

REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes 9 October 2013

Present: John Giddings, Jason Walker, Bob Hayward, Jim McCluskey, Ian Baird, Jackie Moss, Jan Cresswell, Ann Preston and Mike Denmark County councillor Jessica Fleming District councillor Sara Michell and 4 residents

1. Apologies: None
2. Chairmans opening : Jason welcomed all to the meeting
3. Declarations of interest - None
4. Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 11 September 2013 – Agreed as a true record and signed as such
5. Matters arising not covered by this agenda – None
6. Any changes in councillors – None - Not in the minutes but please note that the retiring note taker will not be doing any reports after this one as she is up to her eyes in other things! Can I suggest that the members of the PC take it in turn to write the reports.

7. *Open discussion with county and district councillors, and services*

Jessica Fleming – County Councillor – A14 upgrade proposal – a public comment forum will be open until the 13th on this subject. Gypsy and traveller services are to be discussed at the next SALC meeting. No more requests received for money from the Locality Budget

Sarah Michell – District Councillor – Rural Funding petition – rural area people earn less and appear to pay more in Council Tax and a petition had been sent in and a debate will be held in Parliament, David Ruffley will speak on behalf of the rural areas. Mid Suffolk have applied for and been awarded a Transformation Challenge Award which gives £147K to help them in the work that they are doing. MSDC is against any toll on the A14 as this would affect Felixstowe port and this would be the only port in the country to be affected by tolls.

No improvement is foreseen for other roads through East Anglia in the near future and it is a general problem throughout the country.

A report was received from PCSO Dave Faulkner, the main points of which were:

“Since the beginning of September there have been 2 crimes reported to the police. The first was Burglary – other Building which took place between 8pm on 19/9 and 9am on 20/9 on Moneypot Hill. The other crime we cannot provide details for.

Eye SNT held there quarterly tasking meeting in Weybread on 01st October. During the meeting it was agreed that we would have the following priorities:

- 1 – To investigate and address safety issues involving pedal cycles riding without lights during the hours of darkness
- 2 – To pro-actively target thefts of domestic and commercial heating oil “

8. *Open discussion with residents - none*

9. Planning

Gressingham new load/unload circuit 2214/13 permission granted - noted

2354/13 3 Holiday Chalets, Moneypot - neighbours will object direct to MSDC - noted

2790/13 Extensions Willows Fen St – no objection but it is creating another large house that we don't need in the village.

10. Finance and cheques for signature

Pay British Legion £50 for Remembrance Day as agreed (3 PC's £50 each) - agreed

Pay £20 for wreath for Remembrance Day and decide who will lay it – Jim McCluskey

Pay Mid Suffolk £62.04 for play area inspection - agreed

Received £3,417.50 parish precept – this is the final part of the annual precept.

Budget and precept 14/15 needs to be set next month – noted

A further £20 was agreed to pay for travel costs to Tree Forum for the tree warden.

11. Town pit status – nothing new

12. Affordable housing - no news

What next on survey to assess future needs - there is no need to progress this at the moment.

The frontage between the road and payment is still a mess and nothing has been done as no one will claim ownership or take on the job.

13. Old School Playing Field – no news other than very active moles!

14. Duck Factory – John Giddings received email to say the waste system has been checked. But the noise from the refrigeration equipment is still causing a problem and is no better. John thinks it is caused by temporary storage facilities. Ian Baird complained about straw from their trucks blocking the drains and causing flooding.

15. Speed monitoring – report, and flashing sign use suspended due to thefts 14 trained volunteers and all progressing well. Statistics showed 517 vehicles reported from July 2012 to August 2013 as a result of 87 monitoring sessions. The months of July and August this year were particularly busy with over 100 people reported in each month.

16. Any other correspondence or information – John Preston was thanked for getting the work done on the footpath at the bottom of Bier Lane. The stiles have been removed and the bridge is in hand.

The road to the church will be closed for the Cyclo-Cross race again this year on 23 November

17. Ideas for improvements to village – picket fence progress – not really any further forward. Jackie Moss would like the phone box painted as it looks untidy

18. Matters carried forward from this meeting – none

19. New matters for next meeting – Jan Cresswell asked if the village would like a Christmas Tree again for this year and the answer was yes!

20. Next meeting Wednesday 13 November 2013