

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING – MINUTES 2 December 2020
Held online on Zoom at 7.30pm

Present: Brian Andrews, Angela Bigley, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, Jason Walker and the Parish Clerk. There were three members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Jason (Vice-Chairman) welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies received: Cllr Mike Denmark.
3. Casual Vacancies: None.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 4 November 2020 were agreed as a true record.
6. Progress reports not covered on agenda: The Clerk reported that the lease of the Old School Playing Field would be postponed until the resident was ready to take it on, probably early in the new year.
7. Public Forum: None.
8. Planning: *To include any applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
 - 8.1 Applications: None.
 - 8.2 Decisions: None.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan: The Parish Council considered the current consultation and RESOLVED, with all agreed, to support the settlement boundary, the housing figures and the open space designation at the playing field as consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - 9.2 Activities Site Lease: The PC considered information about the upcoming lease expiration forwarded by the Redgrave Amenities Trust from the Llanover Trust. It was noted that the land was designated as open space in the draft Joint Local Plan although the draft Neighbourhood Plan made provision for some housing. In response to the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation, the Llanover Trust had proposed additional long-term plans for housing and the future of the site. It was agreed that discussions between the R.A.T. and the Llanover Trust needed to be progressed and Cllrs Giddings and Gillett agreed to represent the PC in those negotiations.
 - 9.3 Neighbourhood Plan: The NHP group were currently reviewing both statutory and local comments and would revise the Plan as appropriate. The Plan would then proceed to the next stage - Submission of the Neighbourhood Plan to the Local Authority (Reg 15).
 - 9.4 Christmas Tree: The PC thanked Jan & Bernie Cresswell for taking on the task of sorting out a tree for the Knoll in the Chairman's absence. Neil Smith had also provided support.
10. New Items:
 - 10.1 Quiet Lanes Programme: The PC noted the information about the programme and considered whether to pursue it further. It was noted that Palgrave were keen to join up QL network between Denmark Hill and the B1113. Some councillors were in favour of trying to make the route safer for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians by alerting drivers to their presence. However, others had grave reservations about the designation on a road as narrow as Fen Street, given the amount and speed of traffic, and were concerned that the designation would give non-drivers a false sense of safety. A vote to go ahead with the programme was proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Andrews, with 3 votes for and 3 against. The Chairman cast the deciding vote against the proposal, and it was RESOLVED, not to continue with the application.
11. Correspondence:
 - 11.1 MSDC: The PC noted the information about the Council Tax Base for 2021-22, which recommended that councils should not set their precept until January when more information about the Tax Base would be available.
 - 11.2 MSDC: The PC noted the small increase of around £1 per bin in the cost of emptying dog and litter bins in the upcoming year.

11.3 Office of National Statistics: The PC noted the information about upcoming 2021 Census and that the PC would be asked to play a part in promoting it.

12. Finance:

12.1 Account balance:	£ 30,586.18	
Income	£ 50.00	Asparagus field annual rent
12.2 Accounts for Payment (Nov):		
Mid Suffolk District Council	£ 60.82	Annual Play Inspection 2020
Compass Point	£ £720.00	NH Plan Consultant Fees
T Gaddis	£ 130.00	Play area grass cut x 2
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£ 240.00	External Audit Fees

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:

- The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been completed with no qualifying matters and was now available on the website along with the Notice of Conclusion of Audit.
- The PC received a request from All Saints to use the Knoll for part of a nativity trail on Christmas Eve from 12-4pm, to be open to the public from 1:30-3:30pm. This was agreed, including allowing sheep on the Knoll as long as they cleared up after them.
- The Tree Warden and helpers had already planted quite a few new trees on the Town Pit and needed some stakes. It was agreed to pay for these.
- The PC noted concerns about road safety at the junction of Hinderclay Road and the B1113 when exiting towards the village. It was noted that SCC discouraged the use of mirrors and it was agreed to ask SCC if anything else could be done to improve visibility at the junction.
- The PC noted that the Neighbourhood Plan group had asked about the availability of BACS payments for their consultant. The PC did not have this facility on its bank account at present although it was possible to set it up. However, payments would still need to be authorised at a council meeting. The Clerk would investigate.
- It was reported that the bench on Fen Street at the bottom of Mill Lane was tilting backwards. The PC noted that a resident had offered to fix it.
- It was reported that the wooden steps on FP20 (from Hall Farm to Wash Lane) were damaged and this would be reported to SCC.

14. New matters for next meeting: None.

15. Next meeting: 6 January 2021.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm.