

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
Wednesday 8 July 2009  
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Orves, Mrs A Preston, Mr J Giddings, Mr J Walker (Chairman), Mrs J Cresswell, Mr R Hayward, District councillor Sara Michell, County Councillor Charles Michell, PC Nick Kegge and 3 residents.

1. Apologies J McCluskey, I Baird, S Rourke
2. The chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 10 June 2009 – agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. Any changes in councillors - none
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*  
*Charles Michell detailed the election results and highlighted that the 40% turnout was encouragingly high. The county was facing problems due to an increasingly ageing population. It now awaited the results of the boundary committee. The locality budget is operating again. Sara Michell has been elected as chairman of MSDC. Central government is restricting funding so budgeting would be increasingly difficult. Sara reminded that nominations for Community Achievements Awards should be made.*  
*Nick Kegge had no crimes to report but there was a van which appeared to have been abandoned. The 2 specials had enjoyed helping at our road race. Speed checks had been done recently but nobody had been caught.*
8. *Open discussion with residents – Vic Joyce. Requested please could Charles Michell follow up on improving driveway access from the highway to the group of 4 houses opposite the shop*
9. **Planning**  
1567 09 Street Farm new house – agreed by email to support but comment that MSDC is allowing too many 4 bedroom houses and therefore changing village population demography.  
Garage to Granny annexe at Elm Cottage has gone to appeal  
The new MSDC planning enforcement policy was noted
10. **Finance and cheques for signature**  
CAB sent a letter of thanks for the £40 donation
11. Affordable housing progress – The hold-up is now the land. Difficult to get any reply from Llanover Estates.
12. Toddlers play equipment – if any proposals are made we will need to see the expense projections at the same time as the capital proposals.
13. Duck Factory – There had been no minutes due to changes in personnel. They are still trying to sell the old farmhouse. The lagoon is being improved. Next meeting 14 October.
14. Village shop – The new notice-board is installed.
15. Any other correspondence or information  
Progress on no parking sign – carry forward  
Progress on noticeboard – carry forward  
West Suffolk Disability Centre Moreton Hall Industrial Estate – a duplication of parish magazine publicity request which also goes to Botesdale and Rickinghall.  
BBC Breathing Places see [www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces](http://www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces)  
BBC & Lottery support for an innovative village business – given to Jan Cresswell  
Village of the year competition – 5<sup>th</sup> out of 7 with only 2.3 points in 100 separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
An interesting experience to do once but not really worth the effort involved

Letter from Community Council – If cannot find some more committee members will probably not be able to continue to fund raise in order to keep the Half Moon Lane play area in operation.  
MSDC Warning on stretch limousines for proms nights – check they are insured

16. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)  
Entrances to village – gate style proposal costs – carry forward  
Warning on stretch limousines for proms nights
17. Matters carried forward from this meeting 11, 12, 13, 14, 15(items 1 &2),16 (item 1)
18. New matters for next meeting - none
19. Date of next meeting – 9 September 2009

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Jason Walker Chairman