



Redgrave Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 21 Sep 23



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3. Public Forum
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Item 4 – Situation & Options for Future of Old Recreation Ground

1. Background

- Original 25 year lease not renewed in Sep 21
- Tenancy at Will agreement given to RAT shortly thereafter
- On 29 Oct 21 Llanover made an offer for some development of the site with gradual transfer of some land to Redgrave in compensation
- Discussions held with Llanover in late 21/early 22 about variations to this offer/meeting agreed but Llanover asked for our proposals in advance of that meeting
- On 14 Apr 22 the RAT and RPC made counter-proposal for more limited housing around the Recreation Ground and transfer of ownership of about 7.5 acres to Redgrave
 - Offered a meeting to agree details
- Counter Offer refused by Llanover on 19 May 22
- Tenancy at Will agreement with Llanover terminated 27 May 22
- Statement from Susie Philips that Llanover open to negotiations but only on the basis of the Llanover housing proposal of 29 Oct 21
 - On this basis RPC decided not to engage further with Llanover
- RAT continued to negotiate with Llanover to recover the football pitch and Green Hut
- New lease about to be signed (we understand)



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2. Current Situation

- Redgrave Rovers football team allowed to use ground pending signature of new lease
 - Llanover states that the land is now intended to be used for a “private members’ football club”
- Fencing and "Private Property, Property of Llanover Estate" no entry signs erected
 - Stated to be a requirement of the new lease
 - But RAT Chairman said at last Parish Council meeting on 7 Sep 23 that he had not seen the lease
 - Susie Philips in her email of 11 Sep 23 says fencing and signage erected on health & safety grounds “albeit this is not something the estate have been involved in so I cannot comment in more detail”
- Requirement for the fencing and signage fencing and signage not clear to the RPC
- No consultation with parishioners (beneficiaries of the RAT Charity) as required by Code of Conduct





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3. Options

- In her last email to a parishioner of 13 Sep 23 Susie Philips states “if at any time the PC wishes to re-open negotiations with the Estate then the door remains open”

Question for the RPC: Do we wish to take up this offer?



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Item 5 – Policy Document for Appointing Authority for Redgrave Charities

- At its meeting on 7 Sep the Redgrave Parish Council agreed that it would:
 - Retain the role of Appointing Authority for all three Redgrave charities (with an unanimous vote of five (all those councillors present)).
 - Write a clear and transparent Trustee Appointment policy document, for agreement by the RPC and publication via normal RPC channels

Charity	No of Trustees to be Appointed	No of Trustees Appointed by PC	Source of Authorization
RAT	5	0	No source found
Charity for Needy & Poor	2	1*	RPC Minutes 4 May 22
LOHP	1	1*	RPC Minutes 5 May 21

Note: * RPC Minutes is a poor mechanism as it is a rolling annual formality with no process involved



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Item 5 – Policy Document for Appointing Authority for Redgrave Charities

- Policy Document issued to parish councillors for review prior to the meeting
- Key points of the policy document:
 - Recruitment and Appointment Process based on Charity Commission Guidance: “Finding New Trustees” last updated 3 May 2018 and Governing Documents of Charities
 - Charities to advise RPC when vacancies have arisen
 - Upon receipt of such notification the RPC will select an Appointment Panel of ideally 4 (but a minimum of 3) councillors
 - Properly appointed trustee of the Redgrave Charity to be invited to attend the Appointment Panel
 - Short-listing and interviews of potential candidates to take place against agreed criteria
 - Preferred candidates are to be identified and invited to join the Charity as trustees, subject to references (if required), formal vetting and approval by the Appointing Authority
 - If Appointing Authority is unable to find the required number of suitable candidates to fill the vacancies identified, it will advise the relevant Redgrave Charity accordingly.



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