



REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on 6th April 2023 at the All-Saints Church, Redgrave.

Present: Chair Cllr Andy Warnes, Councillors Brian Andrews, Elaine Brown, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, Alison Spouncer (Clerk), Ward and District Cllr Fleming, Cllr Morgan (Incoming District Councillor) and three members of the Public.

1. **Chairman's introduction and welcome.** The Chairman, Cllr Warnes, welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** Cllrs Mike Denmark, Charlotte Giddings, John Giddings and Jason Walker **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

- One member of the public updated the Council on the issue of the VAS equipment for The Street. The part which had been ordered and received following the last meeting and subsequent approval, appears to be faulty. There is a need to return the item at a cost of c£175 (including VAT and insurance). A request will be made for a report on the part to ascertain the fault/need to replace to ensure the VAS can be in working order. The resident who voluntarily maintains the equipment kindly suggested an update at the next meeting of any findings. The Council **AGREED** to meet the postal costs.
- A representative from 'Parish Asset Management' introduced the Company, being new to the village. The Council agreed to **CONSIDER** the services provided if/when a need arises.
- A third resident confirmed the offer of regular grass cutting of the OSPF in exchange for a donation provided to the Green Redgrave Group. The Council **AGREED** with this offer given the cause and reduced level of payment requested.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

APPROVED - the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2nd March 2023 (previously circulated) were signed as a true and accurate record.

5. Ward and District Councillor's Report

Cllr Fleming highlighted areas of interest from her report, including:

- The Opening of the New Police Hub in Stowmarket.
- Opportunities may be available for biodiversity broadening through CIL monies – this would require further investigation.
- Final District Council meeting on 21st March 2023 discussed, among other items, the new planning enforcement policy which passed; **AGREED** to be a positive measure. Council housing rents are increasing from 1st April 2023. There was a reminder for the need for Photo ID to be able to vote on 4th May.

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- The Council wished to **ACKNOWLEDGE** and thank Cllr Fleming for her department's donation towards the upcoming Coronation celebration event on 7th May on The Knoll.
- The Council wished to seek **SUPPORT** from Cllr Fleming's department regarding the safety requirements at the OSPF for signposting and road marking and the potential costs that this may incur. Cllr Fleming **CONFIRMED** support.
- The proposed Pylons project through Essex to Norfolk was discussed. National Grid has stated it would not be possible to build offshore whilst abiding by the 2030 deadline; it has been recognised that the route to the west side of Diss is far more devastating than originally considered.

Cllr Jessica Fleming: Jessica.fleming@midsuffolk.gov.uk Tel: 07714-597980 Twitter: @jesstfleming

6. Planning

The following planning applications were received by the Council.

NOTED: Two applications were received and circulated prior to the meeting, those being:

- DC/23/01562 – The Old Forge, The Street, Redgrave. Fell 1no Cedar Tree – **APPROVED** due to the replacement of said tree with a smaller variety.
- DC/23/01040 - Juniper Cottage, The Street, Redgrave. Fell 1no Eucalyptus Tree – **APPROVED**

7. Parish Clerk's Report

7.1 The Council **RECEIVED** an update on actions still outstanding prior to the meeting, among those:

- Action 171.10.6 – stile on footpath 1 – ongoing.
- Action 187.8.4 – The new bank account is now fully open and running.
- Action 199.11.3 – St Botolph's Decarbonisation Project. The Council **AGREED** to pay 13% (c£4K) towards the project in line with the number of children Redgrave have attending the school. This would be met by CIL monies that will be received in April.
- Action 199.12.2 – Work on the maintenance of the oak benches around the village is hoped to start early May.
- Action 203.11.1 – Election details – it was **AGREED** to add further details to the website and bulletin edition, reminding all of the need to bring Photo ID to be able to vote on 4th May.
- Action 203.12.1 – it is possible to remove the remaining play equipment at Churchway at a cost of £291 for the hire of a digger (including VAT and Insurance) utilising volunteers. Cllr Warnes **AGREED** to discuss with Cllr Denmark a suitable date to undertake this work.

8. Responsible Financial Officer Report

8.1 **RECEIVED** - Financial reports provided prior to the meeting.

8.2 **NOTED** – current balance £25,244.35.

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8.3 APPROVED –

Mark Banham/Playground Entrance Gates	£696.00 (inc VAT)
Playground Quarterly Maintenance Inspection	£144.00 (inc VAT)
SCC/Steet Lighting	£383.94
Outdoor caution signs	£18.74
Playground Sign	£317.52 (inc VAT)
Grass Cutting (Knoll)	£120.00 (bi-weekly)
Hire of digger	£261.00
Grants (as agreed at Feb 23 PC Mtg)	£1,350.00
Coronation Event/Crown making kits	£28.97
Coronation Event/Union Flag party bags	£10.65
Coronation Event/Medals/trophies for prizes	£100.79
Coronation Event/fencing	£230.28
TOTAL	£3,761.89

AGREED – grass cutting for Children’s Playground will be carried out by the Green Redgrave Group membership for a donation of £650 to the group.

8.4 NOTED - Income expected:

Precept £12,078.00

VAT return £3,646.80

CIL Payment £8,282.76 First of five payments from CIL (Burgess Homes Development).

8.3 Two further CIL payments were due for the land near the Cottage on the Green. This has not been received. It was **AGREED** to request further information on the status of these payments.

9. Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

There are currently six tables being used by various businesses, organisations, and clubs. It was **AGREED** to promote the event on ‘Nextdoor’, the Bulletin email and other social media options. It is hoped many residents will attend to see what is available and to have their say on their village. All starts from 6pm on 20th April at All Saints Church.

10. King’s Coronation

Project Lead, Cllr Brown, updated the Council on plans for Sunday 7th May 2023. The ‘Celebration Picnic’ will be held on The Knoll from 12pm with a formal opening at 1pm. Thanks were **NOTED** to Gressingham Foods, District Cllr Fleming and other local groups for their contributions to ensure the day provides activities and prizes for children and adults alike to help in the celebrations. There will be fancy dress for children and dogs, games for young and old, live music. The road will be closed between The Knoll and the Cross Keys pub to ensure public safety.

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11. Council Elections

It was **NOTED** nomination forms were delivered and successfully entered. It has been confirmed the election will be uncontested.

12. OSPF Safety Inspection

Following communication with a village resident, a meeting was held between Suffolk Highways (SH), Police representation, the resident and Cllr Warnes. A Safety Inspection suggested the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction; however, this was not agreed by SH, with the Police representative suggesting they would not be able to enforce it. A further recommendation of 'on road' signage and signs was deemed more likely to be acceptable. Discussions would need to continue due to the proposed cost of such actions. It was **AGREED** Cllr Warnes would seek options of support to action this.

13. Review of Parish Council's Policies.

- Redgrave Parish Council Risk Assessment – **APPROVED** – Changes made included the removal of COVID considerations such as mask wearing, hand washing with the measures, and any other necessary, to be re-introduced should there be another pandemic.
- Redgrave Parish Council Children's Playground Risk Assessment – as discussed in item 12; **APPROVED** and adopted.
- **NOTED** – all policies can be found on the Parish Council website. <http://redgrave.onesuffolk.net/parish-council>

14. Correspondence

- a. **NOTED** - Insurance Coverage is confirmed to be limited to work/activities and equipment carried out and owned for and on behalf of the RPC.
- b. **NOTED** - Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Joint Local Plan Modifications Consultation 2023. REF: MOD/2223/CR
- c. **NOTED** - 2022-2023 3rd Party Asset Maintenance and Energy costs: Suffolk Highways confirmed lights are under the ownership of the Parish Council.
- d. **NOTED** - Cllr Warnes to undertake the role of SLHC Recorder for Redgrave.

15. Land Options

An update was provided by Cllr Warnes. Details were **NOTED** with an update to be provided at the next meeting when appropriate.

16. Tube Traffic Survey

The results of the recent survey (24th February – 9th March 2023) were **NOTED**. Of note there were several vehicles in excess of driving over 10mph more than 30mph. The report suggests the number of HGVs was 'acceptable' for a B road despite the perception and feeling of the village. Due to this the PC feels there is no real ability to pursue the question of HGVs at this given time. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Warnes would request enforcement from the Police in an attempt to reduce the number of speeding vehicles.

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17. Social Media Usage for the PC. It was **AGREED** to investigate further the option of the use of social media such as Facebook and Instagram. The Council felt it would be positive to expand its communications for meetings, agendas, activities to the residents of the village, alongside the website, village notice board, Parish Magazine, and bulletin emails. Administration and management of the sites to be discussed in more detail.

18. Agenda Items proposed for the next meeting.

Update on the VAS equipment; costs, any further actions required.

19. Date of the next meeting

AGREED as Thursday 11th May 2023

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26 pm.

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