

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 11 March 2009
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Orves, Mrs A Preston, Mrs J Cresswell, Mr J McCluskey, Mr J Giddings, Mr J Walker, Mr I Baird, Mr R Hayward, County Councillor Mr C Michell, District Councillor Mrs S Michell, PC J Crozier and 3 residents.

1. Apologies : Mr S Rourke
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest – Item 10 grant request for shop: Mr J Giddings is treasurer for the shop and left the meeting whilst that item was discussed.
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 11 February 2009 agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. Changes in councillors - none
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
PC J Crozier advised that there had been no crimes recently in Redgrave but oil theft and theft from sheds were still a significant risk.
Charles Michell advised that the county council tax increase was 2.45% which was the 4th lowest in the country. SCC had been given a 4 star rating by the audit commission. There would be a focus on special funding for children and vulnerable adults including the aged in 2009. Any applications for the locality budget need to be in by 7 April to avoid any perception of conflict of interest as there is a county council election on 4 June.
Sara Michell reported that the MSDC council tax element would increase by 3.5% The Suffolk Messenger had been experiencing distributor circulation problems.
8. *Open discussion with residents – no items raised*
9. No planning applications so this heading used for proposed local government reorganisation.
Ian Baird explained his concerns over the costs of redundancies and pension provisions in the event of a major reorganisation such as the One Suffolk proposal. The next set of options should be published in March and comments would be required by 14 May. All previous comments would have to be repeated.
10. Finance and cheques for signature
Agreed pay Suffolk County Council £53.07 for street lighting 1 October 08 to March 31st 09
Advise MSDC before 24 April of play area inspection needs. Agreed ask for basic inspection not including risk analysis
Agreed grant request from shop for a fan installation to reduce temperature £77.33 but rounded up to £100.
Agreed allow up to £150 to wireless enable parish council computer and add antivirus
Agreed purchase new projector quieter, work with all lights on, wireless connection, up to £1,000.
Agreed purchase motorised ceiling mounted larger screen up to £1,000. Both projector and screen to have the normal 3 quotes. Suggested look at price of desk mikes.
Received £48 allotment rent from Mr Driver
Agreed Overburys solicitors quote £150 + VAT for pond transfer – Bob Hayward to progress.
11. Communication
Internet connection progress – line and box due to be installed 26 March
Website is now operating see www.redgrave.org.uk. Many thanks to Chris Giddings.
12. Housing survey working group – plan is start build end September and complete May/June 2010
13. Childrens equipment – still proving difficult for MSDC to get dedication deed from land owner.
Still may need a collar on the top part of the mast. Additional insurance paid for the new equipment.
14. Duck Factory – nothing to report
15. Village shop – nothing to report
16. Any other correspondence or information
Date of Annual Parish Meeting agreed 8 April at 19.00 and agreed change format to exhibition of village organisations reports as A3 posters and key people available to informally answer any questions.

Parish Council meeting AGM and election of officers to follow at 20.30

Buckingham Palace garden party nominations and ballot – nominations by 16 March

Village of the year competition entries by 15 May Joyce, Angie, and Jim to coordinate

Agreed Mid Suffolk transfer of village pond to Redgrave Parish Council for £1 see 10 above.

Village clean-up day 5 April at 10.30

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

Angie Robinson had pictures of proposed new entrance signs to village. Will be shown next time.

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting – 9, 10 pond, 11,12,13,14,15,16

19. New matters for next meeting - none

20. Date of next meeting 8 April at 20.30 after the Annual Parish meeting

8 April 2009

Joyce Orves

Chairman