

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 13 April 2016
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, District Cllr Derek Osborne, Parish Clerk and 10 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Jason welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: None.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2016 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: None.
6. Public Forum: 7.46pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *The evening started a half hour early to accommodate the annual parish meeting. Reports were displayed from a variety of local organisations and refreshments were served courtesy of Rosemary Walker. The issue of speeding, particularly by lorries, was brought up as an ongoing problem. The Parish Council felt that it had done everything within its power to combat speeding, including its support of the Speedwatch group and the purchase of the new VAS. County Cllr Fleming reported that problems with lorries on country lanes were widespread and a meeting had been arranged in May to address some of these concerns more strategically. She also reported that the new service arrangements for community buses would come into effect on Mon 13th June 2016. The Rickinghall & Botesdale Good Neighbour scheme would continue with the same contact information. Suffolk Highways would start cutting back grass verges on the A and B road network in May and take around two weeks to complete. A second cut would take place in July. C and U road verges would receive a single cut beginning around 6th June and would take around six weeks. Details and updates could be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/grass-cutting. Weed-spraying would commence during April and be repeated in August.* The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.49pm.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications:
 - 7.1.1 Orchard House, Half Moon Lane. Ref: 1090/16. Erection of a front first floor extension. RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.1.2 Pond House, Churchway. Ref: 1515/16. T1 Cedar reduce in height by 4m 25%. T2 Cedar reduce in height by 3m. RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2 Decisions: None.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Community Assets: A request had been received to rent the Town Pit or Old School Playing Field for grazing/vegetable growing. It was agreed to invite the resident to the next meeting.
 - 8.2 Traffic Issues - lorries mounting the pavement: SCC Highways had replied saying a weight restriction on the B1113 was unlikely as it would force traffic onto other, even less suitable roads. However, they wanted to know where the problems were and had set up an online reporting tool for HGV incidents. Details would be published in the parish magazine.
 - 8.3 Speedwatch: The quarterly report was received and it was noted that the group was only able to run two sessions in January, two in February and two in March. During January and February this was due to adverse weather conditions, but in March the Speedar device failed because the batteries would no longer take and hold a charge. During January five motorists were reported, in February only three and in March nine. Though the total numbers of vehicles passing was not recorded, those figures underlined the fact that whilst operating the Speedwatch group had a major effect on the speed of traffic.
9. New Items:
 - 9.1 Speedwatch: The PC agreed to fund the purchase of two new batteries for the Speedar at a cost of £33.50 each.

10. Correspondence:

10.1 Suffolk Constabulary: It was noted that Suffolk Constabulary had undertaken a review of local policing and changes had been made. There would no longer be a regular police presence at parish council meetings but they would attend where there was a specific issue that required discussion and would attend Annual Parish Meetings where possible. There would be a new form of monthly reports which would cover the whole of the SNT area (Stowmarket) rather than just the parish, and would be available on the Constabulary website, www.suffolk.police.uk.

10.2 MSDC: The Town and Parish Council Newsletter was noted.

10.3 UK Power Networks: It was noted that UK Power Networks provided a free Priority Services Register for those who needed more support in the event of a power cut, e.g. residents with a disability, were blind or visually impaired, were chronically sick, dependent on medical equipment or had young babies. It was agreed to put contact information in the parish magazine.

11. Finance:

11.1 Budget Report and Account balance: £27,098.98

11.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£ 268.27	Salary Mar 2016
	£ 0.00	Expenses Mar 2016
HMRC	£ 11.80	PAYE Quarterly Pmt
D Newcombe	£ 25.00	Cut Knoll
Redgrave Parish Magazine	£ 130.00	Parish Mag Ad for 12 months

12. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: It was noted that the shop had received an invoice of close to £1,000 for buildings insurance, not only for this year, but to cover previous years of operation. It was seeking advice from a solicitor as this was an unexpected cost and would use up any reserves held for replacement of equipment, etc.

13. New matters for next meeting: Shop.

14. Next meeting: 11 May 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.