

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 1 September 2016

Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

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

Cllr Dominic Ebert
Cllr Geoff Short

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Robin Brown.
2. **Casual Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor:** None.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016 and 4 August 2016:**
The minutes of the meetings 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. *It was reported that Jo Churchill was meant to attend the meeting but had sent her apologies. A member of the public had a query about the PC's budget and it was confirmed that a copy could be found on the PC website or in the 2016 issue of the Rickinghall News. A member of the public expressed a concern about speeding on Bury Road and the Chairman explained that the PC was waiting to hear whether 30mph roundels could be painted on that section of road. Peter Beck, the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, said that he had attended a "meet the public" event with the Police Commissioner Tim Passmore and had complained about the lack of local policing. He also reported that he regularly circulated Trading Standards information by email and anyone who was interested could contact him per his details in the parish magazine telephone list. Cllr Osborne noted that the Post Office had closed and that a Community Bus service to Wortham PO was up and running – details to be found on local notice boards. Cllr Fleming reported that devolution consultation had finished and the results were being compiled. There would be a County Council vote on the proposals on 2 November. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.50pm.*
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **Gable End, The Street, Rickinghall.** Ref. 3245/16. Demolition of an existing shed and erection of a detached dwelling. There were concerns over the size of the house on the plot and its proximity to the Listed Building and it was therefore, RESOLVED, with all in favour, to object to the application.
 - 7.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.
 - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.
8. **Progress Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Chairman:** The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting about devolution for parish councils where it was reported that four councils – North Norfolk, Great Yarmouth, Norwich and Breckland – were not in favour of combining Norfolk and Suffolk. All Suffolk councils had voted in favour. It was likely it would still go ahead and that an election for Mayor would take place in May 2017.
 - 8.2 **Clerk:** None.

9. **Correspondence:**
- 9.1 **Post Office:** The notification of closure of the PO and update on status of replacement services was noted, including the amended closure date of 27 August due to the owner's illness.
- 9.2 **S Gowen:** The PC noted that the birch tree at corner of Fen Lane and The Street was dying. It was agreed to get quotes for its removal.
- 9.3 **B Stockdale:** The PC noted the comments objecting to the double-yellow lines at Co-op due to insufficient parking spaces but felt that the displacement was as minimal as possible while still improving visibility at that junction.
10. **General Items:**
- 10.1 **Traffic Issues:** There had been a site meeting with an SCC Highways officer and he had agreed to draw up quotes for double-yellow lines at the junction of Back Hills and The Drift, both opposite the junction and on either side along Back Hills, and at Garden House Lane, opposite the junction from the driveway of Holme Cottage to the green telephone box and on the Walsingham Mews side of Garden House Lane to the first driveway. Botesdale would share the costs.
- 10.2 **Street Light Improvements:** The PC noted an amended quote of £1,970 for moving Unit 57 out of G39 as agreed on 4-21-16 (quote reduced from £1,994).
- 10.3 **Review and Update of Council Documents:** The PC noted the drafts of new Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for review at October meeting.
11. **Finance:**
- 11.1 **Account Balance:** £25,633.88
- Income:**
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| £ | 1.51 | Credit Interest July |
| £ | 1.42 | Credit Interest Aug |
| £ | 881.96 | HMRC – Reclaimed VAT |
| £ | 597.12 | SALC – Transparency Fund |
- 11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**
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| L Jackson-Eve | £ | 658.10 | Sal/Exps Aug 16 |
| T Gaddis | £ | 340.85 | St Clean/Paths/Wherry Sept 16 |
| BDO | £ | 120.00 | Invoice for External Audit |
| SALC | £ | 192.00 | Invoice for Internal Audit |
| M Bryant | £ | 142.00 | Relocate bench to Low Meadow |
- RESOLVED, with all in favour, to approve payment of the accounts above.
- 11.3 **Internal Audit Report:** The Report was noted and no issues were raised.
- 11.4 **External Audit Report:** The Report was noted and no issues were raised.
12. **Highways Issues:** It was noted that the edges of the road were deteriorating on the B1113 near Sunnyside Farm and grass was growing down the middle of Church Lane, both to be reported to Highways.
13. **Councillors' Reports:**
- **Barwoods:** Low Meadow – the path to the bench needed cutting. Someone had been chucking building waste into the Meadow and it was agreed to monitor this.
 - **Local Charities:** The next meeting was in October.
 - **Public Rights of Way:** Footpath 1 needed cutting and would be reported to SCC.
 - **Village Hall:** There had been problems with managing traffic on the "road" running along the side of the car park nearest Hinderclay Road. It was thought that this was a public highway and needed new road markings.
14. **Items for the next meeting:** It was agreed to get a professional to advise the PC on the trees/hedging at Wherry Land following a complaint that the hedge was damaging the fence behind properties on Hinderclay Road.
15. **Next Meeting:** 6 October 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.