

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
Held 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 September 2011

Present: Jim McCluskey, Ian Baird, Ann Preston, Jackie Moss, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jason Walker, Bob Hayward plus Sara and Charles Michell and 3 members of public

1. Apologies: Jan Cresswell and PC Nick Kegge
2. Chairman's opening: Jason Walker welcomed everyone.
3. Declarations of interest - None
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 13 July 2011 were signed as a true record of the meeting.
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda. - Ian Baird asked which benches were varnished as the ones that were purchased came with their own preservative for recoating. It would appear that probably the stuff that came with them is all used up but Julian VanBeveren who voluntarily maintains the benches would know what happened to it.
6. Any changes in councillors: None

7 Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services

Charles mentioned again that there is a new leader at the Suffolk Council – Mark Bee. He needs to save a lot of money as times are tough. They are looking for a new chief exec, the post is offered at figure of up to £160K but it will be a difficult job, lots of redundancies already. The Brome waste recycling site is reopened now and stuff can be recycled at no cost but anything that has to go to land fill will be charged at £6 per car. The money raised from the recycling is paid to the district council and used to benefit the local community. The future of the mobile library is in doubt as it is not used sufficiently and so may be one thing that suffers from the cuts. Ixworth is the closest library from here in Mid Suffolk and it is not certain whether that will be closing or not. The locality budget is still open and money is available.

NB - The money from the glass recycling bank in the pub car park here currently goes to the pub although it was originally set up to go towards church funds.

Sara Michell – the big topic is the change in budget – they have to save £2.8 million this year. Mid Suffolk is very keen for people's ideas and have produced a leaflet called the Budget Challenge outlining the current services provided and asking what services could be kept, done away with or changed. She would like the Parish Council to fill in one of the questionnaires as a group.

Ian Baird asked that Mid Suffolk look at saving money by not sending excess paper out and not using too much coloured paper.

Geoff Philips spoke regarding digital change over. He is a volunteer of the Digital Change Over Help Scheme which is being advertised on the television. The switch over starts here on 9th November when BBC2 will be lost then the others will go off analogue another 2 weeks later and no analogue system will work after that. He is able to help the elderly, the blind and the disabled. They can have one TV converted for £40 and have help for 12 months afterwards. They can also have other help with recorders and other TVs. He wants to make sure that everyone in the village is aware of the situation and to make sure that no one gets left out. Ring for help 0800 40 85 900 if needed.

PC Nick Kegge sent in his report partially copied below:

Burglary outbuilding – Bike stolen from garden shed

Theft – Stolen fence equipment

Criminal damage Walsham le Willows Play Park,

Under investigation, Local residents have come forward with information that is helping police with their investigation.

We have regularly patrolled the area at key times, which has led to a reduction in crime in this area.

A crime reduction meeting is in the process of being arranged to help prevent future crimes.

ASB use of motor vehicles Wattisfield

Two section 59 warnings have been issued to riders of Mini Motos this has led to no further incidents being reported in the past few weeks.

Parking issues Rickinghall, Botesdale

Patrols are made on a daily basis of the village and any offences seen are being dealt with via verbal warning, or parking tickets.

A meeting will be arranged with highways to access the situation in Cherry Tree Road and Back Hills.

8. Open discussion with residents

Jim had been asked by a resident if anyone having a firework party in future please can they warn all animal owners in advance as his horses had been badly spooked.

9. Planning

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

2337 11 Priory Farm Alteration and refurbishment – this was looked at on the internet. There were no objections from the PC on the alterations requested.

Consultation will be on-line reply in future instead of using paper documents.

10. Finance and cheques for signature

Pay Zurich insurance £956.46 – agreed to pay

Pay MSDC ROSPA report £66.90 – agreed to pay

Consider paying up to £750 for bark for play areas – discussed July but no decision minuted. Jim McCluskey had inspected the bark and weed killer and fresh bark is needed under zip wire and other places. He is volunteering to do some of the work. It was agreed that money should be spent by all except for Councillor Ian Baird who abstained.

11. Updates to standing orders and financial standing orders were discussed. A proposal to add in the fact that bank accounts should not be accessed by computer was put forward but was not accepted. References to petty cash were removed as it is no longer used, etc. Councillor Ian Baird asked for many changes to be made, some of which were agreed to.

Standing orders of PC changes – if a vote is tied the Chairman has a vote as well as the casting vote. Ian Baird proposed to add in that - any request for approval by email must be displayed on the village notice board but that was not agreed. Agreed all new councillors should get a copy of standing orders.

12. Affordable housing progress. – None

13. Old School Playing Field – progress report – it has been moved, the waste bin has been demolished and damaged the mowers blades in the process! A £50 donation has been received from Jane McGeehan who used the field for a camp site for her visitors for a party with a letter of thanks.

14. Gressingham Foods – they have been asked if a certain passing place can be moved. No further complaints about odour. Wild birds have returned to the lagoon and requests for viewing areas have been received so walkers can see the lagoon. Road movements changed so lorries no longer back out onto Hinderclay Road.

15. Speed monitoring any proposals arising from 8 Sept meeting. John Preston read his report that he has sent to the Parish Magazine. 40 people attended. Sgt Eaves will arrange for a survey of traffic through the village and a further meeting will be held when the results are received.

16. Any other correspondence or information

Chris Tindall – results of poll. Statistics shown of the use of the website and who had been visiting it together with a note that there had been 15 responses to the poll on the site.

Next MSDC parish liaison meeting Thursday 13 October - noted

SCC consultation on mobile libraries – already covered

Diamond Jubilee beacons June 4 2012 will cost £300 – noted.

Neighbourhood Plan, Parish Plan, Village Review - Suffolk Acre would like updates to the plan because of localism.

Brome recycling – already covered, leaflets available in the shop.

Localism bill and letter from Wortham. Would we be interested in a meeting panel of experts?

Community Land Trusts – not applicable

Suffolk Protocol for unauthorised encampments – from the Gypsy and Travellers Protocol Steering Group!

Town Pit – Rosemary Jones from Rickinghall thought that it could be planted up with trees but Jason Walker is waiting for a quote to tidy the land up.

17. Ideas for improvements to village - no further forward.

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting - none

19. New matters for next meeting - none

20. Date of next meeting – 12 October

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.