

MINUTES OF REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL.

Held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mrs J. Orves, Mrs A Preston, Mrs J Cresswell, J Van Beveren, S Rourke, J. Walker and D. Culley, MSDC Councillor Mrs S Michell, SCC Councillor C Michell and 3 residents.

1. Apologies from R. Hayward and I. Baird
2. The Chairman welcomed every one and apologised for having a meeting on Valentines Day. Several had engagements for later in the evening and that she would do her best to keep the meeting short.
3. Declarations of interest. There were none.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007 were approved with just one minor alteration item 9 line 6 should read SALC and not NALC.
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda –none
6. Left until later as Mr and Mrs Michell had not arrived.
7. Three members of the public present. They had no wish to speak
8. PLANNING PERMISSION Land adjacent to Pump House Half Moon Lane – Refused. Replacement of rotten door Chapel House – Passed.
9. Payment of grants and bills. This had been done except for the grant of £150.00p to the Community Council. It had been agreed at a previous meeting that a seat costing £250.00p would be donated instead to the play area in Half Moon Lane that is run by the Community Council, therefore the grant for 2007/8 and £100.00p of the 2008/2009 grant had been used. Councillor Van Beveren agreed that this is what had happened.

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

*C Michell spoke about the county trying so hard to find economies in all areas and preventing the Council Tax from increasing. There was to be a 4.5% increase in council tax. The increase for council tax Band D property would be £3.97 per month. He also explained that he would not be able to give grants from the Locality Budget after 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 as he did not feel it would be ethical any closer to polling day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007. The Chairman apologised to Charles and Sarah Michell for not E-mailing the minutes to them. Sarah mentioned the Liaison meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March and that they were worth while events and good to attend. Confirmed that the increase in council tax will be 3%.*

10. BUSES The meeting was shown a copy of the letter sent to back to S.C.C. about the lack of buses in Redgrave and the fact that we did not wish to have a Stowmarket bus, but a Bury St Edmunds bus. C Michell said that he understood this and they were trying to find a solution. A.Preston stated that to get a bus to the health centre mid morning you would have to travel to Diss at 7 .30a.m., wait for a connection to bring you back to the Health Centre by 11 o'clock. The journey home would be two minutes provided the appointment was on time and you didn't miss the bus.
11. CHURCH PROJECT. Mr Hayward had sent everyone an E-Mail requesting £4,500.00p towards the Redgrave Church Community Use Project. Mr Baird sent the Chairman an E-Mail stating that he did not agree with this. This letter was available for everyone to read. The Chairman proposed that we should leave this matter until the next meeting, however after some discussion it was decided that a decision could be made at this meeting. . Councillor Van Beveren then proposed that we do make a payment of £4,500.00p to the

- Redgrave Church Heritage Trust towards the project. This was seconded by Councillor Preston and passed by every one present with no abstentions.
12. VILLAGE OF THE YEAR PROJECT The Meeting suggested that this should be passed onto the Gardening Club as they had asked about it and shown an interest.
  13. HOUSING SURVEY Councillor Cresswell reported that the forms had been collected and sent to Suffolk Acre. Several people had sent them back in the post and we were all waiting to hear the results.
  14. CHILDRENS PLAY AREA Councillor Preston reported that there is to be a meeting on Saturday morning the 17<sup>th</sup> February when it is hoped the children will start planning the Equipment they would like
  15. POULTRY FACTORY The Chairman had missed a meeting but so had everyone else except for one person. Minutes had been sent to all, and the date of the next meeting.
  16. SEATS were making progress. Councillor Van Beveren had met the man going to install them and shown him the places they wished them to be placed and is hopeful work will start soon,
  17. FIRE DAMAGED EQUIPMENT on the playing field is now repaired.
  18. INFORMATION ON ROADS. Road to be closed 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March from the Crossroads to the Norfolk Suffolk Border. All advised to watch the road signs. Any damage in the village by heavy lorries will be repaired by S.C.C.
  19. EMERGENCY PLANNING Letter received from S.C.C. The Chairman said she knew people looked after their neighbours and was thankful for this, but was worried that some may be forgotten. All were asked to consider this for next months agenda.
  20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Chairman had received a letter from M.S.D.C. Building control about a sign for The Green Redgrave. Mr Wright of Bridge House had requested this. Chairman was advised by M.S.D.C. that as this is a private road a sign can only be provided by the residents of The Green.
  21. Information leaflets were placed on the table for all to look at if they wished.
  22. The date of the next meeting is the 14<sup>th</sup> March. The Meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Joyce Orves  
Chairman  
Dated: