

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 2 June 2016

Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland Cllr Rosemary Jones
Cllr Geoff Short Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
District Cllr Derek Osborne
5 Members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Robin Brown and Cllr Dominic Ebert.
2. **Casual Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor:** None.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 12 May 2016:** The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Jones.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** 7.34pm RESOLVED, with all in favour, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *Cllr Osborne reported that a drop-in event called Building a Sustainable Future would be held at Rickinghall Village Hall on 16 June at 3pm-5:30. There were a series of events throughout the district concerning development and housing. The Parish Council commented that this was very short notice to ensure sufficient publicity of the event. Cllr Osborne also noted that residents who were considering applying for planning permission could seek an appointment with a planning officer for advice in the early stages. Tim Waller of Waller Associates spoke about a potential outline planning application for 40 houses at a 1.5 hectare site behind Green Acres in Garden House Lane. The details of the application would be determined at the 'reserved matters' stage, when the mix of houses would be decided. However, it was intended that there would be 35% affordable housing (14 houses). It was also intended that the carriageway would be widened at that point to 5 metres with a 2 metre footway and street lights. There were currently 155 houses served off the access from The Street into Garden House Lane and a survey had been carried out which looked at peak hour traffic at that junction as this had been identified as a concern in the planning application opposite the site (7 Jan and 4 Feb 2016, item 7.1.1). It had counted an average of 98 trips in and out during the morning peak and 116 in the afternoon, which put the junction at only 25% capacity. Finally there had been some concern about surface water drainage and an infiltration test had been carried out which determined that with careful planning the water would be fully retained within the site and the risk of flooding would not be increased even in a 'worse-case' or '100 year' scenario. The PC noted that it would be roughly a month before the application was submitted. Two residents of Garden House Lane spoke about the difficulty with traffic at the junction with The Street and felt this would be worsened considerably by 40 new houses. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.35pm.*
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
 - 7.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.
 - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 7.3.1 **Kiln Farm, Candle Street, Rickinghall.** Ref: 3053/14. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of land and buildings for game farming and rearing. CERTIFIED LAWFUL.

8. **Progress Reports:**

- 8.1 **Chairman:** The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met a Highways officer and a representative of Kier May Gurney, the highways contractors, to discuss the resurfacing of The Street and the potential for painted 30mph roundels on that section. It was noted that roundels could only be added where there was a 30mph repeater sign but this was a possibility as there were three repeater signs on that section. Highways had agreed to do a speed survey to determine need. The Chairman had also written to 18 parish councils requesting support for the Community Bus and had received the first accounting form from the Bus service.
- 8.2 **Clerk:** None.

9. **Correspondence:**

- 9.1 **Suffolk County Council:** The info on grass cutting and weed spraying was noted.
- 9.2 **Suffolk County Council:** The info on the fostering campaign was noted and would be added to the parish magazine report.
- 9.3 **Jo Churchill:** It was noted that she tentatively planned to attend the PC meeting on 1 September.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **Traffic Issues:** It was agreed to consider double-yellow lines at the junction of The Street with Garden House Lane. This could be done on the same Traffic Restriction Order as the lines at the Co-op.

11. **Finance:**

- 11.1 **Account Balances:** £28,142.60
Income: £ .48 Bank Credit Interest

- 11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**
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| L Jackson-Eve | £ | 665.37 | Sal/Exps May 16 |
| T Gaddis | £ | 220.85 | St Clean/Paths Cut Jun 16 |
| MSDC | £ | 552.00 | Litter & Dog Bin Emptying |
| Redgrave Parish Magazine | £ | 35.00 | Distribution of Rick News |
| G Short | £ | 13.20 | Postage Stamps |

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

12. **Highways Issues:** None.

13. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **Local Charities:** The next meeting was in October.
- **Parish Assets:** The Clerk reported the managers of the affordable housing on Hinderclay Road had requested that the shrubs on Wherry Lane, adjacent to the back fencing, be cut back as they were damaging the fence.
- **Street Lighting:** The Clerk was still trying to set up a meeting with SCC concerning moving the light in front of Jubilee House.

14. **Items for the next meeting:**

15. **Next Meeting:** 7 July 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.