

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 5 July 2018  
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Robin Brown  
Cllr Dominic Ebert  
Cllr Rosemary Jones

Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland  
Cllr Nick Free  
Cllr Geoff Short

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve  
County Councillor Jessica Fleming  
1 Member of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nic Joubert, William Maskell and Sally Smith.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 7 June 2018:** The minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed.
3. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Free.
4. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllr Crossley-Holland declared an interest in item 6.1.2 as the owner of the property.
5. **Public Forum:** County Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that the Cabinet had decided to adopt 'Option 2' for Home-to-School Transport, with some modifications, to be phased in starting in September 2019. The County Council would support transport to a pupil's nearest suitable school (rather than Transport Priority Area school as currently) and there would be no requirement to count out-of-County schools. Support for post-16 education would continue under the new plans. The decision had been subject to a call-in and review by the County Council Scrutiny Committee, which would sit on 9 July.  
A major review had been launched of the way highways in Suffolk were maintained. This would explore how Suffolk's limited highways budget could be used to best effect for maintaining the county's roads, bridges, grass verges and other assets. The review would look at whether to redirect funds allocated for resurfacing to repair as roads had deteriorated more quickly than anticipated in recent years. A new Highways Improvement and Innovations Board would oversee the areas that would make up the review.  
Consultation on Special Needs Education: The public was invited to comment on options for future special educational provision for children and young people ages 5-25 by 7 August. The options proposed varying providers from either wholly independent sector, developing new special schools, and/ or specialist centres alongside mainstream schools.  
We Are Listening Events: Suffolk residents were invited to come and meet the Leader of the Council, other county councillors and senior managers to discuss concerns and ideas for Suffolk at various locations in September/October.  
There was also some discussion within the Public Forum relating to the Coop store, following a rumour that the Coop was relocating to another part of the village, but this could not be confirmed. It was however noted that the Coop ATM (cash) machine had been restored and was now working, inside the shop in the far corner.
6. **Planning:**
  - 6.1 **Planning Applications:**
    - 6.1.1 **Bridge House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/18/02851. Application for Listed Building Consent - Repair/replacement of barge boards on the East and West sections of the house. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to support the application.
    - 6.1.2 **Church Farm Barn, The Street.** Rev. DC/18/02986. Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single storey side extension. Having declared an interest, Cllr Crossley-Holland left the meeting. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
  - 6.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
    - 6.2.1 **Rikenderley, The Street.** Ref. DC/18/02654. T1 (Walnut) Reduce by 15-20%, reshape and lift canopy. It was noted that this application had been decided.

6.2.2 **Maplestead House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/18/02708. T1 (Oak) - Propose crown lift approximately 2m, reduce diameter of tree approximately 4m by removing 2m off tips of lowest laterals and remove two lower laterals. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

6.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.

6.4 **Neighbourhood Plan:** It was noted that the Steering Group had the budget to see the Plan to completion and it would be ready for public consultation in the autumn.

7. **Progress Reports:**

7.1 **Chairman:** None.

7.2 **Clerk:** None.

8. **Correspondence:**

8.1 **Suffolk Police:** The PC received correspondence from Suffolk Police about parish-funded PCSOs. It was felt that this might be an opportunity to have a regular police presence in the village and had been taken up in other parishes, often with several sharing a PCSO to reduce the cost. The PC agreed to express an interest to find out more about the scheme.

8.2 **Suffolk Police:** It was noted that a public meeting with the Police Commissioner would be held on Wednesday, 11 July at 7pm at Cedars Hotel, Needham Road, Stowmarket.

8.3 **MSDC:** The Local Plan Community Involvement Consultation was noted.

8.4 **Resident:** The PC noted the request for two new dog bins at entrance to fields from Ryders Way (onto FP11) and on Mill Lane at top of footpath from Fen Lane (permissive path straight off FP2) next to the footpath sign – or bottom of footpath (FP1) from Hinderclay next to the footpath sign. Cllr Free, as Footpaths Officer, would look at the locations and report back by email.

9. **General Items:**

9.1 **War Memorial:** The PC RESOLVED, with 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention, to accept the quote of £2,241 (1/3 from Rickingham £747) from H L Perfit for cleaning and letter renovation of the memorial at Botesdale Market Place. The Clerk would seek funding from the District and County Councillors' Locality budgets.

10. **Finance:**

10.1 **Account Balance:** £30,810.44  
**Income:** £ 1,375.57 HMRC Reclaim VAT 2017-18

10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**  
Admin Payments £ 1,730.30 Not itemised due to GDPR  
Street Sweeping etc. £ 252.15 St Clean/Paths/VAS Jul 18  
Community Workshop Ltd £ 321.30 Rick News Printing  
Redgrave Parish Magazine £ 35.00 Rick News Distribution  
RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.

10.3 **Budget Report:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report was noted. Three queries were raised by the Chairman, with one answered and two referred to the Clerk to report back at the next meeting.

11. **Highways Issues:** None.

12. **Welcome Pack:** One to Cllr Brown.

13. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **Barwoods:** Cllr Jones reported that some of the less-established trees had needed watering in the heat.

- **Public Rights of Way:** Cllr Free reported that he had received a request for more paths that were suitable for wheelchairs and buggies. However, SCC had advised that such paths were very expensive to install.
- **Local Charities:** Cllr Crossley-Holland reported that the next meeting was in October.
- **Parish Liaison:** The next meeting was on 12 July.

14. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** None.

15. **Next Meeting:** 2 August 2018 (only if there are planning applications)  
6 September 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57pm.