

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - MINUTES 6 December 2017
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Ann Preston, Neil Smith, Jason Walker, Parish Clerk, District Councillor Derek Osborne, 14 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Richard Hilton and Matthew Millard.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 1 November 2017 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered on agenda: It was noted that Botesdale and Rickinghall and were discussing pension arrangements for the Clerk and had invited Redgrave to take part in investigating available schemes. Ann Preston and John Giddings would join the working party.
6. Public Forum: Members of the public discussed the proposed airfield, airing concerns about the number of flights per day and resulting noise. A member of the public noted that the Christmas tree on the Knoll would benefit from additional lights and it was agreed that this would be suggested to the organiser with the PC willing to pay for them. Several residents still felt some concern about the plans for the Old School Playing Field and stated a preference for leaving it as was. It was noted that the PC had received no objections to the removal of the old play equipment some years ago and the provision of a new play area behind the Amenities Centre. In the intervening years, no-one had come forward with a suggestion for its use and casual enquiries about using it for grazing, etc had come to nothing. The intention was to provide funds for improvement of the village by a small development on a site which was currently benefitting no-one. The PC reiterated that any proceeds from development of the site would be subject to a public village-wide meeting to decide about the use of the funds. The PC had no intention of making this decision without appropriate consultation with residents.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications:
 - 7.1.1 Land South of School Road, Hinderclay. Ref. DC/17/05256. Planning Application - Change of use of agricultural land to provide airfield for light aircraft aviation operations. Erection of temporary aircraft hangar. Siting of storage container. There were concerns about the affect these proposals would have on both occupants of residential property and wildlife under the stated flight path. It had been calculated that aircraft would be at a height of 500 to 1000 feet as they passed over residential properties at the north end of Redgrave village and Redgrave and Lopham Fen, which was a SSSI. The noise potential from up to 20 flights a day and more on "events" days would have a severe impact on the residents/areas under the flight path - particularly if there was an increase, as suggested, in training at the site. The PC was concerned about whether other agencies had been consulted, e.g. the MOD for any constraints concerning local RAF bases. It was noted that the flight path crossed the bird migration and congregation area between Redgrave and Lopham fens and Redgrave Lake and it was felt that MSDC should have consulted with the British Trust for Ornithology and RSPB. The PC also suggested that MSDC check with Natural England concerning nearby fens as the it was informed by the Little Ouse Headwaters Project that permission had been required from NE for even a small drone to photograph vegetation. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object to this application under Policies RT6 and RT9 due to the detrimental impact on wildlife, ecology and the disturbance to occupants of residential property. It also objected under Policy CS5 as the proposals were unlikely to protect a Designated Site (Redgrave and Lopham Fen) and local wildlife corridors and ecological networks.
 - 7.1.2 Chapel House, The Knoll, The Street. Ref. DC/17/05541. Householder Planning Application for erection of a two-storey rear extension with single storey link. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection to the application.

7.1.3 Chapel House, The Knoll, The Street. Ref. DC/17/05544. Application for Listed Building Consent for a two-storey rear extension with single storey link. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection to the application.

7.2 Decisions:

7.2.1 Pound Farm, Gallows Hill. Ref. DC/17/04467. Outline Planning Application. Access to be considered. Erection of new dwelling and garage. Planning Permission REFUSED.

7.2.2 Crackthorn Cottage, The Street. Ref. DC/17/05214. Erection of infill extension. Planning Permission GRANTED.

8. Finance:

8.1 Account balance: £17,482.63

8.2 Accounts for Payment:

D Newcombe	£	90.00	Cut/strim The Knoll
J Canning	£	35.00	Remembrance Sunday Event
J Moss	£	21.99	Replacement Dictaphone for Speedwatch
One Planning Ltd	£	490.80	School Playing Field Pre-App Enquiry – 2 nd Invoice
Francis Cupiss	£	534.00	

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

9. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: Cllr Hayward reported that the bells had been removed to Dorset to be refurbished while the new steel frame was being installed. They would be reinstalled in April 2018 and in the meantime a recording of bells would take their place.

10. Next meeting: 3 January 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.18pm.