

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES 7 October 2020
Held online on Zoom at 7.30pm

Present: Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, Ann Preston, Jason Walker and the Parish Clerk. There were no members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies received: Cllrs John Giddings and Frank Gillett.
3. Casual Vacancies: There were no applications for vacancies on the Parish Council. The Parish Council accepted a letter of resignation from Bob Hayward. He had given decades as a parish councillor and had now decided to retire from the post. Bob had a wealth of knowledge about Redgrave and its activities and his input would be sorely missed. He left with the Council's heartfelt thanks for everything he had done for the community.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 2 September 2020 were agreed as a true record.
6. Progress reports not covered on agenda: The Clerk reported that quotes for a second VAS had been received from three companies and the Speedwatch group would be asked for their preference.
7. Public Forum: None.
8. Planning: *To include any applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
 - 8.1 Applications:
 - 8.2 Decisions:
 - 8.2.1 Field South of Redgrave Business Centre. Ref. DC/20/02915. Full Planning Application - Change of Use of land to create 40No parking spaces, including 2no disabled parking spaces to serve Redgrave Business Centre. WITHDRAWN.
 - 8.2.2 Stratmore Cottage, The Street. Ref. DC/20/03502. Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Reduce canopy by 30% of 1No Horse chestnut in rear garden due to growth, potential damage to garage, balance and shading. NO OBJECTION.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Risk Assessment: The PC considered the amendments to the risk assessment which had been drawn up to address Covid-19 issues related to the Play Area. It was RESOLVED, to accept the amendments to the risk assessment.
 - 9.2 Neighbourhood Plan: The public consultation on the draft Plan had begun on 14th September 2020 and would end at midnight on 8th November 2020. There were copies of the Plan available in the Shop for residents to borrow and instructions on how to comment on the Plan.
 - 9.3 Christmas Tree: The Chairman would organise the tree again this year.
10. New Items:
 - 10.1 Planning White Paper Consultation: It was noted that this consultation, which proposed fundamental changes to the approach to planning, would close on 29 October and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils were putting in a joint submission. It was agreed that Councillors could make individual comments if they wished.
 - 10.2 Review and Update of Council Documents: The PC reviewed the documents, and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
 - 10.3 Council Insurance: The PC noted that the insurance premium could be bettered with another company but a binding 3-year agreement with Came and Co would run until 14 October 2022. This would be considered further at that time.
 - 10.4 Play Inspection: The annual inspection had been concluded, thankfully with only minor issues to consider. The Chairman would put a new backboard on the basketball goal.
 - 10.5 Remembrance Day: The PC sadly noted that a gathering was not recommended this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Residents would be encouraged to commemorate the event by standing on their doorstep at 11:00, both on Remembrance Sunday (November 8th) and November 11th and observing a two- minute silence, broken with clapping at its conclusion. The Clerk would lay the PC's wreath on the War Memorial.

- 10.6 Meeting Dates 2021: These were agreed as follows - 6 Jan; 3 Feb; 3 Mar; 7 Apr; 5 May; 2 Jun; 7 Jul; 1 Sep; 6 Oct; 3 Nov. As always, there were no August or December meetings.
- 10.7 Asparagus Field: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed to continue the current rental arrangements at £50 per annum.
11. Correspondence:
- 11.1 MSDC: The PC considered an offer to plant trees and hedgerows on PC-owned land to improve wildlife corridors. It was agreed to consider it further and to express an interest to MSDC.
- 11.2 Boundary Commission: The draft recommendations for new divisions, division boundaries, and division names for Suffolk County Council were noted.
- 11.3 Resident: The PC considered a request to rent PC-owned land off Half Moon Lane. The Clerk would look into appropriate rent amount and legal arrangements.
- 11.4 SCC: The PC noted the correspondence reporting that SCC was promoting new Quiet Lane designations using the Suffolk 2020 Fund, which was a £3m fund to help address the climate emergency declaration and improve Suffolk for all residents. A Quiet Lane was a nationally recognised designation of single-track low usage road suitable for walking, cycling and horses with limited access for motorised vehicles. It was agreed to look into this for Fen Street.
12. Finance:
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| 12.1 Account balance: | £ 33,006.56 | |
| Income | £ 9,000.00 | MSDC Precept (final payment) |
| 12.2 Accounts for Payment: | | |
| Admin Payments | £ 546.86 | Not itemised due to GDPR |
| Gipping Press | £ 429.60 | NHP Printing |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.
- 12.3 Draft Budget 2021-22: It was agreed to consider the draft budget further at the November meeting.
13. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council:
- The PC noted that the Garden Club had been wound up due to the difficulty in finding committee members. Cllr Bigley offered to maintain the tubs of flowers on The Knoll.
 - It was reported that the stiles on the footpath from Sandy Lane were very high and difficult for some walkers to climb over. It was agreed to report this to SCC and request replacements.
 - It was noted that a request had been made for a dog bin at the Hinderclay crossroads or further down Fen Street. The Chairman would assess the location and install the dog bin which was in storage.
 - It was noted that the Shop's status as an Asset of Community Value has been approved by Mid Suffolk District Council for another five years.
14. New matters for next meeting: The Clerk suggested that the Wi-fi at the Amenities Centre should be reviewed as it was rarely used and cost the PC around £60 per month. A Huawei modem could be purchased for around £110 with a monthly SIM card costing around £10 and this would provide the same service. It was agreed that this should be investigated to see whether there was sufficient network coverage.
15. Next meeting: 4 November 2020.
16. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for consideration of the following items: The PC noted the recently published NALC 2020-21 pay scales which would be applied from 1 April 2020.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.