

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING – MINUTES 3 March 2021
Held online on Zoom at 7.30pm

Present: Brian Andrews, Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, Netty Verkroost, Jason Walker, the Parish Clerk and County/District Cllr Jessica Fleming.
There were no members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening: Mike welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies received: None.
3. Casual Vacancies: There was still one vacancy.
4. Declarations of interest: None.
5. Minutes of the meeting of 3 February 2021 were agreed as a true record.
6. Progress reports not covered on agenda: None.
7. Public Forum: County/District Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that Covid testing centres were now available for routine testing in Elmswell, Stowmarket and Eye. Assistance to businesses was still available including, but not limited to, *Local restrictions support grants (LRSB)*, *Additional Restrictions Grants* and the *Suffolk Inclusive Growth Investment Fund*. More information could be found at www.suffolkgrowth.co.uk. Further information on Covid-19 support grants could also be found at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/business/business-rates/grant-funding-schemes.

The County Council had announced a 2021-22 budget of £597.9million, which was an increase of £41million (7.4%) on 2020-21. About £15m was allocated to ongoing pandemic responses. Council tax would increase by 3.99%, of which 2% was dedicated to social care. The District Council had also agreed its 2021-22 budget resulting in an increase to council tax of 1.66%.

Plug In Suffolk was now providing grants for the installation of Electric Vehicle charging points at non-profit locations such as community centres, parish council car parks and village halls. Those interested could visit Green Suffolk's website at www.greensuffolk.org/plug-in-suffolk or contact Suffolk County Council's environment strategy officer Peter Frost (ESO) Peter.Frost2@suffolk.gov.uk.

All households would be asked to take part in Census 2021 in the spring and would receive a census letter in early March containing an access code needed to fill in the census. More information was at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/everyone-will-benefit-from-census-2021.

The Suffolk Waste Partnership now had a designated website on lessons and fun games for children at www.suffolkschoolsrecycling.org.uk.

Parents would again need to "opt-in" for Council funded school travel for 2021/2022 by 31st May. Parents who had a child who was not eligible for SCC funded school travel but who wished to purchase a spare seat, could do so. Applications for spare seats opened on 1 July 2021.

8. Planning: *To include any applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
 - 8.1 Applications:
 - 8.1.1 Fen Street Farm, Fen Street. Ref. DC/21/00870. Application for Listed Building Consent - Removal of anthracite UPVC windows and replace with wooden casements fitted into the existing openings. Removal of anthracite UPVC doors and replace them with wooden plank and rail door. It was noted that the drawings gave "Redlingfield" as the location in error. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 8.1.2 Reed House, The Knoll. Ref. DC/21/00898. Householder Planning Application - Erection of conservatory to existing outbuilding. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 8.1.3 Ivy House Farm, The Street. Ref. DC/21/01020. Householder Planning Application - Erection of a Garage/Cartlodge. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 8.2 Decisions: None.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Neighbourhood Plan: The PC would receive the updated Plan before the April meeting. The PC confirmed its agreement to exchange the PC's comments on the Local Plan with the Llanover Estate.

- 9.2 Redgrave Amenities Trust: There was no update on the lease negotiations.
- 9.3 County Broadband: The Clerk reported that the sign-up rate had been good so far.
- 9.4 Internal Audit Review: Cllr Preston had carried out the review based on the internal controls checklist provided by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and had signed off on the accounts. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the review.
10. New Items:
- 10.1 Internal Auditor: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to appoint Julian van Beveren to carry out the Internal Audit for 2020-21.
11. Correspondence:
- 11.1 Resident: The PC considered the request for a new dog bin on The Green t-junction and RESOLVED, with all agreed, to purchase a new bin and pay for installation if necessary. It was noted that Cllr Fleming had offered some funds from her Locality Budget for the project. The Chairman would confirm the location which would then be agreed with the resident and submitted for approval to MSDC.
12. Finance:
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| 12.1 Account balance: | £ 26,600.90 | |
| Income | £ 0.00 | |
| 12.2 Accounts for Payment: | | |
| Admin Payments | £ 415.01 | Not itemised due to GDPR |
| Compass Point | £ 1,560.00 | Neighbourhood Plan 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 Cross Keys PH had requested permission to use The Knoll for events during the summer, as in previous years. This was agreed on the same terms, i.e. the organisers would arrange their own insurance and for any necessary clean up or repair following the event.
 - It was agreed to bring Plug-in Suffolk's offer of Electric Vehicle charging points (item 7) to the attention of the Pub.
 - It was noted that the street name sign for Mill Lane was missing at the Fen Street end. This would be reported to MSDC.
14. New matters for next meeting: None.
15. Next meeting: 7 April 2021.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.09pm.