



Redgrave Parish Council Email Bulletin

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New Parish Councillor

Redgrave Parish Council extends a very warm welcome to Matt Broughton as a new Parish Councillor. Here's a few words from Matt:

"After living in Bristol for a number of years, my wife and I decided we wanted a more rural lifestyle, so moved back to Suffolk where our roots are. Following a lot of searching we finally settled in Redgrave in May 2023 where we have been thoroughly enjoying village life ever since. I enjoy watching the local wildlife, gardening and walking. I am looking forward to the opportunity to make a difference in the village".

Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan Review - Resident Representatives from Hinderclay Road and Fen Street

Redgrave's Neighbourhood Plan was approved in 2022 but since then the planning landscape has already shifted. National policy, district priorities and local evidence are evolving - and so are the pressures on Redgrave. If we do not act, the Plan will steadily lose influence and leaves Redgrave exposed to inappropriate development, decided largely by external policies. Reviewing and updating our Neighbourhood Plan now ensures it remains robust, up to date and effective, so your wishes and priorities continue to carry real weight in planning decisions. It gives the village the strongest possible voice in shaping the right development, in the right places, while protecting what matters most to Redgrave residents.

A Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group has been set up, which includes some members from the group who developed the original Plan. It is vitally important that all Redgrave residents' views are reflected in the Review. All residents will be given an opportunity to do this via the public/village consultations, as is the normal process. **In addition the Steering Group is seeking residents from different areas of the village to share your views and comments on any potential proposals.** You should have received a flyer about this as an insert in the last Parish magazine. A copy is attached to this bulletin. Some residents have already come forward but the Steering Group currently has no resident representation from **Hinderclay Road or Fen Street**. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact the Steering Group on:

redgraveneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

Updates on the Review will be published in the Minutes of Parish Council meetings and this bulletin which is circulated by email and a hard copy displayed on the notice board by the pond. The original Plan website has also been reinstated and all information and updates will also be posted here <https://redgraveneighbourhoodplan.com> You can sign up to receive an email notification to follow the Review blog here [Blog – Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan](#)

Refuse and Recycling Services

Just a reminder that changes will soon be taking place to our refuse and recycling services. You should have received a leaflet from Suffolk Recycles explaining that most homes will be receiving a new wheelie bin for recycling as well as caddies for a new weekly food waste collection. The new services start in June. If you haven't received the leaflet please go to [Better Recycling - is coming to Suffolk! - Suffolk Recycling](#)

Bus Services in Redgrave

Many residents will be aware that during 2024 Simonds of Botesdale became part of the Transport Made Simple Group. Following a detailed review of the Simonds Countrylink local bus network, substantial changes were made to local bus services. Unfortunately for Redgrave this included the withdrawal of the Route 304 bus service which stopped in the village. The service was replaced by Route 70/70A between Diss and Bury St Edmunds. This route does stop in Botesdale but means that anyone wishing to use the service from Redgrave has to get to Botesdale first. We have recently been informed by Suffolk County Councillor Jessica Fleming that £26 million of funding is coming to Suffolk from the Department for Transport, which is confirmed for three years, to enable the continuation and expansion of new and improved bus services in the county. The Parish Council has therefore formally asked Jessica to investigate whether a bus service which stops in Redgrave can be reinstated. We will keep you informed of developments. If anyone has any comments which may help to provide supporting evidence for the reinstatement of a village bus service, please contact our clerk at clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk In the meantime you may find these two links to services helpful:-

[Connecting Communities - Book a journey / Mid Suffolk Community Transport - Communities Together East Anglia](#)

Potential Purchase of Redgrave Woodland

The Parish Council received 26 responses to the consultation. Of those responses, 20 indicated support for the purchase, 4 opposed and 2 were neutral. Concerns were noted from residents who opposed around the cost of purchase, ongoing maintenance and that the woodland would be of limited benefit. Comments from residents in support were that the purchase would preserve the green space, be of environmental/biodiversity value and provide access to enjoy a community woodland. The Parish Council is applying to BMSDC for a Community Nature Recovery Grant which could cover the purchase cost of the woodland and other related costs. Updates will be posted via the normal channels.

Council Tax for 2026/27

Redgrave Parish Council has submitted its precept for 2026/27 of £26,867.22. This precept gives the Parish a Council Tax Band D amount of £92.55. This is an increase of 1.94% on 2025/26. These are the amounts that will be shown on the Council Tax Bill. (See also section on County Council Tax rise below).

Community First Aid Training

Botesdale Health Centre Patient Participation Group has organised a community first aid level 2 training session delivered by Anglia CPR on **26th March between 9.30 to 12.30** at Park View Chapel, Botesdale. For more information or to register an interest please contact Marie Honeyfield on info@angliacpr.co.uk

Community Speed Watch

More residents are needed to help the village Community Speed Watch group. If you would like to find out what's involved please contact Mike Hall on mike.linda.hall@gmail.com

New 20mph Speed Limit Policy to be Considered

Suffolk County Council is considering changes to the existing 20mph speed limit policy to enhance road safety and improve quality of life across Suffolk's communities. The proposal will give communities greater opportunity to reduce the speed limit where appropriate in residential and high-pedestrian areas. Further information to follow once SCC has made a decision on the possible changes.

County Council Elections and Budget Setting

It is likely that the May County elections will be postponed. The County Council's budget is around £850,000. To support its obligations the Council is proposing a 4.99% rise in Council Tax (2.99% general and 2% for adult care). The final budget will be agreed at a Full Council meeting on 12th February.

Planning Applications

We will list here any new planning applications because by the time they appear in the Parish magazine it is sometimes too late for comments. To find details of any application, go to the planning section of BMSDC website, link below, scroll down to the bottom of the page, enter the planning reference and press "search". [Simple Search \(baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk\)](http://baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

DC/26/00308 - Land South of Churchway. Erection of 8 dwellings, vehicle and pedestrian access and associated infrastructure. **Comments by 18th Feb.**

DC/26/00374 - The Hollies, The Street. Listed Building Consent - remove and replace 5 timber casement windows. **Comments by 23rd February.**

Andy Warnes

Chairperson, Redgrave Parish Council

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