

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

14 October 2009

Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Orves, Mr J Giddings, Mr J McCluskey, Mr S Rourke, Mr J Walker, Mrs A Preston, Mr R Hayward and 4 residents

1. Apologies Ian Baird, Jan Cresswell, Charles Michell, PS Jon Eaves
2. The chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 9 September 2009 were agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda – Mid Suffolk Messenger distribution info given to S Rourke and C Greenhough.
6. Any changes in councillors - none
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*
Sara Michell advised that the court hearing on the Boundary Committee recommendations had finished and a judgement could be expected in a few day. Mid Suffolk was combining some waste management operations with Babergh. That could mean slightly different schedules for bin emptying for a two week changeover period but all residents would be advised ahead of time.
8. *Open discussion with residents*
9. Planning

Planning request for Priory 2664/09 Replace window, small extension at rear (same as LBC already agreed) LBC approved by MSDC

10. Finance and cheques for signature

The year to date accounts had been circulated by email.

BT had acknowledged the mess on billing and promised to put the direct debits to the correct amount and refund the overpayment direct to the bank account

The audit was completed with effective date 30 September and a notice had been displayed

Agreed pay BDO StoyHayward £184 for audit

Agreed pay SCC £56.15 for street lighting half year 2 lights

Agreed pay Mrs A Preston £14.40 travelling expense

The insurance team's recommendation on what could be removed from cover were accepted and the fidelity cover was increased as per the recommendation of the auditors. The premium is now £998.64 and that is agreed to be paid. The offers on reductions for 3 or 5 year commitments were not taken as they would prejudice going out for competitive tenders for insurance.

It was agreed to pay the following:

Father Christmas	25
Rethink disability	20
Coffee caravan	25
Citizens Advice Bureau	30
Suffolk Accident Rescue	100
Neighbourhood Watch	50
Air ambulance	100
Village shop	100
Total other donations	450
Hall Hire to RAT	165
Parish Magazine (await invoice)	160
Recreational facilities RAT	300
Comm C Play area	150

Burial ground cut PCC	300
The Knoll cut H Taylor	220

Precept & budget to be done at November

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The bank balance will be around £16,000 after all donations and payments

Peter Holt Wilson asks would we be interested in purchasing the old allotments ground – Bob Hayward to ask Peter what he proposes

11. Affordable housing progress – quiet for the moment
12. Toddlers play equipment to be deleted from next agenda.
13. Duck Factory Gressingham Foods are planning an ammonia reduction plant for the lagoons for next year. The bridge is not likely to go ahead until the financial climate improves.
14. Village shop
The shop is running well but still needs more volunteers. Part of the loan needed to start it has been repaid
15. Any other correspondence or information
Community engagement questionnaire – Comment was if this had to be completed for MSDC then they would have failed in community engagement.
Emergency plan – The PC is not obliged to have one and if there were a real incident the police would be in charge and as the bird flu incident showed the PC would not even be considered as relevant.
Revised bus timetable – SCC seems to be continually reducing Redgrave bus services without any consultation and not showing the changes to the previous schedule in its communications thus causing unnecessary work trying to sort out what it has changed.
Progress on no parking sign – laser cut, just needs welding
Progress on noticeboard – plastic obtained – just needs fitting to the board
The PC was asked did it have any objection to 12 oaks being planted its old school playing field edge. It was agreed that further details of what was proposed and where was required to see if it fitted with the future uses for the field.
16. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)
Entrances to village – gate style proposal costs – nothing further
Kay & Mitch Mitchell are ready to paint the village sign. Bob Hayward And Sean Rourke to unbolt the sign.
17. Matters carried forward from this meeting 10 – allotment land, 11, delete 12, 13,14, 15 oaks,16
18. New matters for next meeting
19. Date of next meeting – November 11

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Jason Walker Chairman