



# REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the All Saints Church, Redgrave.

**Present:** Chair Cllr Andy Warnes, Cllrs Brian Andrews, Ann Preston, Elaine Brown, John Giddings, Mike Denmark, Alison Spouncer (Clerk), and County Councillor Jessica Fleming. There were two members of the public.

- 1. Chairman's Welcome and Introduction.** A welcome was extended to all to the meeting by Chair Cllr Andy Warnes.
- 2. Apologies** Cllrs Frank Gillett and Charlotte Giddings. **Declarations of Interest – None. Delegated Declaration of Interest Dispensation decisions or dispensation requests where required – None.**
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting.** Minutes of the last meeting (7<sup>th</sup> March 2024) previously circulated were agreed as a true record and **APPROVED** by all present.

#### 4. Public Forum

**The Chairman to invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak at this meeting, either on an item on the agenda or on a general matter.**

A representative from the Redgrave Community Society Ltd (RCS Ltd) wished to comment on the letter received by the Clerk and circulated to the Parish Council before this meeting. The letter had not been received in time to consider it at this meeting. The RCS Ltd representative was requested to present a full business case for the proposed use of CIL funding as requested in the letter to the May Parish Council meeting.

No further comments were received from the Public Forum.

#### 5. County and District Councillor's Report.

County Cllr Fleming discussed the main points of her report provided before the meeting.

SEND Services. The first meeting has been held of the SCC working party initiated jointly with health professionals to investigate the points raised including the timeliness of care plan delivery. Cllr Fleming is a member of the working party.

Devolution Proposals. A 10-week public consultation continues to 26<sup>th</sup> May on SCC's proposed devolution deal with the Government. The consultation will be available through SCC's website; [www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution) and via social media.

Norwich to Tilbury Pylon Project – The ESO East Anglia Network Study has been published by the National Grid Electricity System Operator and was set up to explore the concept of any better ways to connect offshore wind in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. Other ways have potentially been found to reduce the need for pylon lines across the three counties through land connections from a marine cable. The implications of these findings are uncertain and under review, but they could affect the proposals for Norwich to Tilbury line.

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Shepherd's Grove – Jaynic DC/22/2190/HYB – West Suffolk's development control committee considered this application and voted to refuse, contrary to the officer's recommendation for approval.

Suffolk Walking Festival – starting 11<sup>th</sup> May for two weeks with walks to suit all ages and backgrounds, tickets are now on sale; [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk).

Brome Reservoir, near Eye – Request for a Scoping Opinion (EIA) DC/24/00515 – Construction of a 15-hectare reservoir and associated pipeline. The reservoir would supply water from the Waveney River for Cranswick's chicken processing factory's proposed phase 2 expansion (+circa 31,000m<sup>2</sup>) and a new mill building DC/24/00513 on the Eye airfield.

*Cllr Fleming welcomes any communications from residents with queries and concerns. [Jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk) Tel: 07714-597980. X (formerly Twitter): @jesstfleming. Our District Councillor can be contacted: [Gilly.Morgan@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Gilly.Morgan@midsuffolk.gov.uk)*

## 6. Planning

**6.1 To CONSIDER any planning applications by the Council for comment, including those received after the publication of the agenda.**

None.

**6.2 To NOTE any planning decisions received.**

**DC/24/00101** – Replacement of 7No windows and 3No doors - The Old Cart Lodge, The Street, Redgrave – **GRANTED**.

**DC/23/05708** – Erection of storage building for equestrian and domestic equipment – Land Adjacent Knoll Cottage, The Street, Redgrave – **GRANTED**.

**DC/24/00316** – Erection of 1No dwelling with cart lodge and attached annexed accommodation including new vehicular access (following removal of existing structure) – **GRANTED**.

**DC/24/00969** - Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation area – No1 Willow (T1) cut back to last reduction approx. one third - The Old Rectory, The Green, Redgrave, Diss Suffolk – **NO OBJECTION**.

**A resident ecologist professional will advise the Parish Council for any tree works and building planning permissions.**

## 7. Parish Clerk's Report

The Council **RECEIVED** an update on actions outstanding before the meeting, among those:

**7.1** 243-9.2 Glasdon has provided the costs for a new 60l dog litter bin and associated fixings. This was following a request for a larger option at The Green. Totalling £367.79 +VAT it was **AGREED** to purchase the bin.

**7.2** 219-7.7 The Welcome Pack has been updated with the comments received and it was **AGREED** for the Clerk to circulate to new residents with immediate effect.

**7.3** 245-13.1.3 The draft communication to the Charity Commission was discussed and it was **AGREED** for the document to be sent.

## 8. Responsible Financial Officer Report

**RECEIVED - Financial reports were provided before the meeting.**

**8.1 Payments Approved and Paid:**

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Administration costs	£603.85
Unity Bank Service Charge	£18.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£621.85</b>

**8.2 Accounts for Approval:**

SALC Payroll Services 6 months ending 31/3/24	£ 54.00
Suffolk County Council Street Light Maintenance (Apr-Mar)	£352.70
Annual Grant – RBR PCC (Churchyard Maintenance)	£600.00
Annual Grant - Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS)	£100.00
Annual Grant – East Anglia Air Ambulance	£200.00
Annual Grant – Citizens Advice Bureau	£250.00
Annual Grant – Knoll Gardening (Mrs S Smith)	£30.00
Annual Grant – Neighbourhood Watch	£10.00
Annual Grant – Green Redgrave	£200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,746.70</b>

**8.3 Monies in:**

SCC Locality Allowance – Payment for RPC replacement Projector	£635.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£635.83</b>

**Bank Account as of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** £48,398.54 (which is £42,701.98 in reserves, including £14,701.98 as CIL).

**8.4 Year End** Presentation of the year-end figures were provided for the PC for consideration. Documents can be found on the website and will be circulated for Councillors to review for **APPROVAL** at the May meeting. An internal audit will be undertaken after the May meeting.

## 9. Correspondence

To **NOTE** correspondence received, if any (previously circulated)

**9.1** Digital Exclusion – Communication from Botesdale Parish Council suggested there was nothing further it could do other than to continue signposting people to the available help; mainly via the Citizen’s Advice Bureau as they have indicated that this is something they see often.

**9.2** Rickinghall and Botesdale Good Neighbour Scheme “Wheels within Wheels” (RBGS). Discussions have been had and currently, there is no agreement for the community transport to come under the umbrella of the RBGS.

**9.3** Resident communication related to Gressingham Foods Ltd and Hinderclay Road. The PC confirmed that it can facilitate meetings with parties such as Suffolk Highways and Babergh and Mid Suffolk Planning but can go no further with the complaints. Suffolk Highways is aware of the complaints and has stated that Gressingham Foods Ltd is a legitimate business and Hinderclay Road is the road required and suitable for the company’s access. Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Council Planning has stated that it requires more detail from the resident if it is to investigate the alleged breach of planning approvals.

## 10. Children’s Playground Risk Policy Review and Play Area Safety Inspection.

The mandatory annual Safety Inspection has been undertaken by BMSDC. Its conclusion is that of “Low Risk”. Minor issues that are being rectified. The report will be placed on the website.

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The Health and Safety Inspection report was more critical. Road signage was suggested for approaches and the egress of the play area. Suffolk Highways was consulted in early 2023 and did not agree the signage recommended in this and the previous year's H&S report; its recommendations for signage have been implemented. It was **AGREED** Cllr Warnes would speak with SH again about the Health and Safety suggestions.

## 11. Hedgerow Litter in the Village

The continual incidence of litter, mostly tissues, left in hedgerows throughout the village footpaths was **NOTED**. The Council **AGREED** that notices would be placed in the affected areas and cameras may be used.

## 12. Annual Parish Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 6pm, All Saints

Simon Burgess and Charlotte Giddings have been confirmed as guest speakers for the event. There are currently several organisations and businesses that will be attending. There will be refreshments and cakes available to all. It was **AGREED** that posters would be put up around the village and notices added to the email bulletin, website, and Facebook.

## 13. Appointment of Trustees

It was **AGREED** the communication to the Charity Commission will be sent by post.

## 14. May's Parish Council Meeting

Due to the Crime and Police Commissioner elections being held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the next PC meeting has moved to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7 pm.

## 15. The Great Big Green Week (8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024)

The Green Redgrave Group will be taking part in the week with a "bio-blitz". The intention is to get as many people involved in this activity as possible, including children from St Botolph's school. The "bio blitz" will include such activities as recording species spotted for inclusion in the biodiversity audit, bat walks which proved very popular last year and other activities. Anyone interested can join in. More details are to follow.

## 16. Any Items to be proposed for the next Agenda.

16.1 To **DISCUSS** the Redgrave Community Society Ltd.'s request for a contribution of CIL monies for work on the Cross Keys Pub. Representatives from the group will attend to provide a business case and specific request for funds.

16.2 Amendments to the Redgrave Parish Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulation.

17. **Date of Next Meeting.** **AGREED** as Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024. All Saints Church, 7 pm.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02 pm**

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