

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 11 February 2015

Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Cresswell, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Ann Preston, Neil Smith, Jason Walker, MSDC Cllr Sara Michell, three residents, Parish Clerk.

1. Chairman's Opening: Jason welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: None.
3. Declarations of interest: Cllr Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10.5 as a member of the Redgrave Football Club committee.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 14 January 2015 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: None.
6. Public Forum: 7.42pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *Sara Michell congratulated John Robinson on winning a Community Achievement award. She reported that the Executive Committee had agreed to put Council Tax up by 1.7% to keep in line with inflation. This would go to full Council on 26 February for approval. The rise would mean an extra 5p a week for band D residents.*
The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.49pm.
7. Planning:
 - 7.1 Applications: None.
 - 7.2 Decisions: None.
8. Finance:
 - 8.1 Budget Report and Account balance: £29,223.64
 - 8.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£	218.31	Sal/Exp Jan 15
HMRC	£	88.80	PAYE for LJE
Community Action Suffolk	£	10.00	LJE Risk Assessment Training

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
9. Ongoing Items:
 - 9.1 Town pit /Allotments: nta
 - 9.2 Affordable Housing: A meeting had been arranged with Hastoe Housing Association on Wednesday, 18 February to discuss options for further development. It was thought that the PC would not need to undertake another housing survey in order to proceed.
 - 9.3 Gressingham Foods: The organiser of this group had moved away so it was agreed to shelve this item for now.
 - 9.4 Speed Monitoring:
 - Speedwatch report: The Speedwatch team had produced graphs which indicated that the Speedwatch programme had had an impact on speeding, although the results had suffered due to the sign being out of use on a number of occasions.
 - Proposed purchase of own VAS equipment: The team had received a quote and information on purchasing a portable Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) for the village. This would require posts in at least four locations, on which the VAS could be mounted in rotation. As only two types of signs were approved for use by the Police, and one was not felt to be suitable, the remaining approved sign and posts would cost £3,475. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to support the purchase in principle, subject to enquiries to the County Councillor about grant funding.
 - 9.5 Planting at Village Entrance: nta
 - 9.6 Community Assets Working Party: nta
 - 9.7 Status of Redgrave Shop Lease: nta
 - 9.8 Verge Cutting: The Chairman had enquired about providing further cuts and hoped to have a quote for the next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk would find out what the current cutting schedule was so that the contractor could work out a complementary schedule. The Clerk would ask the landowner of the pig farm near the Fen to cut back hedges further and

clear mud on the road. SCC would also be asked to do something to improve road drainage at Fen Street and Hinderclay Road.

10. New Items:

10.1 Section 106 Funding: These funds, which were collected by the District Council from developers, were made available to parish councils for specific uses. It was noted that development sites within Redgrave had generated £4,231.72 for improvements to village halls and £2,019.85 for outdoor sports facilities.

10.2 Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed to hold the APM at 7pm prior to the PC meeting on Wednesday, 8 April.

10.3 Internal Audit Review: Councillor Preston was appointed to carry out the internal review of the Council's financial procedures.

10.4 Clerk's Employment Contract: The Clerk's probation period ended at the end of February and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to offer a full contract, which was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

10.5 Village Clean Up: It was agreed to hold the event on Sunday, 29 March at 10:30am. Participants would meet on the Knoll.

10.6 Donations Policy: It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adopt the new donations policy (appended to these minutes). Following that, and in line with the new policy, the PC discussed grants to be awarded this year. Awards had been given to Redgrave Football Club in previous years but it was agreed to contact the Club to clarify continuing need and purpose. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to award the following donations/grants to be paid at the PC meeting in March:

- RBR PCC £300 (Churchyard Maintenance)
- Redgrave Amenities Trust £300 (Play Area Maintenance)
- Suffolk Accident Rescue Service £100
- East Anglia Air Ambulance £100
- Rural Coffee Caravan Info Proj £50
- Neighbourhood Watch £50
- Citizens Advice Bureau £50
- EACH £50
- Home Start £50
- Royal British Legion £40 (to be paid after Nov ceremony)

11. Correspondence:

11.1 SCC: The PC noted the information on flooding responses and procedures.

11.2 MSDC: The PC noted the Community Infrastructure Levy revised Draft Schedule.

11.3 MSDC: The Clerk reported that the new draft Local Plan would be simplified and 200+ policies reduced dramatically, according to the Mid Suffolk District Council. Village boundaries would not be reviewed but the presumption against development outside the boundary was likely to be relaxed for future development.

11.4 SALC: The PC noted the information on a new transparency code for councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000. Additional financial information would be published on the website to satisfy the requirements.

11.5 MSDC: The Parish Newsletter was noted.

12. Ideas for improvements to village: It was reported that lorries were driving up onto the Knoll on the one side which did not have "No parking" signs. Cllr Smith would look into the possibility of erecting matching signs on that side. It was also agreed that the Clerk would look into the status of the phone box and the possibility of getting it painted.

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: 11 March 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.16pm.