

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 5 February 2020  
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

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

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies received: John Giddings and Ann Preston.
3. Casual Vacancies: None.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2020 were agreed as a true record.
6. Progress reports not covered on agenda: The play area repairs had been completed to a good standard. However, the monkey bars had been found damaged and removed for safety. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve the additional quote from Mortimer Contracts Ltd for £550 to repair and re-site the monkey bars to the right of the swings. The former location of the bars in front of the swings had been deemed unsafe in recent play inspection reports.  
The Clerk reported that SCC had confirmed that the 'skirting' of the footway along the B1113 was on their work list to be carried out before the end of the financial year. The work would take place to the footway between Back Hills, Botesdale and Half Moon Lane.
7. Public Forum: County Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that SCC would be introducing a permit scheme for all road and street works in order to better manage work carried out by Highways and the utilities; there were going to be several new Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEN) units developed at Suffolk schools which would provide 168 additional specialist placements as of September 2020; and it was looking like the Ipswich Northern Relief Road was unlikely to go ahead as there was insufficient support within the affected Districts.  
As District Councillor, Jessica reported that there was a new Disabled Facility (Minor Adaptations) Grant available from Mid Suffolk District Council offering up to £7,500 (not means-tested) for work such as ramps, bathing/washing facilities, additional heating, stairlifts, key safes and wash/dry toilets; MSDC would be supporting Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice over a three-year period starting in 2020; a £2.2million upgrade would take place at the Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket; and there was likely to be a modest council tax increase of 1.66% in MSDC's share of the council tax, adding £2.76 per year to the bill of a Band D property.
8. Planning:
  - 8.1 Applications:
    - 8.1.1 Unit 6 Hall Farm, Church Road. Ref. DC/19/05541. Planning Application - Change of use of land and creation of an earth bund for use as an open-air theatre for holding up to 18 events per annum, erection of wooden platform, creation of new vehicular access track and erection of close boarded fence (retention of). It was felt that this was far enough from the village to not be a noise nuisance and was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
    - 8.1.2 Minton House, The Street. Ref. DC/20/00252. 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 have no objection.
  - 8.2 Decisions: None.
9. Ongoing Items:
  - 9.1 Neighbourhood Plan: There had been a good turnout for the drop-in event in the Pub on 28 January. The assessment was ongoing of sites that were submitted to the "Call for Sites" and this was likely to be finished in March.
  - 9.2 Entrance Gateways: These had been paid for and were due to be installed any day.
10. New Items:
  - 10.1 Christmas Tree: It had been suggested that the PC plant a permanent tree on the Knoll as a more eco-friendly alternative to buying one each year. However, members weren't entirely happy with having another large tree on the Knoll and it would be quite costly to get one which would be large enough to use right away. A tree in a pot was considered, as it could be stored elsewhere, but a lift would be needed to move it to the Knoll each year. One

suggested option was to plant a few at the Old Town Pit to use in future. This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

10.2 Internal Audit Review: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to appoint the Chairman to carry out the annual review.

10.3 Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 1 April at 7pm, prior to the regular meeting of the PC. The deadline for community reports was 20 March.

11. Correspondence:

11.1 MSDC: The PC noted the information on the Community Governance Review of all towns and parishes in the District in 2020. This could include looking at altering the boundary of an existing parish, grouping parishes together in a grouped parish council or changing the number of councillors representing a parish council.

11.2 MSDC: The PC noted the formal adoption of the Botesdale and Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan.

11.3 Botesdale Patient Participation Group (PPG): The PC was provisionally interested in accepting an invitation to participate in a Community Event on Saturday, 27 June 2020 at 10am-3pm to promote volunteering and address loneliness and rural isolation. It was agreed that this would be a good opportunity to promote local 'residents in-need' charities.

12. Finance:

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| 12.1 Account balance: | £ 23,272.99 |
| Income                | £ 0.00      |

12.2 Accounts for Payment:

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| Admin Payments           | £ 397.92   | Not itemised due to GDPR |
| Redgrave Amenities Trust | £ 264.00   | Hall Hire 2019/20        |
| Mortimer Contracts Ltd   | £ 2,268.00 | Play Area Refurbishment  |

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

13. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: A tree had fallen from the garden of Oakshades into the play area. Cllr Denmark would deal with it. There was a fingerpost down on Fen Street for Moneypot Lane.

14. New matters for next meeting: None.

15. Next meeting: 4 March 2020.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.16 pm.