

MINUTES REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL  
11 May 2011  
Held at Redgrave Activities Centre at 7.30 pm

Present: Jim McCluskey(JM), Ian Baird (IB), John Giddings(JG), Jan Cresswell(JC), Bob Hayward(BH), Jason Walker(JW), Jackie Moss & Mike Denmark plus 21 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Sarah Michell and Charles Michell, Ann Preston
2. Chairmans opening: Welcome to all and so many members of the public.
3. Declarations of interest, All signed acceptance of office and declaration of interests
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 13 April 2011. Minutes accepted as written.
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - None
6. Any changes in councillors: Co-option of J McCluskie and M Denmark. This was proposed by JC and seconded by JG. After an election unfilled vacancies must be filled by co-option to bring the council up to full strength. It is the only time that a vacancy can be filled by co-option without advertising and without a process with special timescales and procedures. At other times we notify MSDC of a vacancy and it sends us all the relevant forms and instructions.
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services.* None present.
8. *Open discussion with residents.*

Mr Simon Bennett was introduced as the person who would like to buy Green Farm – the residence of the Holt-Wilsons. He is a local man who has returned to Suffolk after 40 years away. He is keen to make an offer to buy HW house but can only do so if he can do development in the grounds. He showed map of the area and said he wishes to build 2 executive houses in the grounds. He showed access that he hoped for and the settlement boundary and conservation area in which the houses would sit. He does not wish to remove any hedges and plots would not be overlooked. He showed pictures of previous development in Botesdale and pictures of Grand Design house that he has built in Wyverstone and which has been on TV also showed another house in Haughley that he has built. He wants to build in the style of HW house. IB asked about the access to the plots. A member of the public was worried that future owners might subdivide the plots and build more property. Site is approx 0.6Ha. Worries about trees were dealt with as they are protected by Conservation Area rules.

Another resident bought up subject of the Old School playing field. Thought that the temporary closure would be finished by now and that field would be usable again. Sean Rourke commented that the field is closed and is no longer a playing field. Complaints expressed that concrete and wood are still in the field and that there is no information available as to what is happening. Sean explained at length that it was the Community Council that closed the field and the PC are only the guardians of the field and they can not be forced to do work on the field as they are all volunteers. Sean reiterated that all work that has been done so far is voluntary. MD and his partner have been up to do some work. Resident said that over Easter there was a group of lads using an air rifle in the field. If

anyone goes on the field and hurts themselves is the PC liable? BH explained that the PC has insurance to cover those types of risk. The field will be discussed by the PC later in the agenda.

A resident spoke about speeding in the village. He says that Neighbourhood Watch meetings are full of people who complain about speeding. He wants the PC to fund the purchase of a Speed Gun. BH explained that this problem has been going on for many years and that using a speed gun would not work. Resident also wants more signs put up to slow the traffic. Speed bumps are an expensive option as are flashing speed signs. JW said there was not a problem in the village but he was shouted down. Sean said that last time the project was proposed it was nothing to do with the NW, it was a PC project but if the NW wished to take the project over and just come to the PC for funding then that would be an entirely different proposal and could be looked at in a different light. A lady spoke about the lorries that speed through the village and asked if it was possible to put a weight restriction on the road. BH explained that it was not possible to do that on a B road.

9. The Parish Council AGM for election of officials & representatives
  - (a) Chairman – currently Jason Walker. Nominated and seconded.
  - (b) Vice Chairman – currently Jim McCluskey. Nominated and seconded
  - (c) Responsible financial officer – currently Ann Preston – resigned. J.Giddings proposed and seconded
  - (d) Clerk – currently shared Joyce Orves - resigned, Bob Hayward & Ann Preston. BH proposed and seconded. Minutes by AR
  - (e) Tree officer –John Preston - continuing
  - (f) Trustees, Charity for Needy & Mary Foster Charity –Marion Wilby & Jason Walker - continuing
  - (e) Little Ouse Project Trustee –Bob Hayward - continuing
  - (f) Redgrave Amenities Trust –Ken Green, Norman Orves, Julian Van Beveren - continuing
  - (g) Footpaths officer –John Preston - continuing
  - (h) Gressingham Foods liaison – Ian Baird & John Giddings - continuing
  - (i) War Memorial – Angie Robinson - continuing

#### 10. Planning

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

0295 11 Two storey extension Hempland Cottage granted - noted

#### 11. Finance and cheques for signature

Agree 2010/2011 accounts – agreed.

Decide whether to proceed with field gate and 6 boundary posts for Town Pit M Bryant - £450 plus VAT. This was agreed

Reimburse J Walker £10 for clerk leaving token - agreed

#### 12. Affordable housing progress. – nothing to report

13. Old School Playing Field –progress report. Sean and BH and J van Beveren have been working on play equipment on present field. A volunteer has agreed to move bark. Jimmy Pratt is going to take away the concrete and rubbish from the Old School field with his digger and a trailer. John Preston will cut up and take away wood. Several of the poles have gone missing and one was needed. The tree has been inspected and is safe, no threat.

14. Duck Factory. Gressingham Foods meeting was held last week. IB said they have been draining the pits to put water on the fields. Treatment plant is still not quite operational as there are problems.

15. Town pit – results of boundary discussion with neighbour. JW & JC went to see neighbour, Gary Sutton and got a map of the boundary from him.

16. Any other correspondence or information

Brome recycling site will remain open until 31 July 2011 pending consideration of options, noted  
Bicycle road race will be Saturday 18 June at 3pm – noted  
Voting slips for referendum on the amalgamation of MSDC and Babergh have been sent out.  
Sarah Michell sent thanks to everyone who voted for her.

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

Maintenance of verges, hedges, and road signs in the light of cutbacks to 1 verge cut per year –  
no further comments.

JC asked that thanks be sent to everyone who helped with Village Clean up.

JW mentioned that JC's new garden building has been approved by the MSDC so there is no  
problem if anyone asks.

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting - none

19. New matters for next meeting - none

20. Date of next meeting – 8 June

8 June 2011 Jason Walker Chairman