RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 5 November 2015 Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland

Cllr Rosemary Jones

Cllr Dominic Ebert Cllr David Lister

Cllr Geoff Short

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve County Cllr – Jessica Fleming 5 Members of the public

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

- 1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Sally Smith
- 2. Casual Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor: None.
- 3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 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:** 7.34pm 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: None.
- 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.

8. **Progress Reports:**

- 8.1 **Chairman:** None.
- 8.2 **Clerk:** The Clerk reported that the quote for the double yellow lines extension at the Co-op was £5484.22. This was far in excess of what had been anticipated and it was agreed to query it with SCC. It was suggested that could be tied up with the upcoming resurfacing of The Street to reduce costs.

9. **Correspondence:**

- 9.1 **MSDC:** The PC noted the Gypsy and Traveller Sites call for sites. It was agreed that although this was likely to be very unpopular, the facilities were needed. However, it was noted that the PC owned no suitable land.
- 9.2 **MSDC:** The information in the Planning Together and Community Engagement newsletter was noted. The focus was on the drafting of the Local Plan.
- 9.3 **Suffolk Police:** The Chairman would attend the Future of Policing Event on 10 December and report back.
- 9.4 **SALC:** The information on proposed planning right of appeal for parish councils was noted and it was agreed that it would be a positive thing.
- 9.5 **SALC:** The information on Local Government Devolution was noted.
- 9.6 **Botesdale PC:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to contribute £52.17, which was 1/3 of the cost of insurance for the War Memorial shared with Redgrave and Rickinghall.
- 9.7 **RBR PCC:** It was RESOLVED, with 4 for and 1 abstention, to give a grant of £300 each (total £600) for maintenance of churchyards.
- 9.8 **J Canning:** The request re the future of the annual Remembrance Parade was noted and it was agreed that the PC would like the event to continue as long as Mr Canning was happy to carry on organising it.
- 9.9 **D Segal:** The complaint concerning cycling on footways was noted and would be reported in the parish magazine. The Clerk would contact the school and to see if they could help put out the word about children being more considerate.

- 9.10 **East Anglia Air Ambulance:** The request for funding would be considered in April 2016.
- 9.11 **Headway Suffolk:** The request for funding would be considered in April 2016.
- 9.12 **B Reader:** The comments concerning the gypsy and traveller call for sites were noted and the Clerk would reply with the PC's decision.
- 9.13 **M Sheehy:** The comments concerning the loss of space resulting from extension of the double-yellow lines at the Co-op were noted and it was agreed that the Chairman would reply explaining the PC's plans and motivation.

10. General Items:

- 10.1 **Community Bus:** Gordon Lawrence, the co-ordinator of the local community transport scheme (RBGNS), had spoken during the public forum about the changes to the scheme which had been supported by Suffolk County Council for 15 years. Under the new model, SCC sought to reduce funding from £2.4m to £700k. SCC would not be retaining the vehicles previously provided and maintained for the community transport schemes and were re-tendering for the service. As volunteers, Mr Lawrence and his team of drivers could not tender for the service but it was hoped that another organisation would come forward to maintain it in its current format. The PC agreed that it was a very valuable service and the Chairman would write a letter in support.
- 10.2 **Dog Fouling:** This was particularly bad at the moment and it was agreed to get more signs and posters as a first step.
- 10.3 **Meeting Dates for 2016:** 7 Jan; 4 Feb; 3 Mar; 7 Apr; 5 May; 2 Jun; 7 Jul; 4 Aug (Planning only); 1 Sep; 6 Oct; 3 Nov; 1 Dec. These were agreed.
- 10.4 **Magazine Rota for 2016:** This was agreed.
- 10.5 **Walks Leaflets:** A meeting would be held in January and Di Maywhort and the Ramblers had agreed to be involved.
- 10.6 **Hedge at Jubilee House:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to accept the quote of £290 from Mark Bleay for cutting back the hedge, including the top.
- 10.7 **Notice Board Repairs:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to accept the quote of £340 from Gary Cobbold for repair of the Chestnuts and Church boards.

11. Finance:

11.1 **Account Balances:** £ 29,300.82

Income: £ 0.95 Bank Credit Interest

£ 374.40 MSDC Street Cleaning Grant

11.2 Accounts for Payment:

L Jackson-Eve £ 463.05 Sal/Exps Oct 15

T Gaddis £ 197.35 St Clean/Leaf Clearance Nov 15

SALC £ 90.00 Finance Event - Training
P Frizzell £ 78.00 Low Meadow Grass Cutting

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

- 11.3 **Budget 2016/17:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to set a BUDGET of £20,485 for the year 2016/17 and to retain earmarked funds of £21,940 making a total fund of £42,425. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to request a PRECEPT of £18,834 from the District Council. This would result in an overall 2.6% rise on the amount received in 2015/16.
- 12. **Highways Issues:** None.
- 13. Councillors' Reports:
 - PC Surgery: Cllr Lister had agreed to do the November surgery.
 - Street Lights: Lights 64, 58, 8 and 34 were out.
- 14. Matters to be brought to attention of the Council: Emergency Planning in January.
- 15. **Next Meeting**: 3 December 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.47pm.