

**REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**9 January 2013**

**Present:** Jim McCluskey, Jan Cresswell, Jackie Moss, Ann Preston, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Jason Walker, Bob Hayward plus 3 Members of the public

1. Apologies: Ian Baird
2. Chairmans opening – Jason welcomed everyone to first meeting of the year and wished all a Happy New Year.
3. Declarations of interest.- None
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 14 November 2012 - all agreed.
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - None
6. Any changes in councillors. – None
7. Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services  
A report had been received from the police highlighting Oil Thefts and Thefts from vehicles and the measures that should be taken to avoid these.
8. Open discussion with residents  
John Preston spoke about the problem with the Ash Die-back disease and said that help will be requested from outside agencies once the situation was clearer in the spring time.
9. Planning  
<http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov>  
Tree preservation order on tree of heaven – will go to planning committee because we object. It is understood that the date of the planning meeting would be notified so that the tree officer can attend.  
Kent House garage with solar panels 2899/12 - granted  
Reconsultation Street Farmhouse 1855/12 – this is to go before the Planning Committee, no objections from the Parish Council.
10. Finance and cheques for signature  
Reimburse Ann Preston £16.20 travel to parish liaison meeting 28 November 2012 - agreed  
Reinburse Jan Cresswell for Christmas tree & equipment £217.85 (was agreed up to £500) - agreed  
Precept request £7500 sent to MSDC  
Dog bins collection now up to £20 from £15 per bin and litter £15 up from £10  
“Localism” seems to mean unilaterally forcing residents to pay by increasing the parish council part of council tax rather than the MSDC part of council tax thus allowing MSDC to claim it is not increasing council tax.  
Insurance for war memorial - our one third to be paid is £47.74 - agreed  
Repairs to war memorial £356.66 for our one third – agreed
11. Town pit status – nothing further
12. Affordable housing – a visit has taken place and all were impressed by the houses. They were well over subscribed and it has been suggested that we could apply for more sometime in the future. Jan will come back with more figures for the next meeting. Ann Preston asked that Jan Cresswell be thanked for all her work on this project.

13. Old School Playing Field.

Tree on boundary adjacent to Linden Lea. Remedial work needed. John Preston said that he had visited the tree to check its state and someone has been to price up the work needed to remedy the situation and make the tree safe.

14. Duck Factory – next meeting is at the end of January

15. Speed monitoring

Bin stickers, road markings, white rails. Jackie Moss reported on wheelie bin stickers that Charles Michell is considering funding the cost of these stickers but would want a contribution from the Parish Council. The Speed Watch group do not have any funds. There was a discussion as to whether these stickers are really wanted or not. We are to be lent a flashing 30 mile per hour sign for the village. The team could do with more members. During the discussion about erecting railings at the village entrances Jason asked why there was no sign for Redgrave at the Parish Boundary down Fen Street.

16. Any other correspondence or information

Mary Sunderland would like us to make a hard standing for passengers where the bus stops and the ground is uneven, rutted, and often muddy. Suffolk County Council says that it will cost £3,000 to do this and they are of course short of money and would want the Parish Council to contribute towards the cost. There is a bus shelter and hard standing facing on to the The Street but the bus does not stop there any more, it now stops off in Churchway which is why there is a problem. It was suggested that we could do the work ourselves for a lot less money.

Feedback on parish liaison meeting – Ann & Jason reported that they were disappointed with this as there has been a change in who was running it and it was no longer so informative and they felt it was not what they had expected as in previous years. They were pushing Community Engagement and little else.

Nothing more on ash dieback disease

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2012/11/09/action-ash-tree-disease/>

17. Ideas for improvements to village and following-up on previous projects proposed. A resident has been digging out the pathway along Hall Lane and has made a big difference in the look of the pathway and its usefulness. The PC are very grateful for his efforts.

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting – none

20. New matters for next meeting – none

Jason thanked John & Rosemary for doing the coffee and declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting 13 February 2013