

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING – MINUTES 3 November 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, District/County Cllr Jessica Fleming and six members of the public.

1. Apologies received: Netty Verkroost
2. Casual Vacancies: There were no applications for the vacancy on the Parish Council. The Parish Council accepted a letter of resignation from Angela Bigley and extended its thanks to her for all she had done for the community.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 6 October 2021 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered on agenda: None.
6. Public Forum: Cllr Fleming reported that the Greenest County Awards would be held on 12th November at The Hold, Ipswich. This year's award categories include biodiversity and landscape, business, community, schools, waste and recycling. An Offshore Electricity Grid Task Force (OffSET) – had been set up to respond to the Government's Offshore Network Transmission Review (OTNR). The task force of regional MPs and Councillors chaired by Sir Bernard Jenkin would engage with the OTNR and the current Planning regime. OffSET supported national targets of Net Zero by 2050 and delivery of 40GW of Offshore Wind by 2030. However, this would demand significant new connection infrastructure (pylons and substations) with projects planned in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex over the coming decades; these would have significant impacts on the environment, landscape and communities. New Trees - A joint bid by Suffolk authorities to the Forestry Commission had secured around 3,000 trees for this coming planting season. The successful bid would see £149,712.55 come into the county for new trees from the Local Authority Treescapes Fund. With the Suffolk Tree Warden Network, SCC was following the 'right tree, right place' policy, to be sure that the planting was effective. Joint Local Plan Hearings - The JLP public examinations had been paused by the Planning Inspector to allow time for councils to review its evidence. Light Pollution - Mid Suffolk District Council had committed to reducing artificial light intensity across the district and light pollution generally – protecting plant and wildlife, and reducing energy use, in line with biodiversity and climate change ambitions. There was a New iPad Lending Scheme to help residents get online and Suffolk Libraries and Mid Suffolk District Council were joining forces with a new iPad lending scheme.

Members/associates of the Redgrave Amenities Trust (RAT) presented two options for addressing the Llanover Estate's decision not to renew the Recreation Ground lease if the Local Green Space (LGS) designation in the Neighbourhood Plan was not removed – do nothing or withdraw the Neighbourhood Plan temporarily and remove the LGS designation. The RAT asked whether the PC had plans to enter into litigation with Llanover and the PC confirmed that it currently had no intention of doing so. Councillors asked whether the RAT had ever indicated to the Llanover Estate that it would accept a lease on less than the entire site and the RAT confirmed that it had asked to renew the lease with no discussion or offer to compromise on the size of the lease site, including the area proposed for development in the Neighbourhood Plan.

A member of the public expressed concern that there was no guarantee that the RAT's proposal would prevent Llanover from developing the land at a later date.

7. Planning: *To include any applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
 - 7.1 Applications: None.
 - 7.2 Decisions from Mid Suffolk District Council: None.
8. Ongoing Items:
 - 8.1 Redgrave Recreation Ground: It was noted that the Parish Council had held an informal meeting with the Llanover Estate on 20 October where councillors had presented Llanover with a statement explaining that the LGS designation had been approved by the village community through the normal neighbourhood plan consultation process, and the PC had no authority to change the mandate of the village. The PC saw the designation as a crucial part of the protection of the village from inappropriate development in areas of the village that were

important to its inhabitants. The PC felt that it would be in Llanover's interests to extend the lease on the land and proceed with the currently agreed development of the eight properties rather than to return the land to agricultural use, creating bad feeling in the village. The statement concluded by saying that the PC would be taking mitigating measures to prepare for the possible loss to the community of the recreation ground. Llanover had responded by expressing its concern over the disproportionate contribution the Estate would be making if the LGS designation restricted the use of the entire area of the site in exchange for permission to build the 8 new dwellings allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan. Following the meeting, Llanover restated its proposal to the Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) from January 2020 which suggested that a site of approximately 1 hectare at Churchway was allocated for new housing development of c.20 dwellings. A reserve site of approximately 0.5ha was also identified that could be made available during the Plan period if need be (to provide c.12 dwellings).

The PC noted that the NPG would be meeting members of the Mid Suffolk District Council Policy Team the following week and had requested that any detailed discussions be left until the NPG could discuss its findings with the PC. The PC agreed to defer further discussion to the next meeting.

- 8.2 Lorry Route Review: The PC noted receipt of the consultation and considered the request from Suffolk County Council to report the three most important issues associated with lorry movements in the community. According to the lorry campaign group, responses from residents had indicated that safety, damage to buildings/verges and air/noise pollution were the primary issues with HGV traffic on the B1113. It was noted that the Lorry Route map designated the section of the B1113 as green in Suffolk, meaning that it was a local access route only, but it was red from the Suffolk border to the B1066, indicating a local lorry through route. It was agreed that this contradiction needed to be resolved and any solution, including a proposed 7.5 tonne Weight Restriction, would have to cover the route in both counties. The support of South Lopham Parish Council would be sought. It was noted that the Lorry Count would now be held on 15 November and any submission to SCC would wait for the results.
 - 8.3 Village Pond: The PC considered a quote for £2,650 to dredge the pond and dispose of the soil, with the option to spread the soil for £450. The intention had been to dispose of the soil and water taken from the pond on the Old Allotments. However, there were concerns about its quality due to run-off from the road and it was agreed to find out the cost of disposal elsewhere before making a decision.
 - 8.4 Clerk Recruitment: It was noted that an advertisement had gone in the parish magazine but there had been no response so far. The Clerk had agreed to stay on until the end of January if necessary.
 - 8.5 Neighbourhood Plan: This discussion had been covered in item 8.1.
 - 8.6 County Broadband: As the required sign-up numbers had been achieved, it was agreed to remove this from the agenda.
9. New Items:
- 9.1 Old School Playing Field: An informal group of five residents and councillors had been formed to review the future use of the field. The initial conclusion was that there were two preferred options – a broadleaf woodland or a community orchard. There were still a number of issues to resolve before a decision could be made, including defining the boundaries with the adjacent landowners; enclosing the site to ensure security; looking at planting options; and considering future maintenance. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
 - 9.2 Asparagus Field: It was agreed to refer to this site in future as the “Old Allotments” and to arrange a site visit for new councillors before continuing discussions about its future use.
 - 9.3 Broadband at the Activities Centre: The PC noted the end of the contract with BT and agreed to leave it as is until the future of the site lease had been determined.
10. Correspondence:
- 10.1 MSDC: The PC noted the update on the Active Travel Consultation which gave a summary of the information gathered. MSDC was aiming to produce a draft prioritised list of schemes for the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan by the end of November 2021.

10.2 Police and Crime Commissioner: The PC noted the consultation on the new Police and Crime Plan and had no comment to make.

10.3 Parochial Church Council: The PC noted the request for funds for churchyard maintenance.

11. Finance:

11.1 Account balance: £ 34,504.80

Income: £ 0.00

11.2 Accounts for Payment:

Admin Payments £ 446.74 Not itemised due to GDPR

Botesdale Parish Council £ 50.00 Insurance War Memorial

MSDC £ 60.65 Play Area Inspection

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.

11.3 Draft Budget 2022-23: The draft budget would be considered further at the next meeting.

12. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: The Chairman reported that he had ordered a 16' Christmas tree from Diss Garden Centre for £180. It was reported that there was barbed wire adjacent to a footpath as well as an inaccessible stile. This would be reported to SCC. It was also reported that the footway from the Cross Keys to the north end of the village was getting overgrown and this would also be reported.

13. New matters for next meeting: None.

14. Next meeting: 1 December 2021 (unless no significant items) or 12 January 2022

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59pm.