



REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held at 7.30pm on August 3rd 2022 at the All Saints Church, Redgrave.

Present: Cllrs. Brian Andrews, Elaine Brown, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, Jason Walker, Andy Warnes and the Locum Clerk. There were 17+ members of the public.

1. **Chairman's introduction:** The Chairman, Cllr Warnes, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** None required from Parish Councillors. MSDC Cllr. Jessica Fleming sent her apologies.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting: RESOLVED** – to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 6th 2022 (distributed previously) as a true and accurate record.
5. **Public Forum:** The Chairman explained that the prime purpose of the meeting was to respond to questions and request assistance from parishioners regarding the future of the Recreation Ground and the Children's Playground. He highlighted the timetable of events, covering the termination of the lease and immediate vacation of the playing field, the removal of the play equipment (some being dangerous), the seeking of alternative sites, informal discussions with landowners, the incipient drawing-up of a formal proposal for a new play area and the formation of a working group to steer the project.

The following questions were raised from the floor (*with responses in italics*)

- The timing of the Parish Council's response to a parishioner's email – *within a week of the EPC meeting, although only able to answer some questions for the time being*
- The location of the suggested Village Hall, as no room on the old school playing field – *confirmed that it could not be on the OSPF, so alternatives sought, preferably under the (eventual) ownership of the Parish Council*
- Had there been discussions with Lanover, the landowners, about continuing the lease? *The Council made every effort but, with an entrenched position by Lanover (that the LGS designation be removed from all the land), the Council received advice to discontinue discussions.*
- With additional housing, surely housebuilders' contribution would be forthcoming? – *given the limited opportunity (as laid out in the Neighbourhood Plan), the sums would be negligible.*
- Has the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan been formally adopted? – *Yes*

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- What was going to happen to the football pitch? – *This was the responsibility of the Redgrave Amenities Trust, not the Parish Council. Unaware of any plans to find a new location.*
- Why was the play equipment stored on the OSPF? – *the Council had no land elsewhere to relocate or even store it.*

The Public Forum concluded with the Chairman making an appeal for suggestions of suitable land to accommodate a new Children's Play Area. Some ideas were put forward, but all would require discussions with the landowners.

6. Electronic Communications with parishioners as an optional service.

Cllr. Brown gave a brief explanation of the proposal to set up an email group through which the Parish Council could communicate regularly and promptly with residents of the Village. GDPR regulations would, of course, be followed. Attendees' views were sought and, in light of a positive response, it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the new Communications Policy.

7. Any additional matters to be brought to the attention of the Council – None

8. **Date of the next meeting** – As the meetings were now to be held in All Saints Church, the date of the next meeting needed consideration, with Thursday evenings being the only available time. September the 8th was mentioned but councillors would be canvassed by email in due course. *(Note: It was agreed after the EPC meeting that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 1st Sept. 2022)*

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm