

## REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 5 July 2017

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Matthew Millard, Ann Preston, Jason Walker, Parish Clerk, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Derek Osborne and 12 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Richard Hilton and Neil Smith.
3. Casual Vacancy: Two prospective candidates for the parish councillor vacancy, Angela Clarke and Angela Bigley, were voted on by the Council. Mrs Bigley received 4 votes and Mrs Clarke received 1 vote – the Chairman abstained. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to co-opt Mrs Bigley, who was invited to take her seat on the Council.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 7 June 2017 were agreed as a true record.
6. None.
7. Public Forum: County Cllr Fleming reported that the Highways team would now be run from three hubs around the county and would each have a co-ordinator to liaise with parishes. Mid Suffolk would be based in Halesworth. There was also a facility to report the need for verge cutting. From 1 July 2017, Network Assurance would no longer email copies of notices of roadworks or diversions routinely to parish clerks or councillors. However, anyone could sign up to the new alert system for any area of the country at [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org). District Cllr Osborne reported that all district councillors now had a budget of £6,250 to give grants to local organisations. Andrew Dickson reported on the summary of costs presented to the PC. It was expected that any donation or loan to the share offer scheme would be able to take 30% tax relief on that amount but the company will first seek “advance assurance” of this from HMRC. There would also be the cost of recruiting a manager for the pub. Anyone who has responded to the recent survey would receive a letter with an update and there would be a meeting about the share offer scheme in due course.
8. Planning:
  - 8.1 Applications:
    - 8.1.1 Barn at Money Pot Farm, Money Pot Hill. Ref. DC/17/02788. Erection of link extension. Retention of garage. Planning Application. There was no objection to this.
    - 8.1.2 Barn at Money Pot Farm, Money Pot Hill. Ref. DC/17/02789. Erection of link extension and garage. Application for Listed Building Consent. There was no objection to this.
    - 8.1.3 Sundown, Half Moon Lane. Ref DC/17/02350. Householder Application - Erection of single storey side and front extensions. Part conversion of existing garage and replacement roof. Rendering existing brickwork and replacement of roof tiles. There was no objection to this but there were concerns about the reduction in parking facilities as Sundown was on a narrow road with no on-road parking.
  - 8.2 Decisions: None.
9. Ongoing Items:
  - 9.1 Cross Keys Pub Purchase: The Parish Council noted the summary of costs which included solicitors' fees, VAT advice and advice on a share offer scheme concerning tax relief. A request to hold a fundraising BBQ on The Knoll on 27 August was approved. It was agreed to apply to Locality for funding for pre-planning application work on the Old School Playing Field.
  - 9.2 Land Registration: The new documents had now been submitted to the Land Registry for registration of the allotments and the town pit.
  - 9.3 Play Area: It was agreed to get more quotes for grass cutting. A dog bin which was being stored for the PC would be installed next to the steps.
  - 9.4 Verges and Footpaths: It was agreed to ask the contractor to cut non-SCC paths.
  - 9.5 Housing Needs Survey: The survey was approved and would be delivered in mid-July.
  - 9.6 Speedwatch Report: The report was noted.
10. New Items: None.

11. Correspondence:

- 11.1 MSDC: From 1<sup>st</sup> July, Mid Suffolk District Council would be charging for pre-application advice. Fees would start from £84 for a written response and more for a site visit.
- 11.2 Boundary Commission: It was noted that the Commission was undertaking an electoral review of Mid Suffolk and warding arrangements consultation would take place until 14 August.
- 11.3 P Taylor: It was noted that the shop was on the market but at the present the owner would only consider offers for the shop from purchasers interested in also buying the house.
- 11.4 Redgrave Garden Club: The PC approved the proposal to move all the tubs on The Knoll to the corner opposite the pond for maximum impact and thanked the Garden Club for all their hard work.

12. Finance:

- 12.1 Account balance: £34,533.39 – It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to move £16,000 in earmarked funds for village projects to the regular budget for projects prior to payment for the play area and pub purchase costs.

12.2 Accounts for Payment (July):

L Jackson-Eve	£ 231.52	Salary June 2017
	£ 80.10	Expenses June 2017
HMRC	£ 141.20	PAYE for LJE – 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
MSDC	£ 240.00	Dog/Litter Bin Emptying
D Newcombe	£ 75.00	Cut/strim Knoll x 3
T Gaddis	£ 150.00	Cut/strim/weeds Play Area x 2
Redgrave Community Society	£ 500.00	Funds for initial costs of pub purchase
Durrants	£ 2,340.00	Survey for Cross Keys PH
Durrants	£ 1,200.00	Valuation for Cross Keys PH

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above. The Clerk would check whether VAT could be reclaimed on the payments for the Cross Keys purchase.

12.3 Accounts for Payment (August):

L Jackson-Eve	£ 231.72	Salary July 2017
	£ 22.20	Expenses July 2017

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the account detailed above.

- 13. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: None.
- 14. New matters for next meeting: None.
- 15. Next meeting: 6 September 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm.