



REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on 1st February 2024 at the All Saints Church, Redgrave.

Present: Chair Cllr Andy Warnes, Cllrs Ann Preston, Brian Andrews, Elaine Brown, Frank Gillett, John Giddings, Mike Denmark, Alison Spouncer (Clerk). One member of the public.

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Introduction.** A welcome was extended to all to the meeting by Chair Cllr Andy Warnes.
2. **Apologies** Cllr Charlotte Giddings and District Cllr Morgan. **Declarations of Interest** – None. **Delegated Declaration of Interest Dispensation decisions or dispensation requests where required** – None.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting.** Minutes of the last meeting (18th January 2024) previously circulated were agreed as a true record and **APPROVED** by all present.
4. **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.
No comments were made.
5. **County and District Councillor's Report.**
County Cllr Fleming provided a report before the meeting, discussing the main points.
The Flood Recovery remains high on the agenda with seven new team members recruited. Redgrave residents were fortunately not affected. Rickinghall has seven properties affected. Cllr Fleming stated that the department is actively looking for engineers. Cllrs Fleming wished to remind residents that both herself and Cllr Morgan attend Rickinghall Farmers Market for the Councillor's Corner, and anyone is welcome to go along and meet them.
The budget will be finally approved on 15th February. Cllr Andrews sought clarification about the arts budget. Cllr Fleming was pleased to say the school music program has been brought back in. There is an attempt to maintain the arts budget.
Cllr Fleming welcomes any communications from residents with queries and concerns. Jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk Tel: 07714-597980. X (formerly Twitter): @jesstfleming. Our District Councillor can be contacted: Gilly.Morgan@midsuffolk.gov.uk
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1 To **CONSIDER** any planning applications by the Council for comment, including those received after the publication of the agenda.
DC/24/00316 – The Stagers, Redgrave – Fully Planning Application. Erection of 1No dwelling with cart lodge and attached annexed accommodation including new vehicular access (following removal of existing structure). **NO OBJECTION.**
 - 6.2 To **NOTE** any planning decisions received.
NONE were received.

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A resident ecologist professional will advise the Parish Council for any tree works and building planning permissions.

7. Parish Clerk's Report

The Council **RECEIVED** an update on actions outstanding before the meeting, among those:

7.1 243-9.2 The Clerk is awaiting information and costs from Glasdon regarding the requirements for a 60l dog litter bin, i.e., would it be plausible to reuse the post and brackets currently being used for the current smaller bin.

7.2 211/13 Cllr Andrews confirmed he had requested a quote from SH for the agreed signage and awaits the response.

7.3 219-7.7 The Welcome Pack was provided to the Parish Council before the meeting. It was **AGREED** for councillors to review and provide feedback to the Clerk.

7.4 244-11 Following investigations by Cllr Gillett and Cllr Warnes, it was **AGREED** to order the Lime tree suggested by Cllr Gillett for planting on the Knoll where the barrel was situated before it was destroyed.

7.5 243-9.7 Cllr Warnes has contacted a local landowner regarding the call for nature sights. It was **AGREED** if he does not receive a response, the query will not be pursued.

8. Responsible Financial Officer Report

RECEIVED - Financial reports were provided before the meeting.

8.1 Payments **Approved** and **Paid**:

Administration costs	£603.85
Back pay	£272.97
PCC RBR All Saints Hire January – March 2024	£ 97.00
TOTAL	£973.82

8.2 Accounts for **Approval**:

TOTAL	£ 0.00
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8.3 Monies in: NONE

Bank Account as of 18th January 2024: £50,865.25 (which £39,205.98 in reserves, including £14,705.98 as CIL).

9. Correspondence

To **NOTE** correspondence received, if any (previously circulated)

9.1 A complaint letter was received by a resident's relative regarding problems with access to a property due to excess water that froze. The issue was reported to Suffolk Highways, by the complainant and by the clerk on behalf of the PC. The issue appears to have disappeared, but the PC will remain up to date on the situation, asking the complainant to inform the clerk when they have heard from Suffolk Highways.

9.2 TRAINLINE has sent a communication to the Parish Council requesting space on their website to inform residents of their services. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to circulate the request for a decision to be made. One concern raised was the commerciality of the request if only TRAINLINE appears on the website.

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9.3 Suffolk Highways has confirmed the quote for the two warning signs for the play area in Half Moon Lane. The quote totals £1016.86 which is better than the £1,500.00 originally suggested. It was **AGREED** by all to continue with the installation of the signs. Cllr Fleming had agreed previously to provide £500 towards the costs. The clerk will again request the provision.

9.4 The clerk reported that the BMSDC play inspection report is awaited and confirmed communications with BMSDC requesting the report.

9.5 Gordon Lawrence contacted the clerk to point out the provision offered by the Community Transport group he heads up. He provides return trips into Diss and other areas for such activities as shopping, meeting for lunch, and West Suffolk Hospital appointments. He wished to inform residents that any request would be discussed and where possible offered should there be a wish for a trip into Diss. The group can be reached at (01379) 897109.

9.6 SALC has requested each Parish Council complete its 2024 member survey. It was **AGREED** for the link to be resent for Councillors to consider any points they would wish included.

10. Redgrave Parish Council Welcome Pack

The clerk previously provided a copy of a welcome pack and has requested comments to be sent directly for changes/additions etc.

11. To DISCUSS and APPROVE the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

The suggested date was 18th April 2024, however, there were a couple of advance apologies for that date, therefore it was **AGREED** the meeting would be held on 25th April. The clerk will review and circulate the groups and details of last year to start planning and preparing for the meeting.

12. To DISCUSS and APPROVE the Internal Audit Details

The Clerk contacted Mr Trevor Brown following his undertaking of the internal audit last year. Upon request, Mr Brown agreed to provide an internal audit. There would be a cost of £300 which was **AGREED** by all. for those concerned.

13. Appointment of Trustees

13.1 To **NOTE** the RAT will discuss the request for mediation at their next meeting in February and will update the Parish Council when appropriate.

13.2 To **NOTE** there have now been three applicants for consideration for trustee nominations for the CfN. There will be two candidates for nomination with one being appointed directly by the Charity. Dates to be confirmed for interviews/discussions with the two candidates. Cllrs Warnes, Andrews, Preston, Giddings, and Gillett have agreed to be part of the panel and dates will be requested with three being the minimum to attend.

14. To DISCUSS the status of the benches on the Knoll

Following a query regarding the ownership of the benches located on the Knoll, it was **NOTED** the Parish Council had historically agreed to the benches being placed on the Knoll during COVID.

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A further request by the Community Pub was received to have more benches to allow for more to attend during the COVID restrictions. The Parish Council on 8th July 2020 Zoom meeting agreed to the addition and agreed to pay the group £260 towards the cost of additional benches.

15. Any Items to be proposed for the next Agenda.

15.1 To DISCUSS the initiative Botesdale Parish Council has been discussing, digital exclusion.

The Parish Council wished to take a moment to remember Stephen Eason and all he had done for the village over the years, including standing as Chair for the Parish Council and his tireless efforts for the re-opening of the Cross Keys as a Community Pub. The Parish Council wished to send its thoughts and condolences to Stephen's family at this very sad time.

15. Date of Next Meeting. AGREED as Thursday 7th March 2024. All Saints Church, 7 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20

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