

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 3 July 2019

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Angela Bigley, Angela Clark, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Ann Preston, Jason Walker, Parish Clerk, County/District Cllr Jessica Fleming and 4 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies received: None.
3. Casual Vacancies: There were no applications.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 5 June 2019 were agreed as a true record.
6. Progress reports not covered on agenda: The Clerk had spoken to the Llanover Estate about accessing the OSPF across their property for purposes of grass cutting and this had been agreed.
7. Public Forum: County/District Cllr Jessica Fleming was present to give a report. In County news: Highways England was planning to close the A14 in whole or part between J51 (Beacon Hill) and J43 (Bury) at night (8.00 pm – 6.00 am) Mondays – Fridays. The official HGV diversion route would use the A143 and A140. The roll-out of superfast broadband continued and could be checked at www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com/upgrade-now. A trial scheme in Ipswich to reassess how potholes were categorised for repair would now be applied across Suffolk starting this summer. The new system would allow engineers to repair potholes close to each other during the same visit, tackling smaller potholes before they could expand. District news: The majority of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' residents would be given a new bin collection day commencing on week of 15th July in order to adapt to changes in settlement patterns and new development. Individual notices would be sent to households and the brown bin collection would not be affected. The August 2017 Draft Joint Local Plan had been updated to reflect current national policies (February 2019 National Planning Policy Framework) and the new version was approved for public consultation at the 27th June Council meeting. The public consultation period would last 10 weeks, commencing shortly. The Tree Warden reported that the new tree group had ordered 150 trees to plant in the village. The Parish Council agreed to support this by allowing planting at the "town pit". The planting would take place in Oct/Nov. The Tree Group was considering how to involve the school.
8. Planning:
 - 8.1 Applications:
 - 8.2 Decisions:
 - 8.2.1 Hawthorn Cottage, The Street. Ref. DC/19/02116. Application for Listed Building Consent - Replace rear bathroom window. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
 - 8.2.2 Land Adjacent To Charters Towers, Gallows Hill. Appeal Ref: APP/W3520/W/18/3211490. Planning Application - Erection of 30 No. residential units. Appeal DISMISSED.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Entrance Gateways: The Clerk had clarified that the PC would have responsibility for public liability, upkeep and repair of the gates, with an additional insurance cost of £24.37 per annum. It was therefore agreed to go ahead with the scheme as resolved at the June meeting.
 - 9.2 Neighbourhood Plan: The NHP Committee had developed a questionnaire for the village and this would be launched from a stand at the Redgrave ShakesBeer Festival. Following that they would be delivered to each household and subsequently collected. They would also be online or available for access through a QR code on the questionnaire/posters. The NHP Committee had applied for a grant of £5,800 for the first year and this would go towards the cost of the consultant who would help the Committee write the Plan.
10. New Items:
 - 10.1 VAS Unit: It was noted that the batteries for the VAS unit were failing and would need to be replaced. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve the cost of £180 +VAT to replace the batteries and charger, and to modify the display unit to accept the new batteries.

- 10.2 Work on Highways: The PC discussed advice from SCC about working on the highways (including verges). The new Highways Self Help Scheme had highlighted that parish councils could not legally work on the highway, including the verges (about 1.5 metres in), without specific training and supervision. The Clerk had been on the Chapter 8 training and had questioned whether the scheme could work as finding contractors with the appropriate training and providing supervision was going to be difficult and possibly beyond most parish councils. The Clerk had subsequently, along with other attendees, lobbied to meet SCC to discuss ways in which councils could continue the upkeep of their parish while meeting the legal requirements. In response, SCC had arranged a meeting with Mary Evans, the Cabinet Member for Highways, and officers for 8 August, which the Clerk had been invited to attend. Councillors asked whether this extended to individuals cutting verges outside their houses and were told that this had not been mentioned but would be discussed at the meeting. Any concerned residents could be referred to SCC.
11. Correspondence:
- 11.1 Resident: The PC had received an offer for purchase of part of the Old School Playing Field from an adjoining resident. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to say that this could not be considered while there were still issues with the access and right of way.
- 11.2 MSDC: The PC discussed the new draft Joint Local Plan and were advised by District Cllr Fleming to contact MSDC with any immediate objections prior to the official consultation. The PC agreed to put in an objection to the inclusion of the proposed development at the southern end of Hall Lane in the new settlement boundary and to request the inclusion of the Old School Playing Field. When the public consultation began, the PC would submit a full response.
- 11.3 RBR Parochial Church Council (PCC): The new church warden, Kit Brinkley, was noted.
12. Finance:
- 12.1 Account balance: £ 24,808.83
- 12.2 Accounts for Payment:
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| Admin Payments | £ 469.73 | Not itemised due to GDPR |
| T Gaddis | £ 65.00 | Play Area grass cut x 1 |
| D Newcombe | £ 60.00 | Knoll Cut x 2 |
| Gipping Press | £ 29.00 | Neighbourhood Plan Flyer |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
- 12.3 Community Infrastructure Levy: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve the annual return form for CIL fund expenditure. An amount of £2,248.80 had been brought forward from 2017-18 and a further £2,248.80 had been received in 2018-19 for a total of £4,297.60. There had been no expenditure thought this amount had been earmarked for the new entrance gateways.
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: 4 September 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36 pm.