

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 3 January 2018
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Matthew Millard, Ann Preston, Neil Smith, Jason Walker, Parish Clerk, and 35 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: None.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 6 December 2017 were agreed as a true record.
5. None.
6. Public Forum: Cllr Fleming reported that consultation on proposed changes to school transport would run until 28th February. Changes to the present policy would be brought in for September 2019. The changes promoted the option to charge if students did not attend their "nearest" school. It was noted that this could result in Diss High School being the nearest school for local students. It wasn't clear whether places or transport would be available to a Norfolk school and the PC was advised by Cllr Fleming that there was no position on it in the consultation. She therefore urged families that could be affected to respond and make their feelings known.
Paul Sutton from Strutt and Parker was at the meeting to speak about the proposed development in Hall Lane, following up on the scheme presented at the PC meeting in March 2017. The main changes were to the layout and mix of the houses which now numbered 17 – down from 25 originally – with six affordable homes (housing association/shared equity) and 11 market homes. Previous feedback from the community had led to a mix of six 1/2-bed, seven 3-bed and four 4-bed homes, including eight bungalows. It was likely that a full planning application would be submitted in time for it to be discussed at the February or March PC meeting. Feedback on the current proposals focussed on concerns about the loss of turtle dove, barn owl and grass snake habitats on site and the proposed house designs, which were considered too urban.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications: None.
 - 7.2 Decisions: None.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Cross Keys Pub Purchase: It was noted that the Christmas opening event was a great success and a new management couple would be starting on 22 January. It was hoped that the pub would be open sometime in February.
 - 8.2 Neighbourhood Plan: A public meeting would be held on Wednesday, 21 February at 7pm at the Activities Centre to discuss whether to produce a Plan for Redgrave.
 - 8.3 Old School Playing Field: The feedback from the pre-planning enquiry was noted. It was advised that additional highways and ecological advice was needed to determine whether the Field was suitable for development. All advice so far had been paid for out of grants from Locality.org.uk and further funding would be sought for the additional advice.
 - 8.4 Speedwatch: The PC received the quarterly report and noted that activity had slowed down in the winter, but the police now regularly, usually once a month, carried out their own speed check in Hall Lane for an hour at a time. It continued to show up as a hotspot for speeding. Cllr Matthew Millard agreed to help download data from the vehicle activated sign.
9. New Items:
 - 9.1 Place Based Social Action Fund: The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to confirm involvement in a partnership with MSDC, the Redgrave Community Society and Redgrave Community Shop to expand and develop community facilities in order to access Government funding. An expression of interest had already been made by MSDC.
 - 9.2 Village Development: The PC had received an enquiry about development at Pound Farm field next to Charters Towers. It was noted that the planning application had just been submitted and an extension to comment requested so that it could be discussed at the PC meeting on Wednesday, 7 February. The planning agent from Llanover Estate would also be at that meeting to discuss the proposals for Churchway. It was agreed to start the meeting

early at 7pm. There was no update on arrangements for a meeting with Philip Isbell, Head of Planning at MSDC, to discuss all proposed development in Redgrave, though he had agreed it in principle.

9.3 Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed to hold the APM at 7pm prior to the PC meeting on 4 April with report deadline of 23 March.

10. Correspondence:

10.1 MSDC: The 2018 precept and tax base arrangements were noted.

10.2 Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd: It was noted that PKF Littlejohn LLP had been appointed for external audit for parish councils. Fees would be £0 for councils with income/expenditure up to £25,000 and £200 for the next band.

10.3 G Lawrence: The PC noted the update on Community Bus finances. The Community Bus was covering its expenses very well, but it was clear that it would not be able to fund the purchase of a new bus in due course from its own funds.

11. Finance:

11.1 Account balance: £16,005.00

11.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve (Total £297.00)	£ 231.32	Salary Dec 2017
	£ 65.68	Expenses Nov/Dec 2017
HMRC	£ 157.80	PAYE for LJE – 3 rd quarter
MSDC	£ 57.04	Annual Play Inspection 2017
SALC	£ 14.00	Contracts/Procurement Training
LCPAS	£ 13.33	Data Protection Training

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

11.3 Budget for 2018/19: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to set a BUDGET of £17,240 for the year 2018/19 and to retain funds of £13,149 earmarked for general reserves and village improvements, making a total fund of £30,389. Out of the new budget sum, £3,500 would be set aside for costs related to a Neighbourhood Plan, should it be approved by the community. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed to sign the form requesting a precept of £13,300 from Mid Suffolk District Council. This was an overall 25.7% rise on the amount received in 2017/18, adding an average £10.46 per annum per household depending on the band.

12. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: None.

13. New matters for next meeting: None.

14. Next meeting: 7 February 2018 at 7pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.