

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
13 January 2010 held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Orves, , Mr J McCluskey, Mr J Giddings, Mrs J. Cresswell, Mrs A Preston, Mr J Walker, Mr I Baird, District Councillor Mrs S Michell, PCSO Nic Kegge & PC Price, Press Reporter Mrs A. Robinson and 2 residents.

1. Apologies R Hayward, S. Rourke, County Councillor Mr C. Michell
2. The chairman welcomed everyone.
3. No declarations of interest
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 11 November 2009 – agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda.
6. Any changes in councillors - none
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services. S. Michell was asked to convey the parish gratitude to council service personnel throughout the difficult weather conditions. She explained that dustmen have done their best to reach all households but had not been able to fully complete their round which will be completed on Saturday.*
Local Government review possibilities have been submitted. Consultation period will close on 19th January. If the unified authority is not approved Mid Suffolk will amalgamate services with Babergh DC, because of pressures on budgets. Savings of £0.5m have been requested.
Councillor Baird asked for information on the number of empty houses in Mid-Suffolk; what council is doing to fill them and what residents should do if they wish to occupy. Council does have a team in Private Sector Housing dept. looking at this. Grants are available for renovations. Knowledge of any empty private homes should be referred to council.

PC Price was introduced. Recent local offences - Burglary in Fen Street and Common Assault related to domestic incident. Road Safety advice was given regarding snow and ice. Advised to take additional care of home security with new items in house after Christmas. Safer Neighbourhood Taskforce meeting 17/2 in Rickinghall Community Centre at 7:30pm – All residents welcome.

8. *Open discussion with residents- None*

9. Planning

Supported 3498 09 Street Farm new house resubmission

Supported 3276 09 Kent House listed building internal mods

No comment on resubmission 3501 09 Jasmine Cottage garage as had already supported. Planning permission has now been granted.

Section 106 agreements are agreements with developers to provide funds for community projects

Bob will check if anything is in the pot for Redgrave and advise in February.

10. Finance and cheques for signature

- BACS remittance advice £283.71 from HMRC - VAT refund
- £53.88 for street lighting agreed
- £11.20 for paint to reimburse Mrs K. Mitchell who has painted the village sign agreed
- Letter received from T Bailey Smith from Ipswich complaining that report of PC meeting in parish magazine had said that precept is given by government but seems he missed the key point that PC has not increased precept in 8 years. Mrs A. Robinson will reply to letter.
- Precept request for £7500 sent to MSDC
- S137 allowance is £6.15 per elector for 2010/2011 (the part of the precept that PC may use for whatever purpose it thinks fit) which means we can use up to £2583 (not up to £1470) .
- Accounts have been distributed.

11. Affordable housing progress. Housing Association plans resubmitted to architect. Reconsidering financing as landlord has rejected initial offer.

12. Community Council will wind up and cease – eventually need to decide what next to do with play equipment & land but not until grass cutting is due and CC actually disbanded in April.

Consider whether 12 oaks (or apples) should be planted on old school playing field edge.

13. Duck Factory – no meetings

14. Village shop – accounts have been audited and submitted to bank and taxman. Bad weather has improved turnover thanks to efforts of few who have maintained stock levels when suppliers have been unable to deliver. Counsellor Baird asked why shop paid off debt when PC granted £100 last year? Money was given without restraint and shop loan must be repaid to reduce interest.

15. Any other correspondence or information

Progress on no parking sign – old sign removed. – new sign ready and will be installed when ground warmer.

Progress on noticeboard – ready and awaiting assistance to install. Will be erected next to the existing PC notice board.

Suffolk Acre has moved to 160 Hadleigh Rd Ipswich IP2 0HH 01473 345 300 Web unchanged

Request from Chris Mills to plant a Mountain Ash at PC cost on verge to replace fallen tree. Not supported as water main runs beneath it and the previous tree died. Counsellor Orves will reply with PC decision.

Still 6 days for comment on the Boundary Committee proposals to

SuffolkStructures@communities.gsi.gov.uk

New mobile library timetable received. Residents encouraged to use it. 1:05 – 1:25pm every 2 weeks.

If anyone wants to include an event in MSDC Whats on Leaflet please email

whatson@midsuffolk.gov.uk

War Memorials Trust event advised

Letter received from SCC Highways advising that grit removed from MSDC bins for private use. Suggested that PC work with council to address. More bins would be possible. Redgrave has no bins at present and none required.

Amenities Centre scale of charges will be increased in April

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

Entrances to village – gate style proposal costs – no further information.

17. Matters carried forward from this meeting

Entrances to village – gate style proposal costs and alternative suggestions.

18. New matters for next meeting

19. Date of next meeting – February 10, 2010 at 7:30.

10 February 2010

Jason Walker Chairman