

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 8 January 2020  
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Jason Walker, the Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies received: Ann Preston.
3. Casual Vacancies: None.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 6 November 2019 were agreed as a true record.
6. Progress reports not covered on agenda: None.
7. Public Forum: A resident commented that the notice board across from the shop needed some work done as the backboard had perished and the lock was now difficult to open. Cllr Hayward agreed to have a look at it.
8. Planning:
  - 8.1 Applications: None.
  - 8.2 Decisions:
    - 8.2.1 Pink House Barn, The Street. Ref. DC/19/04353. Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use for an Existing use or operation or activity including those in breach of planning condition. Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Section 191 as amended by section 10 of Planning and Compensation Act 1991. Town and Country Planning (Development Management procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Non-Compliance of Condition 2 (Erection of Separating Fence) relating to Planning Permission 0082/19. WAS LAWFUL.
    - 8.2.2 The Priory, Half Moon Lane. Ref. DC/19/04926. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce 1No Walnut tree (T1) to previous pruning points. NO OBJECTION.
9. Ongoing Items:
  - 9.1 Neighbourhood Plan: The PC noted the rough timetable for drafting the Plan. The drop-in events held at the end of last year were well publicised with a leaflet through each door and were well-attended, but there would be a further event in the Pub at 6.30-8pm on Tuesday, 28 January. The next step was to analyse the comments and start drafting the Plan with the help of the consultant. The NHP group also had help from an organisation called Locality who provided technical assistance to NHP groups for free. They would provide the services of a company called AECOM who would start assessing the sites that were submitted after the 'Call for Sites' and it was hoped that would be completed by March. The Plan itself would be drafted in the next few months and the group would subsequently seek the Parish Council's permission to go out to formal consultation on the Plan.
  - 9.2 Entrance Gateways: The design work had been completed and the construction work would take place once payment had been made.
  - 9.3 Tree Planting: It was thought that the event on 30 November had gone very well and it was expected that more planting would take place in future.
10. New Items:
  - 10.1 Play Area Repairs: The PC had received a play inspection report at the end of last year which highlighted work that needed to be done to the equipment. Quotes had been obtained, although only one really addressed the project brief, and so it was RESOLVED, with all agreed to accept the quote from Mortimer Contracts for £1,890 to refurbish the equipment.
  - 10.2 Gressingham Foods: A complaint had been received about noise/traffic from the site and this would be taken forward at a liaison meeting.
  - 10.3 Redgrave Amenities Trust: The Trust requested an increase from 3 to 5 in the number of Trustees to look after the Activities Centre and playing field and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed to approve the increase. It was explained that RAT would soon be renegotiating the lease for the site and wished to bring in further expertise.

11. Correspondence:
- 11.1 MSDC: The PC noted information about the tax base and applying for a precept.
- 11.2 Community Transport Service: The PC noted the update on the service's finances and future purchase of a replacement bus. Finances were healthy and it was thought that there would be enough funds available, both from the service and supporting organisations, to replace the bus at a cost of up to £40,000.
12. Finance:
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| 12.1 Account balance:      | £ 30,174.24 |                                     |
| Income                     | £ 50.00     | Allotments (Asparagus Field) Rent   |
| 12.2 Accounts for Payment: |             |                                     |
| Admin Payments             | £ 538.17    | Not itemised due to GDPR            |
| MSDC                       | £ 66.16     | Play Inspection Report              |
| Compass Point              | £ 1,632.00  | Neighbourhood Plan Consultant       |
| Gipping Press              | £ 195.60    | Neighbourhood Plan Printing         |
| S Shepherd                 | £ 99.58     | Neighbourhood Plan Events           |
| SCC                        | £ 4,006.07  | Entrance gates – construction costs |
| Diss Garden Centre         | £ 270.83    | Xmas tree for the Knoll             |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.
- 12.3 Draft Budget 2020-21: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to set a budget of £18,270 for the year 2020-21 and to retain earmarked funds of £17,100. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to sign the form requesting a precept of £18,000 from Mid Suffolk District Council. This was an overall 16.8% rise on the amount received in 2019-20, adding approximately £10.08 per annum (£0.84 per month) to the Council tax of a band D property.
13. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: The PC thanked the Chairman, Mike Denmark, for making the arrangements for the tree on the Knoll and his helpers in erecting/removing the tree. At the next meeting, the PC would consider whether to plan for a permanent Christmas tree rather than buy one each year.
14. New matters for next meeting: None.
15. Next meeting: 5 February 2020.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.