

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 7 July 2016

Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Dominic Ebert  
Cllr Geoff Short

Cllr Rosemary Jones  
Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve  
County Cllr Jessica Fleming  
7 Members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Robin Brown and Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland.
2. **Casual Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor:** None.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 2 June 2016:** The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Ebert.
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. *Cllr Fleming reported that verge cutting was two weeks behind schedule and should be cut locally in the next week. Suffolk County Council had voted in favour of the proposals for a Norfolk-Suffolk combined authority and 'weak' elected mayor model. Maurice Smith, the Chairman of the Mill Lane Allotments Management Committee, reported that he had received questions from allotment holders concerning the funds earmarked for the woodland and allotments and wanted clarification on the amount that had been spent on the allotments in the previous year. The PC Chairman would write confirming that £65 had been spent on new signs for Northfield Wood and £154.15 had been spent on weather treatment for the allotments shed. There was £1,620 in earmarked funds available for future expenditure. A member of the public expressed concern about the advertisement of the meeting arranged by Mid Suffolk District Council for 16 June. A complaint was also made about the lack of plans at that meeting and MSDC running out of questionnaires. The Chairman explained that the PC had written to MSDC with its concerns about the lack of publicity for the meeting and commented that despite this, the turnout had been far more than the previous five events put together. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.10pm.*
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 **Beaumont Cottage, The Street, Rickinghall.** Ref. 1567/16. Regularisation of replacement windows. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
    - 7.3.2 **Kiln Cottage, Candle Street, Rickinghall.** Ref. 1846/16. Conversion and extension of existing detached workshop within curtilage of existing Grade II listed building to provide ancillary disabled annexe accommodation. Planning Permission GRANTED.
    - 7.3.3 **Redwings, Rectory Hill, Rickinghall.** Ref. 2079/16. Lime Tree - 25% crown reduction. NO OBJECTION.
    - 7.3.4 **St Georges House, 3 St Georges Drive, Rickinghall.** Ref. 2048/16. Mature Scots pines, originally a "Nurse" crop. Propose fell all numbered trees to promote balanced canopies in the adjacent Beech trees. NO OBJECTION.

8. **Progress Reports:**

- 8.1 **Chairman:** The Chairman reported on his request for support for the Community Bus. He had received a promise of £100 per year from Mellis PC, Eye TC and Hepworth PC had said no and others had requested more information. He had attended the Parish Liaison meeting at MSDC on 9 June where the focus had been on devolution and Community Infrastructure Levy (planning) payments.
- 8.2 **Clerk:** None.

9. **Correspondence:**

- 9.1 **MSDC:** The PC noted the Town and Parish Council newsletter for June 2016.
- 9.2 **SCC:** The PC noted the information concerning the Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation and the extension of the deadline to 24 July.
- 9.3 **Anglian Water:** The PC noted the request for information about privately owned pumping stations and agreed to put it in the parish magazine.
- 9.4 **M Stevens:** The PC noted the complaints about weeds from Northfield Wood infesting the allotments and it was agreed that Cllr Jones and the Chairman would investigate and respond. It was noted that it was a long-term project and it was inevitable that it would be unsightly for a while.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **Traffic Issues:** Botesdale PC would be looking into double-yellow lines at two sites and were interested in combining efforts with the Traffic Restriction Order and a Vehicle Activated Sign. It was agreed to look at the inclusion of double-yellow lines at the Garden House Lane junction. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with Highways.
- 10.2 **Village Development:** The PC considered a request from Wortham & Burgate PC to liaise with planning committees from Botesdale & Rickingham PCs. It was agreed that if liaison was need, the planning working party could attend.

11. **Finance:**

- 11.1 **Account Balances:** £26,572.57
- Income:** £ 1.49 Bank Credit Interest

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

L Jackson-Eve	£ 636.58	Sal/Exps Jun 16
T Gaddis	£ 220.85	St Clean/Paths Cut Jul 16
HMRC	£ 395.12	PAYE for LJE – 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
Community Workshop Ltd	£ 287.50	Printing Rickingham News

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

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

L Jackson-Eve	£ 659.90	Sal/Exps Jun 16
T Gaddis	£ 220.85	St Clean/Paths Cut Jul 16

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

- 11.4 **Budget Report:** The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Budget Report was noted.

12. **Highways Issues:** The open drain in the layby on the A140 had still not been fixed. It was agreed to ask Highways for additional signage on the B1113 near Sunnyside Farm to encourage drivers to slow down at that series of sharp bends.

13. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **Barwoods:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept a quote of £142 from M Bryant for installing a bench (from Maypole Meadow) at Northfield Wood.
- **Street Lighting:** Lights were out near Walsingham Mews.

14. **Items for the next meeting:** None.

15. **Next Meeting:** 4 August 2016 (Planning only)  
1 September 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.