would be held one week early due to the Clerk's holiday.
11. Correspondence:
 - 11.1 MSDC: The Planning Together and Community Engagement information was noted.
 - 11.2 Suffolk Police: The Future of Policing Event on 10 December was noted.
 - 11.3 SALC: The information on proposed planning right of appeal for parish councils was noted.
 - 11.4 SALC: The information on Local Government Devolution was noted.
 - 11.5 J Canning: The request re the future of the annual Remembrance Parade was noted and it was agreed that the PC would like the event to continue as long as Mr Canning was happy to carry on organising it.
 - 11.6 RBR PCC: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to give a grant of £300 for maintenance of churchyards.
 - 11.7 Botesdale PC: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to contribute £52.17, which was 1/3 of the cost of insurance for the War Memorial shared with Botesdale and Rickinghall.
 - 11.8 Headway Suffolk: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to give a grant of £50 to the organisation supporting those with brain injuries.
 - 11.9 EAAA: It had been resolved within the discussion of the budget to give a grant of £100.
12. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: It was noted that the Redgrave Churches Trust had come to an agreement with the Churches Conservation Trust concerning the bells and frame, which would be repaired to best standard prior to establishing a centre for excellence for bell ringing in Albert Driver's name.
13. New matters for next meeting: It was noted that lorries were mounting the pavement near the village entrance and pedestrian safety was a concern.
14. Next meeting: 13 January 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.