

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
Wednesday 14 January 2009  
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: J Walker, Mrs A Preston, Mrs J Orves, I Baird, Mrs J Cresswell, J. Giddings, J McCluskey, and 6 residents.

1. Apologies R Hayward, S Rourke, Mrs S Michell, C Michell, WPC Shadbolt
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest – none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 12 November 2008 were passed as a true record with a change to item 11. I Baird requested that his objection to the amount in the budget continuing each year for clerk's salary and expenses be recorded. It was agreed to note in the minutes that the equivalent of the clerk's salary and expenses are currently used for the benefit of the parish.
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - None
6. Changes in councillors - none
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services – no discussion as councillors not present.*
8. *Open discussion with residents – John Preston, footpaths officer, informed the meeting of a Suffolk County Council notification received regarding the re-classification of footpaths which will lead to some being closed. He will investigate the proposal and report his findings to the next meeting. John also provided an "Access Suffolk" survey which was left for councillors to consider.*
9. Planning – an objection to the Elm Cottage, Fen Road planning application was provided to Mid Suffolk. It was suggested that, in future, planning discussions should be the subject of a separate meeting of the council to ensure relevant matters are fully considered.
10. Finance and cheques for signature
  - Precept request has been sent to Mid Suffolk
  - Donations for year 2008/9 excluding Father Christmas and Community Council - left over to next meeting.
  - Mrs J Orves to send out invoices for rent of fields
  - RAT to be paid for use of Activity Centre for PC meetings 2008/9
  - Approved £25 each for 2 courses on bookkeeping and year end accounts for RFO
  - Approved £18.26 for www.redgrave.org.uk website name and 1 email address for Chris Tindall
11. Communication
  - County and District councillors are aware of the situation regarding tenancy of the CrossKeys pub. Financials for Suffolk Unitary Council were shared, although the deadline for comments has passed. I. Baird to pursue.
  - Internet connection – no progress (I Baird)
  - Website – Chris Tindall presented a draft of the village website including Parish Council information.
  - It was agreed that the site should be published once Bob Hayward has been able to review the content further.
  - It was agreed that content should be regularly maintained to ensure that out of date information did not undermine the village's opinion of the rest of the web site..
12. Housing survey working group – Jan Cresswell informed the meeting that ACRE are discussing the proposed development with other housing associations with a view to another organisation taking it forward.
13. Childrens' equipment – Ann Preston advised that a meeting would be held with the contractors on site the next day to discuss the findings of the ROSPA report. Mid Suffolk have agreed to fund any remediation necessary.
14. Gressingham Foods – nothing to report
15. Village shop – progressing well with the addition of a Stock sub-committee improving levels and variety of stock. The open-fronted chiller has been replaced with a more efficient sliding door

unit. More volunteers would be welcome. Chairman Patricia Larman has resigned from the committee.

The very significant contributions of Patricia and Tony Larman to the opening and initial running of the shop are acknowledged by the Shop Management Committee.

16. Any other correspondence or information - none

17. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)

Kay Mitchell requested the erection of new entrance signs to the village in the form of 5-bar gates. She was requested to provide drawings and specifications for the next meeting.

The Press Officer mentioned the difficulty of walking past The Old Bakery because of the shrubs growing into the road. Joyce Orves will contact Highways dept.

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting -

19. New matters for next meeting - Donations for year 2008/9 excluding Father Christmas and Community Council

20. Date of next meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009

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Joyce Orves

Chairman