

AGENDA REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 10 September 2008
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present : J Walker, Mrs A Preston, Mrs J Orves, R Hayward, I Baird, Mrs J Cresswell, J Giddings, District Councillor Mrs S Michell, WPC Shadbolt and 5 residents

1. Apologies S Rourke, J McCluskey, C Michell
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest – R Hayward project manager for RAT and RCHT item 10
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 9 July 2008 were passed as a true record with a slight modification to the wording to read “ Ann Preston volunteered to fill the vacancy for a PC representative on the shop committee and this was accepted”
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. Co-option of replacement councillor . John Giddings was unanimously co-opted as a councillor and signed the declaration of office and interests.
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
Sara Michell reported that 150 parish and local council representatives attended a meeting with Boundary Committee personnel. The options requiring comment by 26 September are either a unitary council for Suffolk or a council for Ipswich, Felixstowe and surrounding villages plus a rural council for the rest of Suffolk. The status quo is not one of the options. The committee proposal will go to the Secretary of State on 31 September. There will then be a window before February 2009 for final comments and implementation would be in 2010.
Pauline Shadbolt explained the new local police staffing levels. Mid Suffolk North currently has 3 community officers and 3 PCSC's. One community officer will go to response, still in Mid Suffolk North and one PCSC will be added. The other details of the new structure will be announced on 13 October.
8. *Open discussion with residents*
Edna Digby felt that the tone of her letter on overhanging hedges onto footways had been reported incorrectly by use of the word disgusting which was not in the letter. The PC apologised for any incorrect impression which might have been conveyed by any of its councillors.
9. Planning
Boundary committee draft reply for consideration and send by 26 September. Ian Baird presented his findings on the Boundary Committee proposals. It was unanimously agreed that the PC 1) PC supported the One Suffolk proposal. 2) would like to have the opportunity to have more powers. 3) would want to be represented on the new Community Boards. 4) would recommend that there was a separate consultation phase on the role of Community Boards before any decision on their implementation. 5) would like to understand the cost of the new proposals and the procedures for cost control of the preferred case. Agreed that Bob Hayward and Ian Baird would draft a suitable submission.
East of England Plan – consultation by 15 September – no action
2440/08 Side and Rear extension Rose Dene, Fen Street – agreed but with comment that this was yet another instance of making a previously affordable 2 bed dwelling into an unaffordable 4 bed dwelling.
0085/08 Willows two 4 bed dwellings – planning committee meeting 27 August
1869/08 listed building consent granted internal works Old Post Office Stores
2233/07 listed building consent granted Fox Cottage internals and rear extension
3007/07 planning permission granted Fox cottage rear extension 2 rear garages
10. Finance and cheques agreed for signature
Pay auditors £158.63
Suffolk Acre membership £25
Insurance renewal Zurich via Suffolk Acre £743.26
ROSPA inspection new play area – not required until 2009. Suitable certificates of conformity would be provided by Playdale
Internet connection progress – proving difficult to get any sensible communication with BT.
The satisfactory audit report had been received from BDO Stoy Hayward and the official notice of

completion would be posted on the noticeboard.

The PC reserves were £18,000 and would rise to £21,000 in October. Audit recommendation was to hold no more than £14,000 and the bank account only required holding of £10,000 so with contingency about £11,000 was required in reserves.

Grant requests had been received from - Redgrave Church Heritage Trust for extending community use of the redundant church building £3500 and Redgrave Amenities Trust for refurbishment of toilets and changing area £3000. Bob Hayward left the meeting at this point as he had declared an interest in both because he was project manager for both organisations.

Ian Baird felt that the proposals should have been made to a village meeting but Ann Preston pointed out that the agenda with the proposals had been on public display on the official noticeboard so that anyone interested could have been present at this meeting.

It was proposed by Ann Preston and seconded by John Giddings that both grants be made. That was agreed unanimously with one abstention.

11. Buses – some parents are finding that their children have difficulty in getting to Bury College.

12. Housing survey working group – The answer on drainage should be received on Monday.

13. Childrens equipment

Completed – no need for ROSPA check

14. Duck Factory – Gressingham foods were very helpful in considering and acting on any residents concerns.

15. Village shop – still progressing well. Some problems on overheating needed to be resolved.

16. Any other correspondence or information

NHS Suffolk approved preliminary consent inclusion in pharmaceutical list Botesdale

Review of Safer Neighbourhood teams letter received but not intelligible

Be prepared for frustration at Brome waste site

Play your part DVD received

Age Concern regarding promoting independence received

17. Ideas for improvements to village

Speed sensing warning lights

Repaint village sign

Maintain bus shelter

Entrances to village

Table microphones for meetings

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting – 10, certificates of conformity, 11, 12, 14, 15,17

19. New matters for next meeting – one which is now included in Ideas for improvement.

20. Date of next meeting – 8 October

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Joyce Orves

Chairman