

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES 4 November 2020
Held online on Zoom at 7.30pm

Present: Brian Andrews, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, Jason Walker, the Parish Clerk and County/District Councillor Jessica Fleming. There were four members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Jason (Vice-Chairman) welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies received: Cllrs Angela Bigley and Mike Denmark.
3. Casual Vacancies: One prospective candidate, Brian Andrews, was considered by the Council. It was RESOLVED unanimously to co-opt Mr Gillett, who was invited to take his seat on the Council.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 7 October 2020 were agreed as a true record.
6. Progress reports not covered on agenda: The Clerk reported that the Redgrave Amenities Trust (RAT) had agreed for the broadband account to be transferred fully to the PC. On the question of any future discussions with Llanover and their proposals for a future long-term lease, the RAT had requested that the PC participate in any discussion by selecting a couple of councillors to become active members of the Trust. Councillors agreed to consider this.
7. Public Forum: A resident and two representatives from Gressingham Foods, Senior Group Risk Advisor Fiona Wilson and Managing Director Chris Morley, were present and all had the opportunity to speak to councillors about complaints concerning light, noise and traffic nuisance from the Gressingham site (see item 11.5). Cllr Fleming reported that she had spoken to all parties and there was commitment to resolve the issues pending further investigation and documentation of the issues.

Cllr Fleming reported that The Home But Not Alone freephone (0800 8766926) was active and would be staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. The Suffolk Advice and Support Service phonenumber (0800 0683131) was also available for support to debt, benefits, employment or housing worries.

Suffolk Public Health has set up a dedicated web site – Suffolk Corona Watch – available on www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/coronawatch.

Suffolk Recycling Centres - Recycling centres would remain open by appointment during the upcoming lockdown. The shops at Foxhall and Bury would be closed but items could still be left for donation.

SCC Healing Wood & Hedge and Tree Survey – Working with The Woodland Trust, Suffolk Tree Wardens, landowners, and County Farm tenants, the council planned to support planting around 100,000 trees and replanting hedgerows in suitable locations across Suffolk over the next 18 months as well as a healing wood to support the recovery of Suffolk's communities from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and remember all those who had lost their lives.

8. Planning: *To include any applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
 - 8.1 Applications:
 - 8.2 Decisions:
 - 8.2.1 Grange House, Hinderclay Road. Ref. DC/20/03453. Full Planning Application - Change of use dwelling to house in multiple occupation to create 8No bedsits. Planning Permission GRANTED.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Neighbourhood Plan: The public consultation on the draft Plan would close on 8th November 2020. There weren't many comments so far, but they had been mostly positive. Comments had also been received from statutory organisations.
 - 9.2 Christmas Tree: No update.
 - 9.3 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.
 - 9.4 Old School Playing Field: The PC considered a request to rent PC-owned land off Half Moon Lane and RESOLVED, with all agreed to approve the draft Grazing Agreement. The Agreement specified an annual rent of £390.

10. New Items: None.
11. Correspondence:
- 11.1 MSDC: The PC noted confirmation that Asset of Community Value status for the Community Shop had expired and a new application had been received by MSDC. As reported in October, MSDC had indicated that this was likely to be approved.
- 11.2 MSDC: The PC noted confirmation that Asset of Community Value status for the Cross Keys PH had expired.
- 11.3 Parochial Church Council: The PC noted the annual request for funds for churchyard maintenance for St Mary's, Redgrave. This would be considered within the budget discussions for 2021-22.
- 11.4 UK Power Networks: The PC agreed to a request for consent to works to trees relative to the overhead electricity network at the Town Pit, Fen Street. It was noted that UKPN had the gate code for entry and the work was likely to take place in early 2021.
- 11.5 Resident: The PC had received correspondence about complaints made to Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and the Environment Agency concerning light, noise and traffic nuisance from Gressingham Foods. It was noted that this would be taken forward by the respective agencies. If any solution came forward which required the support of the PC, it would be considered.
- 11.6 Resident: The PC noted the request to investigate a blockage in village pond causing flooding. It was suggested that this might be due to the clump of rushes in front of the outlet from the road into the pond. The Clerk would look into whether this could be removed.
- 11.7 Resident: The PC noted the anonymous complaint about fencing on Churchway. As this was to do with land owned by MSDC, it would be referred to them.
12. Finance:
- 12.1 Account balance: £ 31,970.22
Income £ 0.00
- 12.2 Accounts for Payment (Nov):
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| Admin Payments | £ 471.97 | Not itemised due to GDPR |
| Came & Company | £ 742.19 | Insurance Oct 20 – Oct 21 |
| Botesdale Parish Council | £ 50.00 | War Memorial Insurance Contrib |
| Community Action Suffolk | £ 60.00 | Annual Website Hosting Fee |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.
- 12.3 Accounts for Payment (Dec):
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| Admin Payments | £ 391.97 | Not itemised due to GDPR |
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- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.
- 12.3 Draft Budget 2021-22: The PC noted that the Speedwatch group had requested a Morelock VAS which would come to around £2,750 plus VAT. The draft budget had £3,500 allocated to traffic measures. This would also need to cover any maintenance of the speed gun and other VAS. The PC agreed to consider the budget further in January.
13. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: Cllr Gillett reported that he had been advised by the tree officer at MSDC that he could prune a damson tree without a tree notice.
The Clerk reported that there had been a request for village entrance gates on Hinderclay Road. It was agreed to ask Cllr Fleming to liaise with SCC about this and other potential traffic measures on Hinderclay Road.
14. New matters for next meeting: None.
15. Next meeting: 6 January 2021.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32pm.