

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
12 January 2011  
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: J Walker, J McCluskey, Mrs A Preston, Mr R Hayward, Mrs J Orves, Mr I Baird, district and county councillors Mrs S Michell & Mr C Michell and 7 residents

1. Apologies: Mr J Giddings, Mrs J Cresswell
2. The chairman welcomed everyone
3. Declarations of interest – Mr J McCluskey employed in same company as applicant for 3362/10. He therefore took no part in the discussion or conclusion for that matter.
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 10 November 2010 were agreed a true record
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda
6. Any changes in councillors
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*  
*Sara Michell – MSDC/Babergh looking for a chief executive. Not yet known how referendum would be done but would not be at the May elections and more likely to be mail or internet based.*  
*Charles Michell – 2 out of 5 in SCC senior management had gone. Sara would send the details of a SALC meeting on SCC divestments.*  
*Patrick Taylor consultant to MSDC explained the reasoning behind the conservation area appraisals and displayed the Redgrave appraisal. Several corrections were explained to him and a copy of the Parish Plan which covers much the same information was given to him.*
8. *Open discussion with residents*  
*Vic Joyce expressed concern over the state of the village pond now that it was owned by the parish council. It was explained that the parish council had always maintained the pond using volunteers even when it was owned by MSDC and any help would be most welcome. If volunteers needed anything such as digger and driver to assist that could be considered by the parish council.*  
*Mr Smith explained the proposal for the workshop, stores, and stables at Knoll Cottage. Attention was drawn by PC councillors to a 2010 planning permission which changed some of the Knoll Cottage land from agricultural to garden and that the MSDC policies for allowing agricultural buildings in the countryside would most likely be the determining factor.*  
*Suggested that press report might thank public services and others for response during the December freeze.*
9. Planning  
<http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov>  
Decisions received from MSDC  
2680/10 Knoll Cottage barn refused as is effectively a new dwelling.  
2541/10 Reed House demolition of wall refused because of detrimental effect on conservation area.  
2540/10 Reed House rear extensions and front modifications refused because of incongruous and dominant frontage.  
1794/10 Timbers extension of existing permission for one dwelling approved.  
2204/10 Old Rectory internal modifications approved.  
For comment  
3362/10 Workshop, stores & stables Knoll Cottage – decided not to respond as this is a policy decision entirely for MSDC on what constitutes agricultural use and what is permissible for that location.
10. Finance and cheques for signature  
Noted that grants of up to £5000 available from Suffolk Foundation.  
Noted that grants of up to £500 for cultural/sport/activity weekend event 22-24 July  
Thanks received from Thornham Walks for the redundant play equipment transferred for nominal £1.  
Agreed pay all of the following (yearly items are for financial year 2010/2011):  
Purchase of new parish council computer reimburse R Hayward £600.97 (budget was £500 ex VAT =

£600 inc VAT).

Pay £18 reimbursement for petrol Ann Preston & Jason Walker to parish liaison meeting

Pay parish council meeting room rental 5 x £16.50 plus 5 x £18 = £172.50 to Redgrave Amenities Trust  
Pay S137 Optua £20, Coffee Caravan £25, CAB 30, Suffolk Accident Rescue £100, Air ambulance 100,  
Village shop £100. Pay parish purposes Redgrave Amenities Trust £300, Knoll cutting £220 RFC,  
Churchyard maintenance £300 Redgrave PCC.

Agree lend the old parish council computer to Nyall Davies for computer classes.

11. Affordable housing progress – no report.
12. Old School Playing Field – no progress report on relocation. Ian Baird felt that he had not been kept well enough informed.
13. Duck Factory – nothing to report
14. Speedwatch – Botesdale and Rickinghall parish councils had been asked if they wished to join Redgrave in a Speedwatch scheme but they had both declined. Although Ian Baird had secured a grant of £500 and had 9 volunteers including himself it was decided not to go ahead with the Speedwatch scheme. (voting was 2 for and 4 against). Mr Baird was thanked for his work on the project.
15. Any other correspondence or information
  - Any matters arising from proposed SCC cuts
  - What to do with Town Pit now rental has ceased – carry forward
  - Feedback from Special Parish Liaison Meeting 25 November – mainly on proposed amalgamation with Babergh but also advice on elections for 2011
  - Plans to revive post offices noted.
  - Father Christmas finished in 2010. There were no plans to continue.
  - Noted Diss Parish Conference Friday 4 February 1.30pm at DC3 Vines Rd
  - Noted that trading Standards consumer champions were wanted to bridge to local community
16. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas)
  - Maintenance of verges, hedges, and road signs – The costs are known and the issues will be addressed when the final council cutbacks are known.
17. Matters carried forward from this meeting
18. New matters for next meeting - none
19. Date of next meeting – 9 February

9 February 2011 Jason Walker Chairman