

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 5 February 2015

Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland Cllr Rosemary Jones
Cllr David Lister Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
District Councillor Sara Michell
County Councillor Jessica Fleming
PCSO Dave Faulkner
1 Member of the public

7.30pm The Vice-Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Geoff Short
2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2015.** The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.
3. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Jones.
4. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.** None.
5. **Public Forum:** 7.36pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.17pm.
6. **Planning:**
 - 6.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 6.1.1 **Ariesmead, Garden House Lane, Rickinghall.** Ref: 0079/15. Erection of 5 bedroom detached dwelling on land adjoining Ariesmead. It was noted that this version of the application had a more low profile roofline and was an improvement. It was therefore RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection.
 - 6.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
 - 6.3 **The Pightle, Water Lane, Rickinghall.** Ref: 0143/15. Coppice and remove trees. It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection.
 - 6.4 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.
7. **Progress Reports:**
 - 7.1 **Chairman:** None.
 - 7.2 **Clerk:** The Clerk had several training sessions lined up for the next month including Risk Assessment training, a Local Plan Briefing, an Elections briefing and an External Audit briefing.
8. **General Items:**
 - 8.1 **Annual Parish Meeting:** It was agreed to hold the meeting at 7pm prior to the regular meeting of the Council on 2 April. It was noted that the deadline for reports would be 30 March.
 - 8.2 **Section 106 Funding:** It was reported that £2,973.62 was available for village halls and £3,150.41 for outdoor sports facilities, as a result of development in Rickinghall parish.
 - 8.3 **Notice Board:** The PC considered four quotes for a proposed new notice board to be erected in a central location and shared by Botesdale Parish Council. Although it was not the lowest quote, Harry Stebbing Workshop was a local business, unlike any of the others, had more robust glazing and post installation and was a higher quality wood. The PC RESOLVED, with all in favour, to accept the quote for £1,364 subject to approval by Botesdale Parish Council, who would share the cost, and some further negotiation on the total with the provider.

- 8.4 **Annual Newsletter:** Councillors would consider a theme, for discussion at the next meeting.
- 8.5 **Internal Audit Review:** It was agreed to appoint Cllr Smith to carry out the review.

9. **Correspondence:**

- 9.1 **SCC:** The information on Flooding responses and procedures was noted.
- 9.2 **MSDC:** The Community Infrastructure Levy Revised Draft Schedule was noted.
- 9.3 **MSDC:** It was noted that the drafting of the new Local Plan was in the first stage of consultation and briefings would be held at MSDC offices later in the month.
- 9.4 **SALC:** The information on a new transparency code for councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 was noted. The requirements would come into effect in July 2015.
- 9.5 **SCC:** The PC noted the Traffic Restriction Order for Wattisfield/Rickinghall for the new speed limit at the junction with Calkewood Lane and additional traffic measures.
- 9.6 **MSDC:** The Parish Newsletter was noted.

10. **Finance:**

10.1 **Account Balances:**

Current Account	£	2,118.14
Deposit Account	£	20,908.91

10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£	460.33	Sal/Exps Jan 15
T Gaddis	£	133.99	St Clean Jan 15
Village Hall	£	254.40	Hire of VH and Farmers' Market Table
RBR PCC	£	200.00	Grant for tree work (Agreed 2.10.14)

RESOLVED, with all in favour, to approve payment of the accounts above.

11. **Highways Issues:** A bollard was missing at the entrance to Rectory Hill. There were a series of potholes on Hinderclay Road near Church Meadow and the Village Hall.

12. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **Barwoods:** It was agreed to look into the cost of a sign for Northfield Wood and possibly a replacement sign for Low Meadow. Barwoods to come up with details of what was needed.
- **PC Surgery:** Cllr Crossley-Holland agreed to do the Surgery in March and Cllr Jones would do April.
- **Village Hall:** The Management Committee were planning to approach the PC for a grant for new tennis nets.

13. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council / Matters for the next meeting:** None.

14. **Next Meeting:** 5 March 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.