



## Redgrave Parish Council Email Bulletin

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### March 2026

#### **Road Closure along The Street**

On **31st March 2026** UK Power Networks will be carrying out works under a road closure between Juniper Cottage and Redgrave Road, South Lopham. UK Power Networks apologises for any inconvenience and gives assurance that access to properties will be maintained at all times. For further information about the works being carried out, please contact UK Power Networks on 0800 7311 559 quoting reference – (120144793). For further information about the traffic management, please contact Highway Safety Management Ltd on 01449 745755 quoting reference – HSM(159975).

#### **Redgrave Community Emergency Plan**

Normally, emergencies are dealt with by the emergency services and other key responders who have well-rehearsed plans to deal with situations. However, there may be circumstances, such as flooding or other severe weather conditions, when the arrival of the emergency services is delayed. If this happens it is important that our community can help itself until those services arrive. Redgrave Parish Council has produced a Community Emergency Plan to be used if an emergency affects our village. Our Plan supports the emergency services, Suffolk County Council and other responders by coordinating local information, volunteers and facilities. Redgrave residents will receive further information as an insert into the Parish magazine. The full Community Emergency Plan can be found on the village website here <https://redgrave.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/policy-documents/>

#### **Bus Service in Redgrave**

We mentioned in the last Bulletin that funding is coming to Suffolk from the Department for Transport to enable the continuation and expansion of new and improved bus services. We have asked our County Councillor, Jessica Fleming, to investigate whether a bus service which stops in Redgrave can be reinstated. Adrian Ramsay MP is also taking up the cause and supporting improvements to local bus services, particularly in rural areas and villages where bus services have been reduced or, like Redgrave, ceased completely. Along with Jessica Fleming we are in discussions with Transport Made Simple. In order for us to make a case, we do need to know that Redgrave residents would value and use this service. If you would like to support the reinstatement of a bus service in the village, please contact our Parish Clerk with any comments [clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk)

## **Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan Review**

We announced in the last Bulletin that a review of our Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan is underway. It is vitally important that all Redgrave residents' views are reflected in this Review. A small number of residents have come forward to act as representatives for different areas of the village, to share their views and comments on any potential proposals. But we still need more village representation and there are still no representatives for **Hinderclay Road** nor **Fen Street**. If you are interested in helping out with this vital Plan which supports our community, or you would like further information as to what may be involved, please contact [redgraveneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:redgraveneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

## **Proposed Development at Gallows Hill**

At the Parish Council meeting on 5th March consideration was given to Beauly Homes' request that the Parish Council continues to support its planning application coming forward and an updated site layout. After input from the Public Forum and discussion by Councillors it was agreed that, in light of advice from BMSDC Planning Officers in their pre-application response, together with the recently announced outcomes of the District Council's Call for Sites process, the Council is not in a position to extend its support to the revised proposal. Councillors felt it is more appropriate for the Gallows Hill site to be assessed, along with other potential sites, through BMSDC's Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). This process will allow the site to be considered, alongside other options, in a consistent and strategic way as part of the emerging Local Plan review.

## **Bird Flu**

Sadly outbreaks of bird flu continue in Suffolk. Information on the locations of outbreaks can be found here [APHA Interactive Avian Influenza Disease Map](#)

## **Local Elections**

The government has announced that the local elections, due to take place this year, will go ahead after all on 7th May. Other proposals and dates include: Mid March Government will announce unitary governments areas in Norfolk and Suffolk; July 2026 Structural Changes Order issued covering dissolution of the County Council; May 2027 Unitary Boundaries determined with new unitary Councillor elections; May 2028 new authority comes into force with Mayoral elections.

## **National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Examination**

Open floor hearings have been taking place to include comments and compulsory purchase across Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. Suffolk County Council representatives gave evidence on 10th February. Transcripts are available here [Norwich to Tilbury - Project information](#) If you would like to register as an interested party to have your say please email [NorwithToTilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:NorwithToTilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

## **Potential Development of Solar Farm at Stone Cottages, Bury Road, Botesdale**

A planning application was submitted last July by Regener8 Power for construction of a 84.38ha (208 acres) site for ground mounted solar panel arrays and associated infrastructure which will have the ability to export 49.9MW (AC) electricity. The ref number is DC/25/03257 and full information can be found on the planning portal (link below under Planning Applications). This large site runs on both sides of the A143 close to Botesdale (see attached map). A number of objections to the application have been submitted including from Botesdale, Rickinghall, Redgrave and Mellis Parish Councils. Redgrave and Botesdale Parish Councils are in communication with the

agent for Regener8 Power to discuss community benefits should planning permission be granted. We will keep you informed of developments. Another large solar farm and battery storage is also proposed on agricultural land in the parishes of Yaxley, Brome, Eye, Gisingham, Mellis and Occold. Further information on that proposal can be found here [EcoPower Suffolk - Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage](#)

## 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 \(babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

DC/26/00667 - Malva House, Hall Lane. Application for work to trees in a conservation area. T1 weeping willow re-pollard due to proximity to phone lines and excessive shading. Comments by 16th March.

DC/26/00933 - Broadlands, Half Moon Lane. Application for work to trees in a conservation area. Prune lower branches of 3 beech and 1 silver birch. Comments by 26th March.

DC/26/00900 - Priory Cottage, Half Moon Lane. Listed Buildings Consent. Remove and replace existing stable door and frame. Comments by 25th March.

DC/25/04761 - Rectory Farm House, The Green. Planning application withdrawn for erection of 1 no self-build replacement dwelling following removal of existing dwelling.

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