

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 14 November 2007

Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Orves, Mr J Walker, Mr S Rourke, Mr J McCluskey, Mr R Hayward, Mrs A Preston, Mr I Baird, District councillor Mrs S Michell, County councillor Mr S Michell, and 9 residents

1. Apologies: Mrs J Cresswell, & Mr K Collins would arrive late (present from 8.05 onwards)
2. Chairmans opening – The chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 10 October 2007 were agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. Co-options – none
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
Charles Michell gave the phone and contacts for DEFRA and Trading Standards for further information on the current restrictions due to the cases of avian virus (bird flu) having been found in turkeys at Redgrave. Sara Michell advised that there would be a meeting on the situation to be held at Redgrave Activities Centre on Friday at 5.30. Ian Baird requested that residents be informed by MSDC of alternative arrangements whenever the Brome recycling centre was temporarily closed for whatever reason
8. *Open discussion with residents*
Key officials of the Community Council (CC) present were Jenny Chaplin (chairman) and Peter Thorne (vice chairman). Peter stated that the agenda item (item 13) was a misrepresentation of the situation and that the CC had no current plans for new equipment. It transpired during discussion that they are merely looking for grants to repair the existing equipment.
The CC representatives fully support the Childrens Play Project and hope that it succeeds. It seemed to be understood by all present that if CC applied for grants to Big Lottery or MSDC at this crucial time then probably neither the Children's nor CC's would succeed. It was suggested that, as we all are having to do on projects nowadays, CC looks for multiple small grants from small providers in order to complete the sum to carry out the repairs. In order to help it was suggested that Suffolk Acre might be approached by CC to help by running its data base of grant providers versus the CC's requirement.
9. Planning
In the core strategy submission by MSDC to Secretary of State Redgrave had now been designated as a secondary village rather than the original proposal of relegating it to the designation of countryside
Barbed wire on fence at the Old Rectory
The parish clerk had verbally requested technical information from MSDC on 2 October regarding what is acceptable for fencing and particularly the current position on barbed wire. That was in preparation for parish council discussion which was eventually expected regarding the Old Rectory fence because of the public controversy created by 3 previous fencing additions in the village. That information has still not been received. A letter of complaint from the owners of the Old Rectory to the PC and an acknowledgement from MSDC to the clerk were shown on screen.
It was concluded that the clerk had acted correctly in requesting information from MSDC for the parish council to consider and it had been clearly recorded by MSDC to be an inquiry. Any initiative which MSDC might have chosen to take or not to take concerning the Old Rectory fence was entirely its prerogative as the planning and enforcement authority. As the owners appeared confident that the fence complied with planning law then there should be no problem and the purpose of their letter to the PC was not

- immediately apparent.
10. Finance and cheques for signature
Agreed pay MSDC £89.81 for election costs
The budget for 2008/9 was agreed as per the attachment and it was agreed to formally request the precept of £7500 for 2008/9 from MSDC. The precept had now remained unchanged at £7500 for the past 6 years.
Cost of tree survey – delayed until January 2008 meeting.
Suffolk County Council Budget proposals for 2008/9 can be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk
 11. Bus survey progress
New timetable booklets available. The results of the survey will be analysed by the January 2008 meeting.
 12. Housing survey working group. The next step is a public meeting.
 13. Childrens equipment.
Progress and consider 6m climbing tree. The parish council has no objection to the proposal to site a 6 metre high climbing tree at the Activities Centre. The MSDC planners should be advised that the eventual planning notice should be sent to all houses bordering on the Activities Centre to allow them to comment if they wish.
Consider the situation that the Community Council appears to have approached MSDC for grants for new equipment for the old school play area without having first agreed its proposals for new equipment with the Parish Council (which owns the land and insures the equipment). This item is covered by the minute under item 8.
 14. Duck Factory. A chiller is to be changed to reduce the noise claimed by a nearby resident.
A proposal for passing places on Hinderclay Rd has been taken up with SCC. No reply so far.
 15. Village shop. Due to open shortly
 16. Any other correspondence or information
Proposed street closure Saturday December 8 for annual Cyclo-cross – agreed no objection.
SALC North area committee meeting will be on 21 November
Suffolk Climate Action Plan can be found at www.greensuffolk.org
Suffolk community speedwatch can be found at www.suffolkroadsafe.net
Register of electors now available to parish council members
Standards Board – it was agreed to formally adopt new model code including paragraph 12(2) and notify the Standards Board of that decision.
 17. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)
Entrances to village – carried forward
Notice boards – thanks to Jim McCluskey for making the new noticeboard
 18. Matters carried forward from this meeting. 10 Tree Survey, 11,12,13,14,15,17
 19. New matters for next meeting
 20. Date of next meeting

9 January 2007

Mrs J Orves Chairman