

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 2 July 2015
Small Meeting Room, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland Cllr David Lister
Cllr Sally Smith Cllr Geoff Short

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
1 Member of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Rosemary Jones
2. **Casual Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor:** There were no applications for the post of parish councillor (4 vacancies).
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 4 June 2015.** The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Short.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.** None.
6. **Public Forum:** 7.32pm RESOLVED, with all in favour, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.45pm.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
 - 7.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
 - 7.2.1 **5 St George's Drive, Rickinghall.** Ref. 2253/15. Remove Scotts Pine Tree x5. Beech Tree - Reduce crown by 20-30% to reshape. RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection.
 - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 7.3.1 **Unit 4, Lower Church Farm, Hinderclay Road, Rickinghall.** Ref. 1327/15. Changing unit 4 from storage to small business use - part B2 & part B8 use. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 7.3.2 **Chestnut Farmhouse, New Delight Road, Rickinghall.** Ref. 1475/15. Prior Notification for erection of grain store. Formal Approval Not Required.
 - 7.3.3 **1 Wheatfields, Rickinghall.** Ref. 1244/15. Erection of single storey extension following demolition of sun room. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 7.3.4 **Willow Cottage, Garden House Lane, Rickinghall.** Ref. 1171/15. Erection of single storey link extension to garage (following part demolition of outbuildings. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 7.3.5 **St Marys Church, Rectory Hill, Rickinghall.** Ref. 1529/15. 7 x Limes (Marked on sketch map as LT1, LT2, LT3, LT4, LT5, LT6 and LT7). To remove major deadwood and clear from overhead lines. No Objection.
 - 7.3.6 **St Marys Church, Bury Road, Rickinghall.** Ref. 1528/15. T001 : Silver Birch : 8m : Remove branches interfering with fence, Remove excess ivy T010 : Oak : 14m : Remove deadwood. Etc. No Objection.
8. **Progress Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Chairman:** Had attended a course for councillors held by SALC.
 - 8.2 **Clerk:** None.
9. **Correspondence:**
 - 9.1 **RBGNS:** Request for support – insurance for volunteer drivers £213.06. It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to pay the full amount, or half if Botesdale PC made a contribution.

- 9.2 **MSDC:** The Parish Newsletter was noted.
 9.3 **Neighbourhood Watch:** The PC noted the thanks for donation.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **"Garden" Areas nr The Chestnuts:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to add regular strimming and weed kill around bench and notice board to the village upkeep schedule.
 10.2 **Sign for Northfield Wood:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to accept the quote for 2 x (400mm x 300mm) 3mm aluminium composite sign panel with printed laminated graphics applied at £32.50 each, total £65 + VAT.
 10.3 **Hedge in front of Jubilee House:** The PC agreed to consider future of hedge – deferred to September.
 10.4 **TRO at the Co-op:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to proceed with the extension to double yellow lines at a cost of around £3,500 for design fees, £400 for installation + any legal fees if it has to go to Rights of Way Committee (if any objections).
 10.5 **Banking:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to switch bank accounts to the Co-operative Bank due to unresolvable issues with an obsolete account type at Lloyds.

11. **Finance:**

11.1 **Account Balances:**

Current Account	£ 5,232.10
Deposit Account	£22,441.20

11.2 **Accounts for Payment (July):**

L Jackson-Eve	£ 569.67	Sal/Exps June 15
T Gaddis	£ 318.19	St Clean / Path Clearance June 15
D Crawley	£ 375.00	Clear Garden Area – Maypole Meadow
SALC	£ 182.40	Internal Audit Fees
MSDC	£ 175.00	Uncontested Election Fees

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

11.3 **Accounts for Payment (August):**

L Jackson-Eve	£ 462.27	Sal/Exps July 15
T Gaddis	£ 213.19	St Clean / Path Clearance July 15

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

12. **Highways Issues:** The Clerk would follow up on the removal of the paver near Hinderclay Road and potholes in Fen Lane and Mill Lane.

13. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **PC Surgery:** Cllr Lister agreed to do the Surgery in August and Cllr Smith would do September.
- **Village Hall:** There was no update on the bottle banks.

14. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council / Matters for the next meeting:**

- The Clerk was congratulated on the new Rickinghall News.
- It was agreed to put details of planning cases in the magazine report.

15. **Next Meeting:** 6 August 2015 (Planning only) and 3 September 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.