

MINUTES
REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WEDNESDAY 13 September 2006
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mr J Walker, Mr R Hayward, Mrs J Cresswell, Mr J VanBeveren, Mr I Baird, Mrs D Culley, Mrs A Preston, MSDC Councillor Mrs S Michell

1. Apologies Mr S Rourke, Mrs J Orves, SCC Councillor Mr C Michell

2. Jason Walker, chairman for the meeting, welcomed everyone

3. There were no declarations of interest

4. The minutes of meeting of Wednesday 12 July 2006 were agreed a true record

5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda

6. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*

Sara Michell explained the consultants had made their recommendations on improvements to the planning process. The planning committees will now meet every 2 weeks. The planning officers would like to come to see us to explain the changes to the way that parish councils will be involved.

Sara introduced Tracey Brinkley from MSDC and Louise Wilby from Suffolk Acre who explained the process for investigating and fulfilling any need for affordable housing. Copies of the survey forms and reply paid envelopes would cost the Parish Council somewhere from £150 up to a maximum of £200. The parish council would hand deliver the questionnaires. Suffolk Acre would receive the replies, input the data, and compile the report. The normal demand found is between 3 and only rarely up to 12 dwellings. The MSDC planners are usually prepared to consider exception sites (i.e. outside the settlement boundary) provided they are adjacent to the settlement boundary. Any landowner prepared to provide land for such housing would possibly get £10,000 per plot. A housing association would be used to build the property, and administer the necessary scheme to keep the housing affordable despite any changes in occupancy.

7. *Open discussion with residents*

There had been some limited reinstatement of bus services so that it was possible to work in Diss and to take a midday bus to Bury returning at either 5pm or 7pm. Full reinstatement of services was required.

8. Planning

Appeal by D Broad shop 0124/05 has been withdrawn

1704 06 TCA Remove plum tree Jasmine Cottage – MSDC takes no exception

1587 06 FUL Garage at Chapel House – supported by email

1436 06 FUL Green Farm Barn access – supported by email

1527 06 FUL Felix Cottage conservatory – MSDC permission granted

0874 06 FUL Business Park replacement building – MSDC permission granted

1178 06 FUL Greensteds Garage and porch – MSDC permission granted

1265 06 TCA The Pightle remove oak & birch – MSDC takes no exception

0637 06 LBC Vestry new lead roof at church – MSDC listed building consent granted

9. Finance and cheques for signature

Agreed pay £1896.45 for benches

Agreed street lighting electricity to be done via SCC £34.96 inc VAT 1 June to 30 Sept

Agreed renew insurance £605.37 due before 1/10/06

Agreed donate £100 and letter of support to Hartismere Development Group for the proposed viability study to provide a range of services and avoid closure of Hartismere hospital. 6 voted for and Ian Baird asked that it be noted that he voted against.

10. Progress on getting buses restored – agreed unanimously to send the letter to A Guttridge SCC already circulated for comment. Basically says we require full reinstatement of the bus services and they have said that to do so is a minor cost.

11. Consider housing survey offer by MSDC and Suffolk Acre – Agreed to go ahead. Write to MSDC and Suffolk Acre

12. Consider more childrens equipment – Agreed Parish Council to be the applicant for grants and owner of the equipment provided that it did not have to provide collateral funding.

Ann Preston, Joyce Orves, Jan Cresswell, and Kay Mitchell would be the team to progress the project. The project was likely to start with a teens shelter at the Activity Centre field.

13. Info only: Kerry Foods liaison – any rumours that KF is to change ownership are unfounded.

14. Make tree safe on Old School Playing Field – One of the contractors who had been approached for a quote had pollarded the tree without being told that he could do so. The quotes received had been £250 and £235. It was agreed that the contractor would be invited to invoice for £150 excluding VAT and told never to do anything without permission again.
15. Any other correspondence or info
 - Rights of way footpaths new categories – John Preston would reply by the Friday 15 September deadline listing all as category 1 because it was clear that SCC was trying to do nothing for category 2. John would collect evidence for category 1 in order to make the case if our categorisation was questioned.
 - MSDC Parish Liaison meeting – Ann Preston would arrange with Joyce Orves and reply by 15 September
 - Leaflets & booklets – Litter & the Law, Improving your environment, Suffolk Safety Plan, Suffolk Preservation Soc Global Warming, and Home Security were circulated
16. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)
 - Progress on seats – Quotes of £300 and £500 had been received for installing the benches but there was some concern over the level of costs and what were the hourly rates. A team of Julian VanBeveren, Ian Baird, and Jason Walker was empowered by the parish council to sort out reasonable costs and make any decision to go ahead so that work was not delayed until the next PC meeting.
17. Matters carried forward from this meeting
 - Services in general that SCC and MSDC say they provide but do not do well – Ian Baird
 - Consider - they give us the money for some things and we do it – Ian Baird
 - Consider microphones for PC meetings – Ian Baird
 - Consider dog fouling bins as will be emptied by MSDC – Ann Preston
18. New matters for next meeting - none
19. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 11 October

Dated 11 October 2006

Signed

Mrs J Orves
Chairman