

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
8 May 2013

Present: Bob Hayward, Jason Walker, Mike Denmark, Ann Preston, Jackie Moss, Ian Baird, Jim McCluskey and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies: Jan Cresswell and John Giddings
2. Chairman's opening – Jason welcomed everyone present
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 10 April 2013 – signed as a true copy
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda - none
6. Any changes in councillors – We have a new County Councillor, Jessica Fleming.
7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services – none present*
8. *Open discussion with residents*

John Preston said that the oak tree on the playing field has been sorted out today and has been greatly reduced in size and there is a considerable amount of wood available.

9. The Parish Council AGM for election of officials & representatives – the council agreed that they were all quite happy with the present arrangement and there was no need for any changes. Jim McCluskey proposed Jason as Chairman which was carried unanimously and Ann Preston proposed that the rest of the positions be kept as they are at present. It was carried.

- (a) Chairman – Jason Walker
- (b) Vice Chairman – Jim McCluskey
- (c) Responsible financial officer – John Giddings
- (d) Clerk – Bob Hayward, Minutes by Angie Robinson
- (e) Tree officer – John Preston
- (f) Trustees, Charity for Needy & Mary Foster Charity – Marion Wilby & Jason Walker
- (g) Little Ouse Project Trustee – Bob Hayward
- (h) Redgrave Amenities Trust – John Preston, Norman Orves, Julian Van Beveren
- (i) Footpaths officer – John Preston
- (j) Gressingham Foods liaison – Jim McCluskey & John Giddings
- (k) War Memorial – Angie Robinson

10. Planning

<http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov>
0546/12 Tyrella extension – granted – this was noted

11. Finance and cheques for signature

Litter and dog bins bill MSDC £132.00
Reimburse John Robinson £12 hall hire Neighbourhood Watch
Pay David Newcombe £40 first two cuts of Knoll

These payments were all considered together and it was agreed that they should be paid.

The Parish Precept received is £3417.50 plus a £665 discretionary grant. It is not known what the discretionary grant is for.

12. Town pit status - none

13. Affordable housing - none

14. Old School Playing Field – John Preston has already reported on the tree but it was noted that there are a lot of large mole hills.

It was that someone has broken through the fence into the playing field and encroached onto the field. A councillor asked that the PC should carry out an audit of the boundaries yearly. There followed much discussion about the need to mark the boundaries of Parish Council property. The land is not registered with

the Land Registry at the moment and it was thought that this should be done, Jim McCluskey, Jason Walker and maybe John Giddings will go and do an inspection and report back.

15. Duck Factory - the next meeting is May 17th.

16. Speed monitoring – nothing to report as yet.

17. Any other correspondence or information

Remembrance Sunday budget £111 – this is for Rickinghall, Redgrave and Botesdale and was agreed.

Charles Michell letter of thanks for his leaving gift.

Fit villages and community games. Fitness classes run by Suffolk County Council should be coming to our villages soon!

Precept referendum bill <http://www.colnbrook.info/bill-to-force-referendums-on-inflation-busting-precepts-put-on-hold.gov> This has been put on hold at the moment. It was to have forced a referendum on precept rises above a certain level.

A question was raised about councillors not being able to vote precepts but nothing official has been received.

There was a question on the need for risk assessment if councillors used own computers to hold parish data. Parish council data is public domain accessible to anyone both website and email so could be held without knowing on computers anywhere. Councillors doing work for the PC should have given copies to either the chairman or the clerk. The PC felt that there was no problem.

18. Ideas for improvements to village – Highways are still to give an answer on whether we can put up white fencing at the village entrances. John Preston is going to chase them to get a resolution to this. There was discussion about spending money that was meant for the village from new developments, Ann Preston said she had found out that there was Section 106 funding – under the Village Hall section it is £1900.23 and under the Outdoor Sports Section is £906.00. This can not be spent on the proposed new footpath as requested. It was suggested that we find out where the rest of the money from developments in Redgrave might have gone.

19. Matters carried forward from this meeting - none

20. New matters for next meeting - none

21. Next meeting Wednesday 12 June 2013