

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 5 September 2018

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Derek Osborne, Parish Clerk and 12 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Ann Preston, Neil Smith and Jason Walker. It was noted that Cllr Smith had submitted his resignation due to his heavy involvement with the Cross Keys PH. The PC thanked him for all his hard work on behalf of the PC and the community.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 4 July 2018 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered on the agenda: The Clerk reported that SCC had responded twice with a holding message to queries about a weight restriction on the B1113.
6. Public Forum: Residents asked again about grass cutting at the Old School Playing Field having reported that they had walked over the ground to confirm that there were no items which would damage machinery. The PC agreed to get quotes for cutting.
Cllr Fleming reported that Suffolk Highways had reviewed grit bin and grit heap provision and details of the new system would be sent to parish councils shortly. Grit heaps would no longer be restocked due to pollution concerns. Any parish which had a grit heap was encouraged to apply for a new grit bin in line with the guidance. She also reported that the existing Ipswich and Stowmarket waste recycling sites were severely constrained, with limited expansion opportunities, and money had been earmarked for replacement sites. Construction of a new site in Stowmarket was expected to get underway in 2019/20. It was reported that tourism had seen its biggest boom for a decade with the visitor economy reaching £2 billion for the first time. The number of jobs in this sector rose by 6% to 42,428, i.e. 13.6% of all employment in Suffolk was in the tourism sector. Lastly, Suffolk residents were invited to come and meet the Leader of the Council, other county councillors and senior managers about their concerns and ideas for the County of Suffolk. The following events were scheduled from 11am to 1pm, unless otherwise stated, for the remainder of 2018: Framlingham: Tuesday 18 September; Bury St Edmunds: Wednesday 26 September (2-4pm); Haverhill: Friday 12 October; and Ipswich: Thursday 25 October
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications:
 - 7.1.1 Minton House, The Street. Ref. DC/18/03893. Planning Application. Application for Listed Building Consent. Remedial works to all roofs, replacement of barge boards to all gables and repair all water damaged timbers. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to support the application.
 - 7.2 Decisions: None.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Redgrave Shop: To consider a quote of £1,500 for a feasibility study of incorporating the shop into the Cross Keys PH. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to give £750 toward the study, subject to receiving a breakdown of costs.
 - 8.2 Neighbourhood Plan: It was noted that on 9th August a meeting of approximately 10 residents had agreed to start preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Redgrave. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed to sponsor the plan to MSDC, support the call for a village meeting and provide preliminary funding prior to receipt of grants being made available.
9. New Items:
 - 9.1 Speedwatch: It was noted that Janet McGill had stepped up to be the new co-ordinator and Rainer McGill had joined as a volunteer, bringing the total to eight. However, this is still on the low side and additional volunteers would be welcome.
 - 9.2 BT Box Book Swap: The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to provide £40 for additional shelves due to the success of the book swap.

- 9.3 Christmas Tree: The PC had been asked to consider future arrangements for the tree on The Knoll and noted that the Cross Keys PH had expressed an interest in organising it. The Garden Club had also offered help. The Clerk would contact the pub to discuss it.
- 9.4 Redgrave Amenities Trust: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to appoint Joyce Orves as a trustee of RAT.
10. Correspondence:
- 10.1 Suffolk County Council: The PC noted the information about the introduction of civil parking enforcement (CPE) in Suffolk, where the responsibility for enforcement against illegal parking would be transferred from the police to the local authority. In Redgrave, this was likely to be West Suffolk District Council. It was thought that the changeover would take place in a few months.
- 10.2 SCC: The PC received the request to confirm the footpath cutting programme for 2019. It was agreed to consider it further in October.
- 10.3 MSDC: It was noted that there was now a more than five-year housing supply for the district. The previous lack of a five-year supply for deliverable housing land had forced the District Council to consider all planning applications in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The planning system would now return to considering applications against existing policies.
- 10.4 Suffolk Police: The PC noted the additional information about parish-funded PCSOs which confirmed the annual cost as £37,000. It was felt that it was harder to justify the high cost with the removal of parking enforcement from the police portfolio and it was agreed not to pursue it.
- 10.5 Suffolk Police: The September newsletter was noted.
- 10.6 Unison: The information about Suffolk Police proposed reduction of workforce was noted. The number of PCSOs was due to fall from 107 to 48 and only 38 of those posts had confirmed funding.
- 10.7 Boundary Commission: It was noted that final recommendations from the electoral review of Mid-Suffolk had been issued and Mid-Suffolk District Council would be reduced from 40 councillors to 34. Rickinghall Ward would now have only one district councillor.
- 10.8 Twinning Association: The TA co-ordinator had sent information about reviving the TA following an invitation from Tinteniac to visit in November. This information would be put on the notice board and in the parish magazine.
- 10.9 MSDC: The information about the Gambling Act Consultation was noted.
11. Finance:
- 11.1 Account balance: £ 22,896.77
Income £ 1,850.00 Community Led Housing Fund
- 11.2 Accounts for Payment (Aug):
Admin Payments £ 347.77 Not itemised due to GDPR
RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
- 11.3 Accounts for Payment (Sept):
Admin Payments £ 383.36 Not itemised due to GDPR
T Gaddis £ 240.00 Grass cut/strim play area x 4
Came & Co £ 646.97 Insurance 14/10/18-13/10/19
RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
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: 10 October 2018.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm.