

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 4 September 2019
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Angela Clark, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Ann Preston, Jason Walker, Parish Clerk, County/District Cllr Jessica Fleming and 5 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies received: Angela Bigley.
3. Casual Vacancies: There were no applications.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 3 July 2019 were agreed as a true record.
6. Progress reports not covered on agenda: None.
7. Public Forum: County/District Cllr Jessica Fleming reported that a 'We are Listening' event was to be held on 11 September in Eye. This was an opportunity for any member of the public to speak to the Council Leader and senior officers.
8. Planning:
 - 8.1 Applications:
 - 8.1.1 Land North of Fen Street, Fen Street. Ref: DC/19/03967. Planning Application. Use of land for siting of 2no. holiday cabins with provision of parking, treatment plant and solar panels using existing vehicular access. It was noted that this was a renewal of a previous application which had lapsed. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 8.2 Decisions:
 - 8.2.1 Keys Cottage, The Street. Ref. DC/19/02554. Planning Application - Creation of vehicular access following partial demolition of front wall. Planning Permission REFUSED.
 - 8.3 Draft Joint Local Plan Consultation: The PC discussed the new draft Joint Local Plan and RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object to the inclusion of a Hall Lane site within the draft settlement boundary. There was no explanation as to why it had been included and it pre-empted planning permission which had consistently been objected to by the Parish Council and the community.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Entrance Gateways: The PC received confirmation from SCC that they had made an error when providing costs for the gateways, overlooking the request for double gateways at each end and not two gateways in total (one at each end). The result was a shortfall of funds to install two gates at both ends. It was noted that County Cllr Fleming had agreed to contribute additional funds. The PC still felt that the gateways would improve the appearance of the village and hopefully remind drivers to proceed carefully. With grants still covering over 2/3 of the cost, it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to support the project and the updated costs.
 - 9.2 Work on Highways: It had been reported previously that the new Highways Self Help Scheme for local councils had highlighted that councils and their contractors could not legally work on the highway without specific (Chapter 8 – Signing and Safeguarding) training. The Clerk had attended a meeting with SCC to give feedback on the scheme. SCC maintained that there was no flexibility when it came to the legalities of working on the highway and parish representatives made it clear that this would make it very difficult for them to continue basic community upkeep, such as street sweeping and verge cutting. However, the PC noted that Tim Gaddis now had the required certificate which would enable him to cut The Knoll.
 - 9.3 Neighbourhood Plan: The NHP Committee had completed the consultation and collected an impressive 221 responses to the questionnaire, thanks to the group of volunteers who delivered/collected them. The next stage of the Plan would be a call for potential development sites within the village.
10. New Items:
 - 10.1 Tree Planting: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to provide funding in principle up to £500 to prepare the Town Pit for tree planting. The amount would be confirmed once

quotes were available. The 150 trees would come free from the Woodland Trust along with stakes and tree guards.

10.2 Advertising on The Knoll: It was noted that the byelaws for The Knoll did not allow putting up notices, either temporary or permanent, anywhere on the Knoll without the permission of the Parish Council. It was agreed that this was necessary to preserve the appearance of the Knoll and make it easier to maintain the grounds. However, there were currently several unauthorised advertisements on The Knoll. It was agreed to put a notice in the parish magazine reminding everyone to request permission or adverts would be removed. It was also agreed to give priority to adverts from community groups.

11. Correspondence:

11.1 Resident: The PC noted the continuation of an offer to purchase a small section of the Old School Playing Field and agreed to reply saying that the PC was not considering selling at this time.

11.2 MSDC: The PC noted the advance notice of new CIL Bid round (no 4) opening 1st October and closing 31st October 2019 - Community Infrastructure Levy.

11.3 NALC: The PC noted the information about the Tree Charter for local councils.

11.4 Better Broadband for Suffolk: The PC noted the briefing for councillors on the current state of broadband in the county.

12. Finance:

12.1 Account balance:	£ 30,490.94	
Income:	£ 563.52	HMRC VAT Return 2018-19
	£ 5,858.00	Groundwork UK – NH Plan
12.2 Accounts for Payment (Aug):		
Admin Payments	£ 394.09	Not itemised due to GDPR
Accounts for Payment (Sept):		
Admin Payments	£ 444.73	Not itemised due to GDPR
T Gaddis	£ 440.00	Play Area grass cut x 5; OSPF grass cut x 1; Knoll grass cut x 1
Gipping Press	£ 81.60	Neighbourhood Plan Banners/Posters
Gipping Press	£ 109.00	Neighbourhood Plan Quest Booklets
MSDC	£ 240.00	Dog/Litter Bins Empty 2019/20
MSDC	£ 107.98	Parish Election Charges 2 May

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

13. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: It was felt that a new sign for the Bell Inn, Rickinghall obstructed visibility at the junction of the B1113 with Diss Road, Botesdale. The Clerk was asked to report this to SCC.

14. New matters for next meeting: None.

15. Next meeting: 2 October 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44 pm.