

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 13 May 2015

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mike Denmark, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Neil Smith, Jason Walker, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Derek Osborne, PCSO Dave Faulkner, 5 residents and the Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies: John Giddings and Ann Preston.
2. Chairman for the Year 2015/16: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to elect Jason Walker.
3. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office: This was signed by the Chairman.
4. Councillors' Declaration of Acceptance of Office: This was signed by all Councillors present and it was noted that Cllrs Giddings and Preston had submitted theirs prior to the meeting.
5. Vice Chairman for the Year 2015/16: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to elect Mike Denmark.
6. To elect Council Officers and Representatives to outside bodies: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to elect the following:
 - Tree Officer (J Preston)
 - Trustees, Charity for Needy & Mary Foster Charity (M Wilby & J Walker)
 - Little Ouse Project Trustee (B Hayward)
 - Redgrave Amenities Trust (C Denmark, J Preston & J van Beveren)
 - Footpaths Officer (J Preston)
 - Gressingham Foods Liaison (J Giddings & J Walker)
 - War Memorial (A Robinson – Clerk to confirm)
7. Declarations of interest: None.
8. Minutes of the meeting of 8 April 2015 were agreed as a true record.
9. Public Forum: 7.44pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *Derek Osborne introduced himself and explained that he had taken over Sara Michell's wards to cover Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickinghall. Jessica Fleming reported on County Council issues concerning provision of broadband in Suffolk. The commitment was to provide all users with high speed by 2020 and 95% by 2018. Users receiving less than 2mb/s access line-speed capability at the end of 2015 were eligible for a voucher to enable connection to an alternative such as satellite cover as a temporary measure. (Check speed at Broadband speed check UK site). She also reported that the County had been working with the main 4G mobile providers. 99% of Suffolk was expected to have service by the end of 2016. It was confirmed that Mrs. Jo Churchill was elected to this constituency and was Redgrave's new M.P. Her contact details were reported as: Mrs. Jo Churchill, M.P., 10 Hatter Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1LZ, Tel: 01284 488345, Email: jo@jochurchill.org.uk. A member of the Garden Club gave a quote for some work in the village (see item 12.4).*
The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.58pm.
10. Planning:
 - 10.1 Applications:
 - 10.1.1 Full Moon House, Half Moon Lane. Ref. 1249/15. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension following conversion of existing garage. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection, commenting that it was approaching overdevelopment on the site.
 - 10.1.2 The Hollies, The Street. Ref. 1474/15. Erection of a one and a half-storey rear extension. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 10.1.3 Land adjacent Green Farm House, The Green. Ref. 1478/15. Erection of detached dwelling with garage. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection to the design in principle in this location but to comment that it was yet another 4 bedroom luxury home in an area which needed affordable smaller houses.
 - 10.2 Decisions:
 - 10.2.2 Knoll Cottage, The Street. 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. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.

11. Finance:
 - 11.1 Budget Report and Account balance: £27,111.54
 - 11.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£ 306.08	Sal/Exp Apr 15
D Newcombe	£ 70.00	Knoll and Verge cut £35 x 2

 RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
 - 11.3 Inspection of the Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st March 2015: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the Financial Statement.
 - 11.4 To approve the signing of the Annual Return Year Ending 31st March 2015: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to sign the Annual Return.
 - 11.5 Annual Review of the Council's Risk Assessment Policy: This was reviewed and accepted.
12. Ongoing Items:
 - 12.1 Town pit /Allotments: nta
 - 12.2 Affordable Housing: nta
 - 12.3 Speed Monitoring/VAS Purchase: The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the quote for the 3-yearly calibration of the Speedar device at £105, carriage £45 ex VAT.
 - 12.4 Planting at Village Entrance: This had been discussed with a representative of the Garden Club during the Public Forum and it was agreed that it wasn't practical to plant flowers at the village entrance due to bramble overgrowth on the verges and the difficulty in getting to the site. The Garden Club had suggested planting two large barrels with all year seasonal interest to be placed on The Knoll. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the cost of approximately £300 for the barrels, compost and seasonal plants.
 - 12.5 Community Assets Working Party: nta
 - 12.6 Status of Redgrave Shop Lease: The AGM report would be emailed to councillors.
 - 12.7 Verge Cutting: The Clerk would ask Les Bryant if he could find out when the County Council cuts would be done in Redgrave.
 - 12.8 Grants: This would be taken off the agenda.
13. New Items:
 - 13.1 Draft minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 8 April 2015: These were agreed as a true record.
 - 13.2 Bequests by Win Orwell in January 2015: The PC noted the bequests to local organisations for the benefit of the village, including the Redgrave Shop, the Redgrave Amenities Trust and the Redgrave Church Heritage Trust, and conveyed its appreciation to the estate.
14. Correspondence:
 - 14.1 Co-op Bank: The reduced credit interest rates were noted.
 - 14.2 MSDC: Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy: The District Council had asked the PC to answer some questions regarding the availability and quality of local sports facilities. It was noted that other than the playing field and changing rooms, all facilities were outside of the parish. It was reported on the questionnaire that two items were of interest to residents – fitness equipment for adults, i.e. a fitness trail of some kind, and a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) which might incorporate tennis, basketball, etc.
 - 14.3 MSDC: The invitation to the Town and Parish Council Liaison Meetings was noted.
 - 14.4 MSDC: There had been a report from an individual about possible rat holes in banks of village pond and a visit from Environmental Health had indicated that they were smaller than normal rat holes. The PC was asked to investigate further as it might be the habitat of voles. The Clerk would ask an expert from the Little Ouse Headwaters Project to have a look.
15. Ideas for improvements to village: Cllr Smith would look at what needed to be done to get rid of the brambles at the village entrance to prepare it for possible planting.
16. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: It was noted that the street name signs for Hall Lane / The Street, opposite the entrance to Half Moon Lane, were around the wrong way. This would be reported to MSDC.
17. New matters for next meeting: None.
18. Next meeting: 10 June 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.