

## REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 8 April 2015

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Cresswell, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Richard Hilton, Ann Preston, Neil Smith, Jason Walker, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Sara Michell, 15 residents, Parish Clerk.

1. Chairman's Opening: Jason welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Bob Hayward.
3. Declarations of interest: Neil Smith declared an interest in item 7.1.1 as the owner of the property.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2015 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: The Chairman thanked Cllr Smith who had helped provide the new "No Parking" signs on the Knoll. He also thanked everyone who had come out on a rainy day to help with the Litter Pick.
6. Public Forum: 7.41pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *The District and County Councillors had spoken during the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the regular meeting of the Council. A member of the public expressed concern that the atmosphere of the village had suffered from not enough younger people getting involved in village groups and activities. The Parish Council agreed that this was the case everywhere and it would support/help all it could but the input needed to come from the community and individuals needed to come forward. The Parish Council itself was struggling to get a full complement of councillors. Concern was also expressed that there was a question mark over the future of two important amenities in the village, the shop and the pub. The Parish Council responded that it would continue to do all it could to support the shop but the pub was a private business and the amount of support the PC could give was limited. It was agreed to look into whether the pub could be recognised formally as an asset of community value. Finally, it was suggested that the Litter Pick be held on a Saturday in future or over several days to make it easier for people to participate.*

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.00pm.

### 7. Planning:

7.1 Applications: None.

7.1.1 Knoll Cottage, The Street, Redgrave. Ref. 0701/15. Demolition of porch on front (south) elevation. Insertion of new front door. Installation of replacement window on front ground floor, re-using leaded glass panels. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.1.2 Gressingham Foods Ltd, Hinderclay Road, Redgrave. Ref. 0837/15. Construction of bridge over Little Ouse and concrete access road. It was noted that this was a duplicate of a lapsed planning permission and RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.2 Decisions: None.

### 8. Finance:

8.1 Budget Report and Account balance: £27,111.54

8.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£ 257.94	Sal/Exp Mar 15
Redgrave Parish Magazine	£ 130.00	Fees 1 May 2015 for 12 months
Community Action Suffolk	£ 30.00	Annual Subscription 2015-16
Society of Local Council Clerks	£ 49.67	Annual Subscription 2015-16
SALC	£ 227.00	Annual Subscription 2015-16
SALC	£ 12.25	Copies of Good Councillors Guide
SALC	£ 10.00	Training – External Audit Briefing
SALC	£ 4.00	Training – Sust Communities Act Briefing

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

9. Ongoing Items:
  - 9.1 Town pit /Allotments: A quote had been received for £30/hour for grass cutting to tidy up the town pit. However, as this required an undertaking on the part of the Parish Council to remove any and all hazards which might interfere with the equipment, it was agreed not to go ahead with it at this time.
  - 9.2 Affordable Housing: Hastoe had agreed to consider the Town Pit land for a potential housing site and needed a Land Registry plan of the site as part of the discussions with planning/housing at Mid Suffolk District Council. The Clerk would follow up on the documentation requested.
  - 9.3 Speed Monitoring/VAS Purchase: The Parish Council had supported the purchase of a dedicated Vehicle Activated Sign at the February meeting, subject to requesting grant funding from County Cllr Jessica Fleming's Locality Budget. Cllr Fleming had since agreed a grant of £1,000 towards the total cost of around £3,500. It was noted that the cost might come in slightly higher as it cost of installing the four VAS mounting poles was uncertain. The PC therefore RESOLVED, with 6 for and 1 against, to support the purchase with up to £3,000 of PC funds, not including the grant from Cllr Fleming or VAT, which could be reclaimed.
  - 9.4 Planting at Village Entrance: It was felt that the PC and the Garden Club had been talking at cross purposes and the Garden Club were not entirely on board with the idea of a flower bed at the entrance as this would be difficult to keep free of weeds. It was agreed to revisit the possibility of a planter or even a "window box" on the village sign. The Clerk would contact Highways to clarify what was acceptable.
  - 9.5 Community Assets Working Party: nta
  - 9.6 Status of Redgrave Shop Lease: A meeting concerning the shop would be held later in month with Mid Suffolk District Council.
  - 9.7 Verge Cutting: A quote for £120 had been received from Les Bryant. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the quote in writing and say that the PC would be in touch when it needed to be carried out.
  - 9.8 Grants: nta
10. New Items:
  - 10.1 Sewage Works Upgrade: This would be deferred so that Cllr Hayward could report on it at the next meeting.
11. Correspondence:
  - 11.1 MSDC: The Town/Parish Newsletter was noted.
  - 11.2 BT: The Adopt-a-Phone Kiosk information was noted.
12. Ideas for improvements to village: None.
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: 13 May 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm.