

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 1 November 2017
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Ann Preston, Neil Smith, Parish Clerk, Susie Phillips (Llanover Estate) and 35 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Richard Hilton, Matthew Millard and Jason Walker.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 4 October 2017 were agreed as a true record.
5. None.
6. Public Forum: Susie Phillips from the Llanover Estate spoke about the proposed development site which has been included in Mid Suffolk's Draft Local Plan. She said that the Estate had been "shocked" that their agent had not engaged with the Parish Council or the Redgrave Amenities Trust about a proposal to develop the recreation ground and move it to the adjoining field. The Estate had no intention of taking land from Redgrave and was committed to securing the future of the recreation ground. The Llanover Estate would like to see some small development in the village and noted that there was a need for more low-cost housing and housing for elderly "downsizers". It was likely that the Estate would consider putting a small-scale development at the edge of the recreation area on the adjoining field. It felt that would make the play area safer and it would also bring the recreation ground into the village. The alternative was to extend housing along Churchway. Having a small development wouldn't increase the density of the village the way infill had, and 1-2 houses here and there would not trigger contributions towards amenities and infrastructure the way a larger development would. If the land was passed on to a developer, the Estate would make sure that there were limits/controls on what the land could be used for, the number of houses, the layout and type of housing. Any low-cost housing would probably be rental properties or housing association/low cost home ownership. Ms Phillips concluded by confirming that the Estate will write to Mid Suffolk District Council to make it clear that the recreation ground would not be included in the development area.
The Parish Council asked Ms Phillips to pass on to the Estate that the community would be interested in purchasing the recreation ground. Several residents asked questions about the Estate's plans and thanked Ms Phillips for coming to speak.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications:
 - 7.1.1 Crackthorn Cottage, The Street. Ref. DC/17/05214. Erection of infill extension. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2 Decisions: None.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Local Plan Consultation: Cllrs Denmark and Giddings drafted a response to the Local Plan consultation which was agreed. The petition started by Mr Giddings had received more than 200 signatures and would be sent to Mid Suffolk District Council before the consultation deadline.
 - 8.2 Cross Keys Pub Purchase: The purchase had been agreed in principle and it was hoped that the conveyancing process would go as quickly as possible. There would be around £200k in local funding and another £100k in grants and loans. Fundraising for refurbishment would continue. The Parish Council thanked everyone involved and commented that the community spirit had been wonderful.
 - 8.3 Old School Playing Field: Cllr Neil Smith would meet a District Council planning officer on site this month for advice on whether the Old School Playing Field, Half Moon Lane was suitable for development.
 - 8.4 Land Registration: The Clerk was pleased to report that all parish-owned properties had now been registered with the Land Registry.
 - 8.5 Proposed Hall Lane Development: The PC noted that the planning consultant would attend the PC meeting on 3 January 2018 to present updated proposals.

9. New Items:
 - 9.1 Neighbourhood Plan: The Clerk would arrange a public meeting in mid-February to discuss a possible Plan. Mid Suffolk District Council officers would be invited to attend to let everyone know what was involved.
 - 9.2 Pensions: The Clerk had not yet received all the information necessary to make a decision, so this would be deferred to the January meeting.
10. Correspondence:
 - 10.1 Boundary Commission: The consultation on new electoral arrangements was noted.
 - 10.2 MSDC: It was noted that the PC had received a payment of £2,148.80 in Community Infrastructure Levy funds for development within the village. This would be earmarked and any proposed use would need to be notified to the District Council.
 - 10.3 Redgrave PCC: The request for funding for churchyard maintenance was noted and would be considered as part of budget discussions.
11. Finance:
 - 11.1 Account balance: £20,067.51
 - 11.2 Accounts for Payment (Nov):

L Jackson-Eve (Total £315.18)	£ 263.75	Salary Oct 2017
	£ 51.43	Expenses Oct 2017
T Gaddis	£ 50.00	Cut/strim/weeds Play Area
SALC	£ 8.80	Data Protection Briefing
Botesdale PC	£ 75.18	War Memorial Insurance
Community Action Suffolk	£ 60.00	Website Hosting
One Planning Ltd	£ 780.00	School Playing Field Pre-App Enquiry
Spire Solicitors	£ 1,244.00	Fees/charges for Land Registration

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
 - 11.3 Accounts for Payment (Dec):

L Jackson-Eve	£ 254.12	Salary Nov 2017
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RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the account detailed above.
 - 11.4 Budget for 2018/19: To consider draft budget.
12. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: Mr Davies was unable to carry the wreath on 12 November, so it was agreed that the Clerk would lay the wreath in advance of the event.
13. New matters for next meeting: None.
14. Next meeting: 3 January 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27pm.