



REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.30pm on 6th October 2022 at the All Saints Church, Redgrave.

Present: Chair Andy Warnes, Cllrs Ann Preston, Elaine Brown, Jason Walker, John Giddings, Mike Denmark and MSDC Cllr. Jessica Fleming

Locum Clerk, David Lines and Alison Spouncer (Clerk).

There were ten members of the public.

1. **Chairman's introduction and welcome.** The RPC Chairman, Andy Warnes, welcomed all to the meeting
2. **RECEIVED and ACCEPTED** - apologies for absence from Cllrs. Brian Andrews and Frank Gillett.

Declarations of Interest – NONE

Delegated Declaration of Interest Dispensation decisions or dispensation requests where required - NONE.

3. Public Forum

The Chairman to invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak at this meeting, either on an item on the agenda or on a general matter

Nine members of the public wished to speak regarding the Planning Application DC/22/04600 (Land at Moneypot Lane, Redgrave, IP22 1SF – erection of seven new chalets, expanding existing chalet site. Points were heard from the public against the proposed planning application, citing access, impact on environment and wildlife, lack of facilities, highways, and size of development versus the area it is proposed. Inconsistencies in the previous planning of 2013 (images provided of original planned buildings).

The members of the public were requested to provide written information to the Council via the Clerk's email address and to correspond with Suffolk County Council as per the letter each have received.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

APPROVED - the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1st September 2022 (previously circulated), signed as a true and accurate record.

5. County and District Councillor's Report

RECEIVED and NOTED - a written report from Cllr. Jessica Fleming (Suffolk County Council and Mid-Suffolk District Council). Cllr. Fleming arrived during and left after Item 9, expanding on topics including LWAS (Local Welfare Assistance Scheme) accessible for all members of the public to apply for financial assistance. Information is available on SCC website. Cllr Fleming continued with highlights of her report, including Air Quality Study, Health Partners and results from the recent land survey suggesting up to a ten-year supply of land for Suffolk (further information is available, by Parish and Ward on the SCC website). Also available is further information for the Tree Canopy Survey. Cllr Fleming noted the six-month Ukrainian sponsorship is reaching a conclusion but there is still a need for more families to host Ukrainians under the sponsorship scheme. A reminder for batteries to be taken to local recycling depots to be recycled and deposited correctly, with an emphasis on children's toys containing batteries to be disposed of correctly at the depots. Finally, numbers of Bird Flu are increasing in the area with several protected areas reinstated. DEFRA require anyone with fifty or more birds to record their details through the DEFRA website.

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6. Planning

The following planning applications were received by the Council for comment.

- **DC/22/04561 – NO OBJECTION.** HSE Springfields, 1 The Green Redgrave – Works to trees in a conservation area.
- **DC/22/04600 – OBJECTED:** Land at Moneypot Lane, Redgrave, IP22 1SF – Erection of seven new chalets, expanding existing chalet site. **Clerk Alison Spouncer requested to remove herself at this point in the proceedings due to her closeness to this proposed planning. David Lines (Locum Clerk) continued the minutes, for this item, duly noted here:** Noting the objections raised in the Public Forum (Item 3), the Council decided to OBJECT to this application.

6. Parish Clerk's Report

- **NOTED** - An update had been received from the Highways Department with regards to the stile causing an obstruction to Footpath number 1/2 at the intersection with Norman's Field. The landowner of the footpath is reported to not wish to remove the stile. The Highways department has stated that it will progress this issue and update the Council shortly.
- **NOTED** - Traffic Action Update – A visit from Highways provided options such as speed ramps and chicanes, all of which were deemed too expensive or not conducive to the village and residents following discussions with the Traffic Action Group. This matter is therefore considered COMPLETED. *Cllr Fleming commented of an option for funds to be gained outside of the RPC funds.*
- **APPROVED** - Dates for the forthcoming calendar year were proposed and discussed. It was agreed to hold a meeting each month, excluding August unless necessary. The month of May would have both 11th and 18th as considerations due to the timing of Elections. Payment upfront to All Saints Church was agreed to be paid.
- **APPROVED** - An extension of the Locum Clerk's provision of an extra two weeks up to and including 14th October was agreed by the Council.

7. Recreation Ground

A paper on the above can be found, in full, on the website. Some feedback has been received from the public with one objection. Confirmation from MSDC has been received of approval of a grant of £20,000. Potentially an additional £6,000 may be approved following a further decision in two weeks' time; Conditions of the grant require the Contractor to be awarded contracts by 1st November 2022 with completion by 31st March 2023 with a written report to the MSDC within six weeks of completion.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE:

- Approve the Letting of a Contract for Provision of Phase 1 playground equipment as detailed in the Proposal to Kompan and for its installation to Eastern Play Services, subject to satisfactory funding from BMSDC being in place prior to contract award. **APPROVED.**

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- To approve the spending of £667.38 ex VAT as the Parish Council's contribution to funding of the Phase 1 project and pre-funding of VAT costs of £5,335.40 (to be reclaimed at year end). **APPROVED.**
- To approve the Use of the Old School Playing Field as the location of the Phase 1 Children's Playground unless a suitable alternative site is found and agreed by the Council before installation start date. **APPROVED.**
- To approve the letting of a contract for conduct of a Risk Benefit Assessment prior to equipment installation. Awaiting a further quote following a quote from RoSPa of £700.00. **APPROVED.**
- To approve the Commitment to Undertake Maintenance and Responsibility for the Phase 1 Playground Facility at an expected cost of approximately £650.00 ex-VAT per annum. **APPROVED.**
- **NOTED** – Potential of alternative land option but the Old School Playing Field remains the location for now.

8. Responsible Financial Officer Report

- **RECEIVED** – Financial reports provided including reconciliation report.
- **APPROVED** - Reconciliation and payments approved.
- **APPROVED** – The renewal of the Council's Insurance Policy. With the removal of some items currently covered (redundant play equipment and items under the excess level agreement) a new quote is imminent which will be under the current quote of £930.05.
- To **CONSIDER** the opening of an on-line current account with Unity Trust Bank – **APPROVED.**

9. Review of the Parish Council's Policies

REVIEWED and APPROVED

- Complaints Policy
- Standing Orders Policy
- Financial Standing Orders Policy

10. **Remembrance Day Arrangements** (including wreath-laying) for Remembrance Sunday, 13th November 2022. **CONFIRMED** – RPC Chairman will attend and lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Donation of £50.00 to cover the cost of the wreath **APPROVED.**

11. **To NOTE correspondence received, if any – Warm Homes Initiative** – covered by Cllr Fleming's report.

12. **Agenda Items proposed for the next meeting - NONE**

13. **Date of the next meeting – AGREED as 3rd November 2022**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

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