

## MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

13 April 2011

Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 8 pm

Present – Bob Hayward, Jason Walker, Ann Preston, Joyce Orves, Jim McCluskey, John Giddings, Ian Baird, Jan Cresswell and 20 residents

1. Apologies: None
2. Chairmans opening - Welcomed everyone, good to see so many people here, long may it continue.
3. Declarations of interest - None
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 9 March 2011 – Signed off as a true record of the meeting
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda – none.
6. Any changes in councillors – if no election and not full complement decide action.

It is not possible to elect new councillors till after the general election in May. 7 people here have said they will stand again next time. 2 people have expressed interest in joining the council and will join after May 5<sup>th</sup>.

7. Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services – None, the councillors have gone to Rickinghall Annual Parish Meeting.

8. Open discussion with residents – A parishioner was concerned about state of Old School Playing field and says it is a dreadful state and quite dangerous now that children are on school holidays. JC says that Sean Rourke is in charge of dealing with it and she will chase him up.

The parishioner, Susan Taylor, is concerned about an old oak tree which she says is dead and she is worried that it will fall into her garden or that of her neighbours. JP said that as tree warden he will come and inspect it and if necessary will involve the tree warden. He believes that rather than fell the tree they are likely to just make it safe. She is also worried about the likelihood of travellers moving onto the site and would like to know what is the long term future of the field. BH says that nothing can happen to field without a Village Meeting as it belongs to the Parish. There were further complaints from others about the state of the field and they also said that they are not informed about what is going on. JW says that Community Council gave over the field to the PC and that we are now bound to do our best but we are all volunteers and no one else has volunteered to help.

IB said that there should be a plan for the future use of the field but that it hasn't been done and no information has been made public. JW asked for a proposal. Tempers became inflamed as residents ask why things haven't been done but councillors say they need volunteers to help. Rosemary suggested a working party should be formed straight away. It will be taped off for security and will be put on the next agenda for discussion. Mike Denmark volunteered to organise a working party and John Preston will help him.

John Robinson asked about position regarding the telephone box on the Knoll. It had been offered for sale for £1 but came with a 25 page contract which the PC were not willing to sign. However the box is Grade II listed and BT have the onus to look after it. There is no working phone in it.

A lady asked dog fouling in the village. Leaflets have been distributed but the problem continues.

There was also a question asked about bus stop signs and timetables. She has asked for a sign to be erected and BH has a copy of the timetable which is available from the shop.

9. Planning

<http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetegi.gov>

0471 11 Remodelling of Reed House approved

2399 10 Garage at The Hollies approved

10. Finance and cheques for signature

Pay SALC subscription £206 - agreed

Agree new asset list. This was shown on overhead projector and various items were deleted and values were updated

Agree updated risk assessment – BH agreed to tidy it up to save on time.

Consider quote for field gate and 6 boundary posts for Town Pit - M Bryant £450 plus VAT to put in a 12 foot galvanised steel gate on the field and erecting posts to mark the boundary. This amount is agreed and discussions will be held with the neighbour to agree the boundary, JW will do this with JC if no agreement is reached he will return to the PC.

11. Affordable housing progress – JC says sale of land is progressing. Since change of government new rules about finance but it should happen next year.

12. Old School Playing Field – Dealt with during open discussion.

13. Duck Factory - Next meeting due in 2 weeks.

14. Town pit – results of visit and next action - Dealt with above at item 10.

15. Any other correspondence or information.

There was an issue with the rent which was resolved with help from MSDC with a £1250 loan to protect the shop over the next 2 years. The shop would like to use the Knoll on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May for a Tasting Day for local produce. The Coffee Caravan would like to attend.

IB – regarding the census – first information from this will be available in 2 years time

Typing minutes direct on screen – AR is typing today but not on the screen until we get technology right.

JC says that her Village Day will go ahead next Sunday. A resident asked if it was possible to do it on another day as Sunday is not always convenient for everyone. Purchase of new pick up sticks will be put on the next agenda.

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

Maintenance of verges, hedges, and road signs in the light of cutback to 1 verge cut per year – no further information available. But someone volunteered to help out with more cuts.

17. Matters carried forward from this meeting – none

18. New matters for next meeting – will be the election of officers for the new council. 2 new people should come to that meeting.

Joyce Orves has resigned from the council due to other commitments and Jason thanked her for many years of service to the council and presented her with flowers.

19. Date of next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May

Meeting declared closed at 9.15pm.