

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 7 December 2017
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Robin Brown
Cllr Nick Free
Cllr Nic Joubert
Cllr Geoff Short
Cllr Dominic Ebert
Cllr Rosemary Jones
Cllr William Maskell
Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
District Cllr Derek Osborne
County Cllr Jessica Fleming
4 Members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017:** The minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed.
3. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Smith.
4. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
5. **Public Forum:** Peter Beck, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, reported on the details of the ram-raid attempt at the Co-op.
District Cllr Osborne advised that the recent planning application for the newsagents/post office would be discussed by the full planning committee on 3 January. He also reported that the Post Office had advertised for anyone interested in running a PO in Botesdale/Rickinghall. The Council had now moved into Endeavour House in Ipswich.
County Cllr Fleming reported that consultation on proposed changes to school transport would commence on 12th December, running until 28th February. Changes to the present policy would be brought in for September 2019. Suffolk County Council was launching a special appeal for carers interested in taking children with siblings.
6. **Planning:**
 - 6.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
 - 6.1.1 **Land South of School Road, Hinderclay.** Ref. DC/17/05256. Planning Application - Change of use of agricultural land to provide airfield for light aircraft aviation operations. Erection of temporary aircraft hangar. Siting of storage container. It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection as long as drones and microlights were not allowed.
 - 6.1.2 **White Horse Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/17/05854. Planning Application - Sub-division of site and erection of 1No dwelling. It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection.
 - 6.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
 - 6.2.1 **Church Rise, Rectory Hill.** Ref. DC/17/05736. Lop 1 no. Walnut tree and 1no. Lime tree by 30%. It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection.
 - 6.2.2 **Crooked Cottage, Water Lane.** Ref. DC/17/05971. Fell 1 no. Atlas Cedar. It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection.
 - 6.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 6.3.1 **Oakdale Cottage, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/17/05222. Oak (T1) Crown lift to 15'. NO OBJECTION.
 - 6.3.2 **Kenleen, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/17/05425. Reduce crown by 2m on 1 no. Prunus tree. NO OBJECTION.
 - 6.4 **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Brown reported that this was a period of high activity with consultants' reports to review, local site assessments and analysis and

presentation of the data from the local survey. There was an NP Forum meeting planned for 10 January.

- 6.5 **Local Plan Consultation:** It was noted that the PCs' comments had been submitted before the deadline by William Sargeant. Comments had been made separately by Phil Schofield on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The PC thanked everyone involved including Cllr Free and Jones who had reviewed the comments and made a significant contribution.

7. **Progress Reports:**

7.1 **Chairman:** It was reported that the new house being built on the land next to Tudor House had received permission in June, but the PC had not been notified.

7.2 **Clerk:** There was a problem with the 3 May meeting date due to an election and it was agreed to have the May meeting in the small meeting room on 10 May. Neither the hall nor the small meeting room were available on 11 October, so it was agreed to move the meeting back to 4 October.

8. **Correspondence:**

8.1 **SCC:** The County Council would be leaving all of its lights on all night on the nights of 24th December and 31st December. This would enable the expected increase in overnight celebrations to pass with as few incidents as possible. It was agreed to ask SCC to leave on all parish-owned lights as well on those two nights.

8.2 **Historic England:** The PC noted the consultation document on the listing of the War Memorial.

8.3 **G Lawrence:** The PC noted the update on Community Bus finances. The Community Bus was covering its expenses very well, but it was clear that it would not be able to fund the purchase of a new bus in due course from its own funds.

8.4 **G Adcock:** The PC noted the letter of complaint about speeding and the recent accident on The Street. It was noted that there was a "road narrows" sign at The Chestnuts, a chevron sign on the side of 1 Maltings Cottage and 30mph signs nearby. It was agreed to ask Highways if any improvements could be made to the current arrangements and the speed data from the Vehicle Activated Sign would also be considered.

8.5 **Z Maskell:** This second letter of complaint about speeding and the recent accident on The Street was considered with item 8.4.

9. **General Items:**

9.1 **Bus Shelter Painting:** The PC RESOLVED, with all in favour, to accept the quote for £166 from Mike Bryant.

10. **Finance:**

10.1	Account Balance:	£41,218.37	
	Income:	£ 408.20	MSDC Street Sweeping Grant

10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve (£1,277.84)	£ 637.78	Sal/Exps Nov 17
	£ 436.38	Batteries/Bracket VAS
	£ 203.68	Additional Hours/Exps (NH Plan)
T Gaddis	£ 143.32	St Clean Nov 17
Rickingham VHM	£ 240.00	Hall Hire Fees 2018
R Jones	£ 41.00	Tree Warden Forum Fee/Exps
J Canning	£ 35.00	Remembrance Sunday Event
Places4People Ltd	£ 5,852.90	Phases 1-4 Neighbourhood Plan
Alison Farmer Assoc.	£ 4,440.00	Landscape Appraisal for NH Plan

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

10.3 **Budget:** The PC would give formal approval to the budget and sign the precept request in January.

11. **Highways Issues:** It was agreed to ask MSDC to do a road sweep on Hinderclay Road and Bury Road.

12. **Welcome Pack:** None.
13. **Councillors' Reports:**
 - **Barwoods:** The group had received a grant from the Sapphire Fund for a new strimmer.
 - **Public Rights of Way:** Cllr Free, the new PRoW officer, had now walked at least a third of the footpath network and was making a list of work to be done.
 - **Street Lighting:** The light on Rectory Hill was on! SCC had agreed to move the new light in front of Jubilee House further back from the pavement.
 - **Village Hall:** The toilet refurbishment would begin in January. Funds had been granted from the Sapphire Fund for the work. The Village Hall now had a Facebook page.
14. **Items for the next meeting:** Community Housing Fund from MSDC.
15. **Next Meeting:** 4 January 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.43pm.