



REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Gilly Morgan, Chair Cllr Andy Warnes, Cllrs Brian Andrews, Elaine Brown, John Giddings, Frank Gillett, Ann Preston, Alison Spouncer (Clerk), and three members of the Public.

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Introduction.** A welcome was extended to all at the meeting.
2. **Apologies** Cllr Charlotte Giddings, Cllr Mike Denmark. **Declarations of Interest** – None. **Delegated Declaration of Interest Dispensation decisions or dispensation requests where required** – None.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
APPROVED - the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th June 2023 (previously circulated) were signed as a true and accurate record.
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.
There was no item the members of the public wished to comment or ask the Council.
5. **Ward and District Councillor's Report**
The Council were delighted to welcome Cllr Fleming and Cllr Morgan to the meeting. Cllr Morgan provided an update on her first few weeks in post. There has been no council meeting as yet to report on, this is now scheduled for 11th July. One notable change of arrangement is within the planning committee. There will now be just one meeting a month which may cause issues with the amount of planning being put forward. Cllr Morgan has undergone a great deal of training and is shadowing the areas of environment, licencing, heritage, and planning.
It was **AGREED** that Cllr Warnes would send Cllr Morgan an invite to the Suffolk Green Cluster meeting, due to be around September timeframe.
Cllr Fleming proceeded to provide highlights to her report (previously circulated). Points of note included.
Norwich to Tilbury National Grid Upgrade
There was to be a consultation afternoon in Diss on Friday 7th July as a non-statutory consultation is running between June and August. The County Council are engaging with MPs in Norfolk with the resolution of calling for offshore implementation rather than the current over and underground option being presented. It was noted Therese Coffey has voiced her concerns, Cllr Fleming plans to contact her to discuss further. Cllr Fleming called for residents to engage with the consultation, to look at the slightly adjusted new route and to voice any comments via email, the website or letter.

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Shepherd's Grove, Stanton Planning Proposal

There is a proposed large development in Stanton, including a warehouse capable of employing 2,500 people. The concern is the dramatic increase in haulage traffic and potential increase on the trunk roads of the A143 along with the environmental concerns.

West Suffolk Hospital

Has been given the Government funding for the new hospital building proposals.

Mobile Libraries

A consultation will shortly take place on the use of mobile libraries. Users of the facility are encouraged to respond to this when available. There are suggestions of changes to be made with the current 10-year contract ending next July.

Cllr Fleming has agreed to fund £500 towards the costs for the provision of the signposting for the 'children playing' warning signs agreed for Half Moon Lane. The remainder of the costs will be met by the Parish Council.

Councillors' Corner

Both Cllrs Fleming and Morgan wished to announce the reinstatement of 'Councillor Corner' proposed to be at each Rickinghall Country Market (first session would have been on 8th July). The Councillors will be present from around 10am-11.30pm for any residents to attend and discuss anything that they feel the Councillors may be able to help with.

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6. Planning

Two new applications were received, the council **NOTED** both with no objections for either:

DC/23/02698 Householder Application – Erection of first floor side and two storey rear extensions. Location: 15 Churchway, Redgrave – NO OBJECTION

DC/23/02927 Proposal: Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area – Fell 1 No Plum tree in rear garden to age and condition and overhanging garage which could cause damage if fell. Location: Priory Cottage, Half Moon Lane, Redgrave – NO OBJECTION (Comment was made for a replacement tree option).

7. Parish Clerk's Report

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

7.1 211.12.1 20s Plenty/Speed limit in Redgrave – Clerk attended a webinar hosted by the 20splenty.org group. Several other Clerks and Councillors from around Suffolk were also present. The 20sPlenty group act in an advisory capacity only, helping Counties wishing to gain 20mph status in their areas. It was suggested for Parish Councils to undertake residential surveys on the thoughts and wishes of residents for road safety and speed. Examples were provided as to the outcomes of actions taken by various areas. The Scottish Borders project was cited as a good comparative example for Suffolk. Information is available on the 20sPlenty.org website for anyone that maybe interested.

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Cllr Warnes has been in conversation with Suffolk County Council which has expressed its disagreement with the call to support the initiative.

The Council **AGREED** contacts would continue with a consideration for a resident survey to be produced.

7.2 216.9 The redundant 'Children Playing' Warning Sign on Churchway – The Clerk followed up on the possibility of re-use with Suffolk Highways (SH). A new contract has commenced and therefore any actions will not be considered until September time, therefore SH were unable to provide any costings/feasibility of the action although it was suggested it may be cost prohibitive to re-use. The Clerk is awaiting further information once SH can provide it.

7.3 203.12.1 It was **NOTED** some items are remaining at the recreation ground following Cllr Denmark's action. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would discuss the situation with Cllr Denmark and Redgrave Amenities Trust (RAT).

7.4 211.12.4 The concern of the dog litter bin appears to have subsided, the bin appears to be capable of meeting the needs, so it was considered there was no further action required, currently.

7.5 215.7.7 Cllr Andrews reported there had been a delay with Gressingham providing written support due to holiday of staff, but they have verbally stated they continue to support the call for extending the 30mph limit past the factory and warning signs for approaching the bends and the Angles Way footpath entrance/exit.

7.6 219.7.6 It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would provide costs for another Defibrillator machine for the village. Following the recent CPR/Defib training with East Anglian Air Ambulance, it was felt it may be beneficial to have another machine in the village to be available in tandem with the current one positioned opposite the Cross Keys pub that was kindly donated by a village family following fundraising activities.

7.7 Welcome Pack for New Residents – it was **AGREED** the Clerk would request a copy of Botesdale's welcome pack for consideration to produce a similar document for new Redgrave residents.

8. Responsible Financial Officer Report

RECEIVED - Financial reports provided prior to the meeting (including quarterly Bank reconciliation). No monies received since 8th June 2023:

8.1 Payments Approved and Paid:

21 Jun 23	INV 59/23	TRAMAR Grass Cutting	£60.00
21 Jun 23	INV 60/23	The Hazlebury Kitchen (RCF/APM)	£50.00
27 Jun 23	SO	Details removed for GDPR	£559.26
30 Jun 23		Unity Trust Bank Service Charge (1/4ly)	£17.80
2 Jul 23	INV 61/23	TRAMAR Grass Cutting	£60.00
			£747.06

8.2 Accounts for Approval: **APPROVED**

30 Jun 23	Office/Postal costs for RPC Work	£36.20
1 Jul 23	RBR PCC Hall Hire for CPR/Defib training	£22.00
		TOTAL: £58.20

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Bank Account as of 6th July 2023:

£37,641.58

9. Correspondence

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

9.1 Cllr Warnes has accepted the invitation on behalf of the Council from St Botolphs CEVCP School for the completion celebration of the decarbonisation project as an acknowledgement for the donation from the Parish Council. The Council **NOTED** that Redgrave's Tree Warden has also been invited and will be attending.

9.2 The External Audit 2022/23 documents have been sent to PKF LittleJohn (the appointed auditor) via email and the Clerk awaits feedback.

9.3 All Register of Interests documents have been sent to the relevant department for all Councillors.

9.4 The National Grid Upgrade Norwich to Tilbury non-statutory consultation has opened and runs until August. If attendance is not achievable, there are opportunities to write direct to National Grid via their website, where feedback forms can be found. Alternatively, letters will also be read.

9.5 Suffolk Green Cluster – Cllr Warnes attended Botesdale PC in his capacity within the Green Redgrave Group and the Suffolk Green Cluster, to invite Botesdale to join the group, which they have agreed to do, eight villages and four organisations have joined including Little Ouse Project and the Barker Brothers. The Group has aligned with the Farming Advisory Group. There are several working parties within the group, including housing, transport, and biodiversity,

11. Items to be proposed for the next Agenda. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Warnes would update the Council on the Suffolk Green Cluster activities at the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting. **AGREED** as Thursday 7th September 2023. It was agreed to not hold the previously confirmed date for the August meeting unless there was an urgent need.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.59 pm.

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