



REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at 7.00pm on 2nd March 2023 at the All-Saints Church, Redgrave.

Present: Chair Cllr Andy Warnes, Councillors Brian Andrews, Elaine Brown, Mike Denmark, Jason Walker, Alison Spouncer (Clerk), Ward and District Cllr Fleming and three members of the Public.

1. **Chairman's introduction and welcome.** The Chairman, Cllr Warnes, welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** Cllr Charlotte Giddings, Cllr John Giddings, Cllr Frank Gillet, and Cllr Ann Preston. **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

Three members of the public attended the meeting, representing Moneypot Hill residents, following DC/22/04600 Planning Application. Erection of four new chalets and a New Access, expanding existing chalet site. Land At Moneypot Lane Redgrave IP22 1SF received on 1st March 2023. The residents recorded their continued objection to the proposed revised plans citing the original objections as remaining valid. The residents had several queries regarding the proposal, questioning the real requirement for holiday accommodation in the area alongside the potential for further development. The Council **AGREED** to discuss further once all members had had sight of the full details which had been received a day prior. Closing date for comments is 21st March 2023.

A request was made to **NOTE** the work carried out by Essex and Suffolk Water recently on Fen Street, Redgrave. The residents wished it to be known of the positive interaction and assistance that had been received from the contractors undertaking the work and to thank them for their consideration of the residents whilst undertaking the project.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

APPROVED - the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2nd February 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 provided prior to the meeting, including:

- **New Highways Contract Awarded** – 'Milestone Infrastructure' has been awarded Suffolk's new highways services contract, which will begin on 1 October 2023 for up to 20 years. Services provided will include highway projects and improvements across Suffolk, road, pavements, rights of way, drainage, and hedge trimming maintenance, gritting, and new road schemes. Street Lighting is separate. Cllr Fleming encouraged issues to be reported via the website and to contact herself if no apparent feedback/action is seen. The link for reporting can be found on; <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport>

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- For the **School Travel Policy**, please visit www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel. For those starting High School in September, parents will be contacted by the end of March 2023 by the Passenger Transport Team to confirm eligibility and opt-in options for funded school travel. Parents are welcome to contact the team on 0345 606 6173 if they have not heard by this time. Alternatively for advice on high school admissions, admission appeals, or SCC funded school travel please contact Angela Davey on 01473 260978, Jasmine Eastwood on 01473 260070 or Jan Scott on 01473 264657.
- **County Budget for 2023/24 Approved** - The £687.6m package was approved at a Full Council meeting on Thursday 9 February 2023. A recent survey suggested Suffolk residents would like to see more spent on adult and children's services. These areas will receive an additional £35.7m and £13.5m, respectively. The 9.6% increase will be funded by a 3.99% increase in Council Tax (1.99% general tax and 2.00% adult social care).
- **District Budget Agreed for 2023/24** - Mid Suffolk District Council has confirmed a council tax freeze for residents with £2m ring-fenced for household energy-saving measures for those most in need. Mid Suffolk agreed unanimously to freeze its share of council tax. Other taxes such as County and police will however rise.
- **Housing and Building Services** - Councillors have agreed a 7% increase in rents for council housing. Cllr Fleming was asked if the plans for the allocation of the District CIL money were available. Cllr Jessica Fleming: jessica.fleming@midsuffolk.gov.uk Tel: 07714-597980 Twitter: @jesstfleming

6. Planning

The following planning application was received by the Council.

NOTED: Two applications were received post publication of the agenda, those being:

- **DC/22/04600** - Erection of four new chalets and a New Access, expanding existing chalet site. Land at Moneyplot Lane. The Council **AGREED** to study the details further prior to submitting a response.
- **DC/23/00984** – Replacement 5no sash windows, The Priory, Half Moon Lane, Redgrave. The Council **AGREED** to submit a response for **APPROVAL**.

7. Parish Clerk's Report

7.1 The Council **RECEIVED** an update on actions still outstanding prior to the meeting.

- Action 190-5 Sizewell C Carbon offset programme. It was **NOTED**, as confirmed by Cllr Fleming, Redgrave would not be considered for the project due to the village's location to Sizewell.
- Action 192-10.2 Community Transport. It was **NOTED** there is no current further action required by Redgrave Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed notification from Rickinghall Parish Clerk will be available when applicable.
- Action 199.12.2 In-house maintenance of Oak Benches in the village is being scheduled for the coming weeks.

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8. Responsible Financial Officer Report

8.1 **RECEIVED** - Financial reports provided prior to the meeting. It was **NOTED** the Council has received a substantial input this month including the refund for fence posts, VAT return and MSDC Grant for the Children's playground.

8.2 **NOTED** – Parish Clerk monthly allowance and salary (Feb 23) £559.26

8.3 **NOTED** – Expected income: None.

8.4 **NOTED** – The Year end projection suggests that there will be an operational cash of £2,164.46 at the year end based on current reserves allocated. Options were discussed to re-allocate reserve funds so as to avoid this operational cash deficit. It was **AGREED** that the Chair would propose alternative options for agreement by the Council ex-committee.

9. Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

The Annual Parish Meeting was **CONFIRMED** for 20th April 2023 from 6pm at All Saints Church. It will be known as the 'Redgrave Community Forum' with the opportunity for clubs, businesses, and organisations of Redgrave to come together and provide reports on their activities. Philip Isbell (Chief Planning Officer) has been invited as guest speaker and will be providing information on the planning process although will not be able to answer specific queries relating to current planning applications. All residents, as always, will be most welcome to the meeting and it is hoped that it will be well attended, with the opportunity for any questions/suggestions to be put to the Council. It was **AGREED** refreshments would be offered. A poster has been produced, with thanks to Cllr C Giddings and notification will be put into the Parish Magazine, noticeboard, website, and Bulletin email.

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. A further meeting has been held with plans forming for games for the younger and older audiences alike. There will be a treasure hunt prior to the event with the final clue given out on the day. The Cross Keys Pub will be providing a BBQ for those not wishing to bring a picnic. Road closure requests are now open for submission. Further details will be available with information in the Parish Magazine and Bulletin email. Cllr Brown requested limited funds from the Parish Council for the event with many items being donated/loaned. It was **NOTED** Cllr Brown would return with a figure to then be discussed.

11. Council Elections

It was **NOTED** nomination forms have been circulated to current Councillors. Upon request, the Clerk can provide electoral numbers for the proposer and seconders for each candidate. Further details to be circulated once received. The Clerk will collate all nomination forms and arrange to deliver them to MSDC on behalf of each councillor, it is asked all forms are received by 17th March 2023. It was **AGREED** more information should be circulated to Parishioners including the requirement by law of Photo ID production to enable voting.

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12. Play Equipment removal at the Old Recreation Ground

It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council have been requested by Redgrave Amenities Trust (RAT) to remove the remaining play equipment from the Old Recreation Ground. Cllr Denmark and Cllr Warnes **AGREED** to expedite, requesting help from residents and use of own equipment and potentially the hire of a digger, costings of which will be put to the Council prior to commencement of the work.

13. Correspondence

13.1 The Council **APPROVED** the payment for official Coronation coins for the children of St Botolph's CEVCP School being arranged by the Rickinghall Parish Clerk.

13.2 Cllr Warnes wished to update the Council on progress regarding Phase 2 and 3 of the Children's Playground and Village Hall projects. Conversations continue with various landowners. No concrete progress made however, there are further options being pursued with **AGREEMENT** to continue with the various options with the hope to provide the village with a hall facility and area for older children.

14. Extension of the April 2019 General Powers of Competence (GPC) to borrow.

It was **AGREED** to defer with no current requirement for the status.

15. Agenda Items proposed for the next meeting

NONE

16. Date of the next meeting

AGREED as 6th April 2023

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37 pm.

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