

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 10 June 2015

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Jason Walker, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Derek Osborne, 4 residents, Parish Clerk.

1. Chairman's Opening: Jason welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Ann Preston and Neil Smith.
3. Declarations of interest: Mike Denmark declared an interest in item 7.1.3 as the owner of the property.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 13 May 2015 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: None.
6. Public Forum: 7.37pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *Derek Osborne gave some up to date information on planning application decisions. Jessica Fleming reported that Colin Noble had been elected Leader of the Council and after a cabinet reshuffle, she would be responsible for "Suffolk the Greenest County". She also reported that any Highways issues could be reported to her, particularly verges. It was agreed that she would approach Highways about the overgrown hedges around the junction of the B1113, Fen Street and Hinderclay Road.*

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.48pm.

7. Planning:

7.1 Applications: None.

7.1.1 Cross Keys, The Street, Redgrave. Ref. 1668/15. Erection of 3 holiday units with associated parking to the rear of Cross Keys Public House. Generally it was felt that the parking arrangements were not up to standard and the size of the site was inadequate for the proposed parking. The proposals did not take into consideration the depth of the boundary hedge and there would not be enough room to accommodate the number of cars shown and allow movement in and out of the spaces. This would result in insufficient parking and increased parking on the street during busy periods, and there would be no scope for safe pedestrian access to the pub and units. It was further commented that the application made no mention of loss of trees, in particular, two large and attractive walnut trees. Finally, it was felt that there were a number of inconsistencies in the application, which did not make a strong argument in favour of additional holiday accommodation in the village. It was the PC's opinion that the need for holiday accommodation was already met and so it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object to the application.

7.1.2 Linden Lea, Half Moon Lane, Redgrave. Ref. 1665/15. Erection of front porch. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to make no comment.

7.1.2 Pine Tree Cottage, The Street, Redgrave. Ref. 1460/15. Erection of two storey side extension. Re-render property in smooth render. Cllr Denmark had declared an interest as the owner of the property and left the room during the discussion. It was noted that and RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.2 Decisions: None.

8. Finance:

8.1 Budget Report and Account balance: £31,168.72

8.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£ 283.21	Sal/Exp May 15
MSDC	£ 204.00	Dog and Litter Bin Emptying
D Newcombe	£ 70.00	Cut Knoll and verge x 2
The Garden Enclosure	£ 249.60	Planters for the Knoll

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

9. Ongoing Items:
  - 9.1 Town pit /Allotments: Cllr Hilton reported that he had arranged for someone to carry out a first cut on the school playing field in advance of establishing a regular cutting schedule. This would take place in mid-July.
  - 9.2 Affordable Housing: nta.
  - 9.3 Speed Monitoring/VAS Purchase: The Clerk reported that an application had been submitted to the County Council for a Vehicle Activated Sign and they had agreed to carry out the assessment to determine the best locations for the VAS.
  - 9.4 Planting at the Village Entrance: nta.
  - 9.5 Community Assets Working Party: It was agreed that the Clerk would prioritise registering the Allotments with the Land Registry.
  - 9.6 Status of Redgrave Shop Lease: It was reported that negotiations were still ongoing and County Cllr Fleming was thanked for a contribution towards expenses. There would be an event sometime in August to promote use of the shop.
  - 9.7 Verge Cutting: It had been noted that the verges on smaller roads were quite overgrown with a significant effect on visibility. County Cllr Fleming had confirmed that smaller roads were unlikely to have their verges cut before the end of July so it was agreed to ask Les Bryant to go ahead and cut these as soon as possible.
  - 9.8 Sewage Works Upgrade: The contractors would pay a small sum to the Redgrave Amenities Trust for the use of a small area of land behind the Amenities Centre to make a locked compound for their equipment.
10. New Items: None.
11. Correspondence: None.
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: Section 106 Funds – The PC would be asked to consider two proposals for use of these funds – improvements to parking and access arrangements for the disabled at the Amenities Centre and improvements to the flooring at Redgrave Church to allow its continued use for community events
15. Next meeting: 8 July 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm.