

## REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

12 October 2011

Present: Ian Baird, Jan Cresswell, Ann Preston, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jason Walker, Bob Hayward and Jackie Moss, Cllrs Sarah & Charles Michell, PCSO Nic Kegge, and 3 residents

1. Apologies: Jim McCluskey
2. Chairmans opening – welcomed everyone on a rainy night.
3. Declarations of interest. – John Giddings item 10 cutter blades but not regarded as significant
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – It was asked why was an approach not made to County Councillor Charles Michell for a grant towards the cost of the bark for the playing field as this was omitted from the minutes. Added to minutes.
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda –Cllr Baird asked why £60 was paid towards a proportion of preservative for the benches when he has subsequently estimated the proportion should have been £48. The split was the best estimate at the time by the parish council at which he was present and preservative is left over for the next round of volunteer bench painting.
6. Any changes in councillors: None
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*

County Councillor, Charles Michell – asked for details of playing field equipment needed by Cllr Baird. He also has a Quality of Life budget which has to do with road signs, pathways or traffic calming measures and this gives out money for such things.

The Brome waste recycling Centre is open but if you want money to go to the local community then take recycling items to the local bottle bank and recycling area and not the Brome site.

District Councillor, Sarah Michell – Parliamentary review re boundary changes, our MP David Ruffley has more voters than others and so one proposal is to take our wards into West Suffolk and out of Mid Suffolk but this is out to consultation. Those who might be moved to another area have got together and come up with an alternative scheme and this will all be discussed later in the year at the November meeting. About 8,000 voters have to be moved someway or the other to make David Ruffley’s number of voters equal to others.

MSDC has been singled out as an “ageing well community” and there is a meeting to gather the facts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at Park View Chapel in Botesdale.

PC Nick Kegge reported on the recent crime rate. 2 crimes – one burglary in an outbuilding and one theft of fence. They had been tasked to sort out crime in Walsham and this has been successfully sorted out. Anti social behaviour in Wattisfield has also been dealt with. Problems with parking in Rickinghall and Botesdale are being dealt with.

Speed data recorders in the village has recorded 72% of vehicles travelling over the speed limit. They will be visiting the village to enforce speed limits in the near future.
8. *Open discussion with residents*

John Robinson mentioned that Wed 19<sup>th</sup> October is the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting.

John Preston spoke on survey that showed the problem with speeding and they are planning another meeting to decide on what to do about the problem. John will email the stuff through to the PC.

Bob Hayward has had a call from Walsham speed watch to say that they are willing to hire out their equipment.

The grass verges outside Street Farm in the Street are very overgrown and the path has potholes which fill with water when it rains and there is nowhere to go in wet weather.

## 9. Planning

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

2120 & 2121 11 Moneypot farm conversion and dwelling granted

2337/11 Roof Lights Priory Farm granted

## 10. Finance and cheques for signature

Consider reimbursing J Giddings £25 for cutter blades for topper – all agreed

Zurich policy renewal acknowledgement received

Pay BDO audit fee £144. this was agreed. The audit said that the financial assets on the register should be restated and not removed unless they are sold.

Second instalment of precept received £3,750

11. Town pit status – no further progress but the village pond has now been dredged out fully and restoration work will be started shortly.

12. Affordable housing progress. Jan said they are submitting plans at the end of this month and surveys have been done. Land has been purchased and build could start early next year.

13. Old School Playing Field –progress report – none

14. Duck Factory – next meeting in January

15. Speed monitoring any results on traffic survey. – See above

16. Any other correspondence or information

Next MSDC parish liaison meeting Thursday 13 October. Jason will be going.

Village facilities update to MSDC planning – this has been sent to Bob and he has filled it in and will circulate it around to all PC members.

2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies consulting until December 5 (Google Boundary Commission) – this was discussed with Sarah Michell earlier.

17. Ideas for improvements to village (excluding Activities Centre & play areas) – none

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting – there should have been another meeting about speeding before the next meeting and this can be discussed.

19. New matters for next meeting – It was suggested that standing orders should be reissued every 2 years and this to be discussed at the next meeting.

Dog fouling in the area especially the one that comes onto the street at Charity Cottage

Inform BT that there is a broken pane of glass in the village phone box.

20. Date of next meeting – 9 November

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed J Walker Chairman 9 November