

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING – MINUTES 6 October 2021  
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Andy Warnes, the Parish Clerk and nine members of the public.

1. Apologies received: Brian Andrews, Ann Preston, Netty Verkroost and Jason Walker.
2. Declarations of interest: None.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 1 September 2021 were agreed as a true record.
4. Progress reports not covered on agenda: Lake and Pond Aquatics had agreed to give a quote for the village pond and had met the Clerk and several councillors on site.
5. Public Forum: A resident queried whether there had been any progress on the Old School Playing Field and it was noted that there had been no response to the request for ideas in the parish magazine. There were five members/associates of the Redgrave Amenities Trust (RAT) present at the meeting to discuss the lease of the football pitch, play area and Activities Centre site. The RAT expressed its concern about the potential loss of the facilities as the Llanover Estate had declared its intention to revert the site to agricultural use if it was unsuccessful in getting the Local Green Space designation in the Neighbourhood Plan removed. As a result, the RAT requested that the PC support the removal of the designation. It also confirmed that the RAT currently had a temporary use arrangement with Llanover, on a day-to-day basis.
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: None.
7. Ongoing Items:
  - 7.1 Redgrave Amenities Trust: The lease with Llanover Estate had expired on 25 September and Llanover had declined to renew it as it objected to the site's designation as a Local Green Space (LGS) in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that Llanover had requested that the site be allocated for development in the District Council's Local Plan. The PC noted the RAT's concerns and the request to remove the LGS designation from the Neighbourhood Plan. However, it was feared that if the designation was removed (and the Open Space designation from the Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan), there was still no guarantee that the Llanover Estate would renew the lease. Llanover's submissions to the upcoming Joint Local Plan hearings indicated that they were still committed to their plan for extensive development on and near the site, which they presented to the village two years ago. The PC was mindful that their proposals had been rejected by local people through the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group's questionnaires and exhibitions, by AECOM planning consultants in their assessment of the submissions to the Neighbourhood Plan's call for sites and by MSDC through their Local Plan call for sites. The PC therefore felt it had a duty to try to resolve the problem in line with the community's wishes. It was agreed to pursue a meeting with the Llanover Estate to open discussions.
  - 7.2 Neighbourhood Plan: The Steering Group was still waiting for a date for the public referendum on the adoption of the Plan. It was noted that there was a backlog of Plan referendums due to staffing problems in Electoral Services at Mid Suffolk District Council.
  - 7.3 Lorry Route Review: It was noted that there had been nothing from SCC about the start of the Review, but the Head of Transport Strategy in Suffolk was due to brief County Councillors on the Review in the next few weeks. The organisers of the local campaign had postponed the 'Lorry Count' planned for the week of 11th October due to the A1066 being closed at South Lopham for two weeks, as this would clearly have affected the weight of traffic coming through the village during that period. They would re-schedule for another week. There was also further discussion about traffic calming on Hall Lane and it was agreed to enquire about the cost of the street lighting which would be required for a traffic calming installation.
  - 7.4 County Broadband: Nothing further had been reported.
8. New Items:
  - 8.1 Review and Update of Council Documents: The PC reviewed the documents and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the unamended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and the amended Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessment.

- 8.2 Remembrance Day: It was agreed to ask Wing Commander Chris Davies to represent Redgrave at the event.
- 8.3 Meeting Dates 2022: These were agreed as follows - 12 Jan; 2 Feb; 2 Mar; 6 Apr; 4 May; 1 Jun; 6 Jul; 7 Sep; 5 Oct; 2 Nov.
- 8.4 Asparagus Field: The PC considered whether to continue current rental arrangements at £50 per annum. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, not to continue the rental of the field and to consider alternative uses for it.
- 8.5 Clerk Vacancy: The PC sadly noted the Clerk's notice to quit and discussed recruitment. It was agreed to put an ad in the parish magazine and on the Suffolk Association of Local Councils website.
9. Correspondence:
- 9.1 MSDC: The PC noted the Joint Local Plan Examination hearing schedule.
- 9.2 Resident: The PC considered the request that the PC thank Gressingham Foods for work to the verges on Hall Lane and it was agreed that the Chairman would send a letter. It would also go in the parish magazine.
10. Finance:
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| 10.1 Account balance:      | £ 35,422.88 |                                     |
| Income:                    | £ 9,900.00  | MSDC Parish Precept 21-22 (2/2)10.2 |
| 10.2 Accounts for Payment: |             |                                     |
| Admin Payments             | £ 575.91    | Not itemised due to GDPR            |
| Community Action Suffolk   | £ 60.00     | Website Hosting 2021-22             |
| M & L Hall                 | £ 82.00     | Lorry Route Review Leaflets         |
| M Denmark                  | £ 137.17    | Refurbish Pond Bench supplies       |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.
11. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council:
- It was noted that the bench on Fen Street at the bottom of Mill Lane was missing.
  - It was agreed that Cllr Giddings would ask Neil Smith to cut the hedge at the Old School Playing Field. Cllr Warnes would start a working group to consider its future.
  - Cllr Denmark would order a Christmas tree.
12. New matters for next meeting: Old School Playing Field Access and Future Use; Asparagus Field.
13. Next meeting: 3 November 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.