

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES 14 January 2015  
Held in the Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Cresswell, Mike Denmark, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Ann Preston, Jason Walker, MSDC Councillor Sara Michell, PCSO Steve Long, six residents and the Parish Clerk, Leeann Jackson-Eve.

1. Chairman's Opening: Jason welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: John Giddings.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. Minutes of the meetings of 11 November 2014 and 2 December 2014 were agreed as a true record.
5. Progress reports not covered by this agenda: None.
6. Public Forum: 7.36pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *Sara Michell reported that she would not be standing for election in May. She had arranged for a tour of the new Energy from Waste plant on 9 April at 10am. PCSO Long reported that 3 crimes had been reported since the beginning of December: one theft of oil, one theft of a bicycle (which was subsequently found) and an attempted burglary on Half Moon Lane which had caused some damage to property. A representative of the Garden Club expressed the Club's willingness to undertake some attractive planting at the village entrances. A representative of the Redgrave Community Shop Association reported that it was still in the process of renegotiating the shop's lease and nothing had been concluded.*  
The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.09pm.
7. Planning:
  - 7.1 Applications: None.
  - 7.2 Decisions: None.
8. Finance:
  - 8.1 Budget Report and Account balance: £29,925.73
  - 8.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve	£ 291.23	Sal/Exp Nov/Dec 14
A Preston	£ 15.00	Bouquet for R Walker
D Newcombe	£ 50.00	Knoll grass cut and Church Road verge
J Cresswell	£ 225.94	Christmas tree and lights

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.
  - 8.3 Precept 2015/16: The precept request form was signed.
9. Ongoing Items:
  - 9.1 Town pit /Allotments: nta
  - 9.2 Affordable Housing: Cllr Preston would be working alongside Cllr Cresswell on this and would be in touch with the Chief Executive of the Housing Association to discuss options for further development. A suitable site would need to be identified.
  - 9.3 Gressingham Foods: nta
  - 9.4 Speed Monitoring:
    - Speedwatch report: The Speedwatch team had been active as usual since the November meeting, though with a two-week break over Christmas. The team had one new member and now stood at ten. The latest figures received from Suffolk Constabulary were for October 2014, as follows: The team ran 7 sessions, during which 29 vehicles were reported. Of these, 20 subsequently received a letter from the Police, 7 vehicles were validated but the drivers not contacted (police discretion) and 2 were not recognised on the Police computer vehicle records - thus may have been recorded in error, or not listed for some other reason.
    - Proposed purchase of own VAS equipment: The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), which was used on a rotational basis, had been broken since last October so the team had missed two sessions of its use. Only ten were purchased and there did not seem to be a

system in place for either replacing or obtaining new units. The team had been liaising with the Suffolk County Council representative to try to ascertain what the future might hold for this arrangement. In the meantime, the PC would ask the team to find out what it might cost to purchase a dedicated VAS for the village.

- 9.5 Plants at Village Entrance: See public forum.
- 9.6 Community Assets Working Party: nta
- 9.7 Status of Redgrave Shop Lease: See public forum.
10. New Items: None.
11. Correspondence:
  - 11.1 MSDC: It was noted that the estimate of charges for a contested election was £571.00 and £87.50 for an uncontested election.
  - 11.2 MSDC: Parish Survey – the PC completed a survey aimed to inform new planning policy by mapping where local people access shops, schools, jobs, services and facilities.
  - 11.3 Home Start: The request for donation would be considered with others in February.
12. Ideas for improvements to village: It was felt that the one cut per year carried out by the County Council was insufficient to provide a safe degree of road visibility. It was felt that the job was probably too large to be carried out by a volunteer and it was agreed to look into the possibility of providing further cuts from parish funds. Additionally, some residents had expressed an interest in helping with the maintenance of the play area. It was agreed to invite them to a Redgrave Amenities Trust meeting (every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at the Activities Centre at 8pm) to discuss what needed to be done.
13. Matters carried forward from this meeting or to be brought to the attention of the council: A risk assessment had been completed for the Activities Centre.
14. New matters for next meeting: Clerk's Employment Contract, Litter Pick, Grants and to confirm the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.
15. Next meeting: 11 February 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm.