



REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING – MINUTES 6 July 2022
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30pm

Present: Brian Andrews, Elaine Brown (after being co-opted as a Councillor), Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, Jason Walker, Andy Warnes. There were nine members of the public.

1. **Chairman’s Opening:** The Chairman, Cllr Warnes, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies received:** There were no apologies received.
3. **Casual Vacancies:** One application had been received for the vacant parish clerk post prior to the previous Parish Council Meeting. This had been withdrawn on the evening of the meeting. No further applications had since been received. An application had been received for the position of Councillor from Mrs Elaine Brown. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this application and Mrs Brown was invited to take her seat on the Council.
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting of 1 Jun 22 were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **Declarations of interest:** None.
6. **Public Forum:**
 - 6.1. Given the strong emotions in the village raised over the issue of the Recreation Ground and the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, the Chairman emphasized conditions for which the Council would accept inputs from the public during this forum. He noted that the Council would accept questions and requests for assistance but not statements or debate.
 - 6.2. Various members of the public attempted to make statements regarding the results of the Referendum and their possible consequences on future availability of the Recreation Ground. These were heard but not noted by the Council given the Chairman’s conditions above.
 - 6.3. The Tree Warden noted that he now had 250 tree saplings for the new planting season.
7. **Planning:** *To include any applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
 - 7.1 **Applications:** The application DC/22/03045, for the erection of single storey rear extensions, side extension and new front porch at Springfields, 1 the Green, Redgrave, Diss Suffolk IP22 1RR was agreed unanimously by the Council.
 - 7.2 **Decisions:** Decisions DC/22/02320, for the erection of rear conservatory (following demolition of existing) at The Trust House, Half Moon Lane, Redgrave, Diss, Suffolk, IP22 1RX and DC/22/02817, for the felling of a spruce at Felix Cottage, the Street, Redgrave, Diss, Suffolk, IP22 1RY were noted.
8. **Clerk’s Report and Update on Actions from Previous Minutes:** There were 3 actions raised in the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 Jun 22. These were:
 - 8.1. **Action:** On the Council to consider the application for the vacant post of Parish Clerk outside the meeting
 - 8.2. **Action Taken:** Unfortunately, the applicant withdrew and no further applications have since been received. The attempt to find a locum Parish Clerk has so far also been unsuccessful. Action completed.
 - 8.3. **Action:** On the Chairman to arrange and attend a meeting between Gressingham Foods and the Traffic Action Group (TAG).
 - 8.3.1. **Action Taken:** A meeting was arranged with attendance from Gressingham Foods, the TAG and the PC Chairman. This was very successful and various actions agreed.

There have since been ongoing discussions between Gressingham Foods and the TAG.
Action completed.

8.4. **Action:** On the Chairman to talk to the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council to see what measures could be implemented to ease the traffic problem. He would seek their attendance at a meeting to discuss these measures in Redgrave.

8.4.1. **Action Taken:** This action remains outstanding.

9. Ongoing Items:

9.1. **Neighbourhood Plan and Referendum:** The Chairman of the RAT made a statement regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and the status of the Recreation Ground. Given the Chairman's remarks regarding what would be acceptable for the Public Forum, this statement was heard but not accepted. It was noted that the Referendum was due to take place on the following date and that the result would be announced by the BMSDC Counting Officer on the following day (Friday 8 Jul 22).

9.1.1. **Post Meeting Note:** The results of the Referendum as announced were: 278 people voted out of a possible 461 registered. 60.3 % turnout. 208 people voted Yes (74.82% of the voters) and 70 voted No. No abstentions or spoiled papers.

9.2. **Redgrave Recreation Ground:** It was noted that there had been no further formal change in the status of the Recreation Ground since the last meeting. Cllr Warnes reported that one company had visited the village to look at the possible re-siting or replacement of the playing field equipment and that a quote was expected shortly. Another company had been in touch but had not yet arranged a visit. Cllr Brown noted that a number of villagers had indicated that they would have liked to have had more consultation on the issue of the future of the Recreation Ground: this was noted by the Council.

9.3. **Green Redgrave Group:** Cllr Warnes reported on Green Redgrave Group activities

9.3.1. MSDC has sent application forms for a Minor Grant of up to £1,000, for work on the Old School Playing Field (OSPF). Jessica Fleming has also since advised us that she will find the funds necessary to complete the works to build the pond and surrounding area. No work will be undertaken, however, until there is clarity on the Recreation Ground issue, so a children's play can be built in the OSPF if we are not able to continue using the current Recreation Ground.

9.3.2. A Bat Walk and Talk, the latest in our series of wildlife talks, was held at on Tuesday 5 July 22. It was very successful and informative, with quite a few bats detected and seen around the village.

10. **New Items:** There were no new items to discuss.

11. **Correspondence:** None

12. Finance:

12.2 Account balance at 22 May 22: £ £38,694.78

Income £ 0

12.3 Accounts for Payment:

Tramar Services £260.00 (2 invoices each of £130)

BMSDC/Dog Bin Collection £350.05

Fiona Kenworthy/Jubilee £204.30

Total £814.35

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

13. **New matters for next meeting:** None.

14. **Next meeting:** Given the issues consequent to the recent Referendum it was decided after the meeting that there would be a Parish Council Meeting in August. The next meeting would therefore held on Wednesday 3 August 2022 in the All-Saints Church.

15. **Post Meeting Agreement.** At the Parish Council meeting of 4 May 22 (Item 11.2) it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not seek exemption from the requirements for an external audit. It was agreed by exchange of emails between councillors after the PC meeting of 6

Jul 22 that this decision would be reversed and that a formal Certificate of Exemption (AGAR 2021/22 Form 2) would be raised. The Chairman took an action to raise this Certificate.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.11pm

Signed Chairman:

Date: