

Redgrave Parish Council
Meeting – Minutes 6th April 2022
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Brian Andrews, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, and Andy Warnes.

Also in attendance: Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: Six members of the public and the District Councillor Fleming.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies received:** Cllrs Verkroost and Walker apologies were accepted.
3. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no applications for the vacancy on the Parish Council.
4. **Declarations of interest:** None.
5. **Minutes** of the meeting of 2nd March 2022 were agreed as a true record. RESOLVED
6. **Public Forum:** District Councillor Fleming, had nothing to report. Whilst she was here the Parish Council mentioned the issues with the footpath bordering John Davie-Thornhill's land to the west of the village (Footpath 1). One of the stiles (at the north end of the footpath) is broken and the other to the south is too difficult to use. Part of the fencing surrounding the footpath had been broken down in the previous storms and causes a dangerous obstruction to the footpath, particularly as it is topped with barbed wire. Some of the finger posts are missing too. District Cllr Fleming agreed to try to get the Footpath Officer to come down and do a survey of the footpath and ensure that the landowner makes the necessary repairs.
7. **Discuss and agree any outstanding items from previous meetings:**
All the outstanding items are discussed later.
8. **Planning –** No Planning applications received.
Decisions - DC/22/01693, Unit 6 Hall Farm, has been approved with conditions.
DC/22/01379, Land, Hall Lane has been approved with conditions.
9. **Ongoing items:**
 - 9.1 **Redgrave Recreation Ground:** Cllr Warnes provided a historic update of the Redgrave Recreation Ground and Llanover. He concluded by stating that his recent discussion with the Llanover representative was constructive and as a result there is now a potential way forward that, subject to finalization and agreement with all interested parties, should be acceptable to the village at large.
The basic principles of our discussion and outline agreement were as follows:
 1. We should revert to a long-term development plan based on Llanover's 2018 proposal.
 2. The new agreement with Llanover would be a phased one which, in principle, would be based on the following:
 - a. **Phase 1.** An extension of the current line of houses on the north side of Churchway. This would be undertaken in the near-term (exact dates to be agreed).
 - b. **Phase 2a.** A mixture of modest new homes for all ages and types of tenure on the land immediately to the south of Churchway. This would be held in reserve as a medium-term activity within the period of the Neighbourhood Plan and released as soon as the need becomes clear.
 - c. **Phase 2b.** A further release of modest new homes for all ages and types of tenure on the land just to the South of Phase 2a. Phase 2b would be identified as

a reserve site, should need arise during the Neighbourhood Plan period (i.e. prior to 2037).

- d. Phase 3. Phase 3 would be post-2037 (according to need) and would be developed on the remaining land shown in the beige area on the figure above. The number and types of housing to be agreed as and when the need arises.
3. The discussions agreed the need for a 25-year lease on the Recreation Ground and that there would be phased transfer of ownership of the Recreation Ground to the Redgrave Parish; the phasing and timescales of this transfer were to be agreed.
4. The idea of establishing a standing committee with Redgrave and Llanover representation (and others as appropriate) was agreed to meet on an infrequent basis to make sure that we kept the long-term development and all of its ramifications on track.

The PC agreed that we should hold a meeting with all interested parties (RPC, RAT, RNPSG, Llanover and the Chief Planning Officer from BMSDC to finalize the details of this outline agreement. The PC also agreed that that we should prepare and send an outline written plan to Llanover before this meeting.

5. It was agreed that the village would need to be consulted on any agreement reached with Llanover. Timings and format of this consultation would be agreed at future PC meetings.

9.2 Neighbourhood Plan: There is no update yet.

9.3 Green Redgrave Group:

Old School Playing Field: Planning permission is not required for building the pond.

An application to the National Garden Scheme for an award under the Community Gardens Award scheme for the completion of the Old School Playing field as a Wildlife Friendly Garden. Peter Frizzell has made specific recommendations for the creation and management of the wildflower meadow and the pond construction.

Old Allotments: Some initial trees have been planted on the boundary.

The Knoll: A tree has been planted on the Knoll to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The plaque will be placed there shortly.

Planting of Snowdrops on the Knoll: Green Redgrave Group planted a thousand snowdrops on the Knoll.

Save our Suffolk Swifts! The Group are discussing the siting of 4 bird boxes for the Swifts. Offers for people wanting Swift box on their house or outbuilding would be appreciated.

Turtle Doves: We have had meetings with the Local Turtle Dove Conservation Adviser for the RSPB. As a result, John Davie-Thornhill has agreed to put aside part of this land on Searchlight Hill to grow seeds for the turtle Doves.

Litter Picking first one took place 8th March, the next one will take place on 12th April.

Bat Boxes An initial survey of bat boxes around the village was undertaken on 2nd April. The mounting of 12 boxes will now be scheduled over the next few weeks.

Verge Management: The Group is awaiting advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Mid Suffolk District Council for advice on their approach to Roadside Verge Management.

Waveney and Little Ouse Farm Wildlife Cluster Project: The group has started to undertake Citizen Science Survey work on behalf of SWT and Little Ouse Project, on the DEFRA proposal for a Pilot under the Government's new landscape Recovery Scheme.

The email received from a concerned parishioner was discussed. The Group has been seeking advice from various professionals and will take note of the concern.

9.4 Grass Cutting Contract: The contractors from last year, did not want to cut this year. The Parish Council has RESOLVED to go with Tremar Services at £260 per month (based on the need for 2 cuts per month and the quote of £130 per cut).

9.5 Actions from last meeting:

Grievance Policy is now available. The Clerk has a few more documents/policies that need to be amended. Review and Adoption will be done then.

Co-op Mandates and online banking was discussed. Co-op is not user-friendly. It was RESOLVED to try Lloyds Bank.

The Internal Audit with Trevor Brown has been booked for 20th April.

External drives have been purchased and the files copied over. The Dropbox connection will be removed, and the £10 monthly fee stopped. The Clerk will set up a new link for next month.

10. **New items:**

10.1 Jubilee Village Event: The Parish Council has not received any information on this even. The road outside the Cross Keys Pub, will be temporarily closed for the weekend.

10.2 Footpath Correspondence: This was discussed with District Cllr Fleming was at the meeting. The two box files were handed to Cllr Warnes. It was noted that the current Footpath Officer wants to hand this task over to someone else. It was agreed that the Green Redgrave Group would take on this activity.

11. **Correspondence:**

11.1 Community Governance Review – noted.

12 **Finance:**

12.1 Account Balance £28,989.00
Income £1,160.00

12.2 Accounts for Payment:

Admin Payments £520.02 Not itemised due to GDPR

RESOLVED to agree the above payments.

12.3 Retrospective payments

14/03/2022	Bat Boxes	-£60.00
14/03/2022	Tree Knoll	-£39.99
14/03/2022	SCC Pension Fund	-£91.24
18/03/2022	BT Broadband	-£63.00
21/03/2022	Bulbs	-£99.50
21/03/2022	Green Canopy Plaque	-£154.99
31/03/2022	noted above	
31/03/2022	SCC Pension Fund	-£139.25
31/03/2022	SCC Street Lights	-£208.97
31/03/2022	Compass Point	-£180.00
31/03/2022	Neighbourhood Watch	-£50.00
31/03/2022	Commemorative Coins	-£75.72

-£1,162.66

RESOLVED to agree the above payments £1,162.66

12.4 Payments for April

01/04/2022	23-01	HMRC	-£287.40
07/04/2022	23-02	SALC	-£267.70

RESOLVED to agree the April payments £555.10

Cllr Warnes mentioned the Tree Warden Grant that RPC had granted in 2019, which had not yet been used. The Clerk agreed that she would include this in the opening totals for 22/23

13. **Matters carried forward** from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: None
14. **New matters for next meeting:**
None
15. **Next meeting:** 4th May 2022 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed Chairman:

Date: