

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 9 May 2007

Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Orves, Mr I Baird, Mr J McCluskey, Mr J Walker, Mrs J Cresswell, Mr R Hayward, Mrs A Preston, Mr S Rourke, County Councillor Mr C. Michell, District Councillor and 6 residents

Mrs S Michell

1. Apologies - none
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone and all declarations of acceptance of office were signed. Mr J McCluskey was co-opted as councillor. There is one other vacancy.
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 11 April 2007 were agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by the agenda - none
6. Election of officers and of delegates to local associations
 - (a) Chairman – Joyce Orves
 - (b) Vice Chairman – Jason Walker
 - (c) Responsible financial officer – Ann Preston
 - (d) Clerk – shared Joyce Orves, Bob Hayward & Ann Preston
 - (e) Tree officer – Jan Cresswell
 - (f) Trustees, Charity for Needy & Mary Foster Charity – Marion Wilby & Jason Walker
 - (e) Little Ouse Project Trustee – Bob Hayward
 - (f) Redgrave Amenities Trust – Ken Green, Norman Orves, Julian Van Beveren
 - (g) Footpaths – John Preston
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*

Charles Michell advised that applications could now be made for locality budget grants. Sara Michell had been re-elected as our district councillor for Mid Suffolk. The council was now 22 conservative, 10 liberal, 2 green, 1 independent green, and 2 Suffolk together. Sara was proud to report that 5 Redgrave residents had received Community Achievement Awards.
8. *Open discussion with residents*

No topics raised
9. Planning
 - 2620 06 New dwelling next Bromley Cottage permission had been granted
 - 0497 07 Post Office dormers & railings permission had been granted
 - 1917 06 Redgrave Church community use listed building consent had been granted
 - 2457 06 Fox cottage and the Gables application had been withdrawn
 - 0161 07 Kyles demolition and new dwelling had been granted
10. Finance and cheques for signature
 - Half year of precept received £3,750
 - Pay grant £4500 to Redgrave Church Heritage Trust for the project to bring the church building into community use as already agreed
11. What next on getting buses restored – Jason will obtain the new timetable and find when the contract expires. A plan of action will be decided at the June meeting.
12. Housing survey working group.

The survey showed a need for 4-6 low cost properties in Redgrave. It was agreed to appoint Circle Anglia as the housing association and agreed that Sean Rourke, Jan Cresswell, and Ian Baird should form the steering committee to take the project forward.
13. Childrens equipment
 - 30 children and parents attended the meeting and voted on the alternatives. It was agreed to accept the grant of £8445 ex VAT for the Teen Shelter. This means that the PC will have to pay the £1447.88 VAT and then reclaim it afterwards.
14. Duck Factory - minutes of 19 April meeting were shown.

15. Emergency planning – no progress.
16. Any other correspondence or information
 - The shop survey had been completed
 - School organisation review - noted
 - Blo Norton & Thelnetham Fen Water Level management given to John Preston
 - Ipswich bid for unitary council status - noted
 - County Council opposes Ipswich bid - noted
 - Gypsy and Traveller public engagement meetings - noted
 - Revised model code of conduct distributed
 - Letter from Janice Nash with traffic survey one day – kept for reference
 - Letters from Lynn Wilson re plot adjacent to Old Rectory – a matter between neighbours
17. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)
 - Entrances to village – Joyce will talk to the Gardening Club
 - Notice boards approx cost £1000 for three – Jim will get another costing
 - More seats were suggested – one at Flat Iron and another at the triangle at the bottom of the street.
 - The proposed street closure for the Fun Day was agreed
18. Matters carried forward from this meeting 11,12,13, 17
19. New matters for next meeting
20. Date of next meeting – Wednesday June 13

13 June 2007
Joyce Orves
Chairman