

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING – MINUTES 1 September 2021
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Brian Andrews, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, Andy Warnes, Jason Walker, the Parish Clerk and County/District Councillor Jessica Fleming.

1. Apologies received: Angela Bigley and Netty Verkroost.
2. Declarations of interest: None.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 2 July 2021 were agreed as a true record.
4. Progress reports not covered on agenda: None.
5. Public Forum: Mike Hall spoke about the local campaign to encourage people respond to the upcoming Lorry Route Review by Suffolk County Council. There had been a tremendous response and a large number of submissions to SCC in advance of the review. The organisers had also collected 319 signatures on a petition to SCC.

A resident queried whether the access to the Old School Playing Field should be made more secure. It was agreed to take legal advice. It was also agreed to consult with the community on a permanent use for the site.

County/District Councillor Jessica Fleming spoke about Suffolk and the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) on 1-12 Nov. Events were planned across Suffolk in the lead up to COP26 as part of the Greenest County campaign and aspiration to achieve net zero by 2030.

The 6th and final stage of the Women's Bike Tour would run from Haverhill to Felixstowe via Stowmarket on 9th October and it would be the first time since 2014 that Suffolk had hosted the final stage.

Locality Award Funds - Applications were now open for Councillors' Locality Awards funding – intended to help community facilities and charitable activities.

6. Planning: *To include any applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
 - 6.1 Applications: None.
 - 6.2 Decisions from Mid Suffolk District Council:
 - 6.2.1 Land East of Hall Farm, Churchway. Ref. DC/21/01680. Planning Application. Change of Use of land for Electric Motorcycle Track (retention of). Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 6.2.2 Tranquillity Cottage, The Street. Ref. DC/21/03683. Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - 1no Maple to be reduced by 40%. NO OBJECTION.
7. Ongoing Items:
 - 7.1 Neighbourhood Plan: The Independent Examination was complete and the Plan had been accepted with a few minor changes. It was anticipated that the date of the referendum would be available by the next PC meeting. Updates could be found on both the Mid Suffolk and Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan websites.
 - 7.2 County Broadband: There were now sufficient sign-up numbers, but nothing further had been reported.
 - 7.3 Redgrave Amenities Trust: It was thought that the Trust had not yet received a response for its request for an extension, but this had not been directly confirmed. It was noted that the lease would end on 26 September and that the PC might need to get involved in negotiations despite the RAT's direction otherwise. It was suggested that the PC might need to take advice on the status of PC-owned equipment on site if the lease was not to be renewed.
 - 7.4 Play Area: It was agreed to delay any work to the equipment until it was known what would happen to the lease for the site.
 - 7.5 Lorry Route Review: As reported in the public forum, the local campaign had been extremely successful and the PC thanked the organisers. There was still no word on when the consultation would begin though it was thought that it would be approved for dissemination by SCC later this month. In the meantime, the PC continued to collate local submissions to the consultation and had received the petition from the community. These would form part of any Parish Council submission to SCC. It was suggested that the campaign could engage in a lorry counting exercise at the B1113/Fen Street junction to determine how many HGVs used the B1113 as a through route as opposed to local access. This would provide additional evidence for SCC.

8. New Items:
 - 8.1 VAS: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to purchase a tablet for £89.99 to make it easier to download data from VAS units.
9. Correspondence:
 - 9.1 MSDC: The PC noted the consultation on the long-term approach to parking provision within the Babergh and Mid Suffolk districts.
 - 9.2 MSDC: The PC noted a consultation on the revised Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Operator, Vehicle and Driver Policy.
 - 9.3 MSDC: The PC noted a consultation on the revised draft statutory ‘Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Principles’ policy document.
 - 9.4 MSDC: The PC noted the advertisement of some necessary technical changes to the existing off street Traffic Regulation Order, following the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) in April 2020.
 - 9.5 Resident: The PC considered a request for work to footways and the village pond. It was agreed to report to SCC the uncut verges which were blocking footways on Hall Lane and Gallows Hill. It was also agreed to ask Essential Ponds for a quote to clean out the pond as it was silted up. The Chairman offered to refurbish the bench at the pond and move it further away from the litter bin.
 - 9.6 Resident: The PC noted the complaint about the volume of HGV traffic and speeding by Gressingham employees on Hinderclay Road. It was agreed to forward it to Gressingham.
 - 9.7 Resident: The PC considered a request to set up a working party to clean road signs but noted that that would require training to work on the highways which the PC did not have. It would not therefore pass a risk assessment exercise and unfortunately, could not be undertaken by the PC or under the organisation of the PC.
10. Finance:
 - 10.1 Account balance: £ 27,225.50
Income: £ 0.00
 - 10.2 Accounts Paid between Meetings: The following payment were noted.

Admin Payments	£ 417.00	Not itemised due to GDPR
Tim Gaddis	£ 120.00	Play Area Grass Cut x 2 (July)
 - 10.3 Accounts for Payment:

Admin Payments	£ 416.66	Not itemised due to GDPR
PKF Littlejohn LLP	£ 240.00	External Audit 2020-21 Fees
Came & Company	£ 762.96	Insurance 2021-22 Fees

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.
 - 10.4 It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the External Audit Report for 2020-21.
11. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: None.
12. New matters for next meeting: Old School Playing Field Access and Future Use.
13. Next meeting: 6 October 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.