

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 1 November 2018
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Robin Brown
Cllr Rosemary Jones
Cllr Geoff Short
Cllr Nick Free
Cllr William Maskell
Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
County Councillor Jessica Fleming
4 Members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Gillian Crossley-Holland. Cllr Nic Joubert had regrettably resigned. The PC thanked him for his work on behalf of the community.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 4 October 2018:** The minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed.
3. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Maskell.
4. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
5. **Public Forum:** Cllr Fleming reported that the SCC Budget Consultation was open for comment until 16th Nov via the website; consultation regarding school admissions policy was open until 12th Nov; and carers within the county were encouraged to take a survey that can be completed via website. Cllr Fleming also reported that steps had been taken with the welfare of the traveller community at Snape Hill. It was noted that they would be allowed to stay until the end of the year while a more permanent residence was sought. Regular refuse collection would be carried out and the site would be monitored by the District Council and the police.
6. **Planning:**
 - 6.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 6.1.1 **Jessamine Lodge, The Street.** Ref. DC/18/04539. Listed Building Consent – Internal alterations adding wall to utility room and including 2 door openings to link rooms. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 6.1.2 **Sumlán Place, New Delight Road.** Ref. DC/18/04536. Planning Application – Change of use of part of existing former pig unit to residential use (C3) ancillary to host dwelling. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object unless an agricultural tie could be placed on the dwelling.
 - 6.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.
 - 6.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 6.3.1 **1 Church Farm Close.** Ref. DC/18/04294. Fell 1 No. Silver Birch. NO OBJECTION.
 - 6.4 **Neighbourhood Plan:** The councillors’ briefing – prior to circulation of the Plan and its consideration for approval at the November meeting – had been very useful and the PC extended its thanks to the Steering Group. The public consultation would start on 9 November and finish on 21 December. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve the Neighbourhood Plan for pre-submission consultation.
7. **Progress Reports:**
 - 7.1 **Chairman:** The Chairman reported that he had attended the MSDC Parish Liaison meeting in October. The main topic had been the financial pressures the Council was under, with huge demands on services. Community Infrastructure Levy had also been discussed and it was explained that all developments had to pay this as soon as the work was started.

7.2 **Clerk:** None.

8. **Correspondence:**

8.1 **MSDC:** It was noted that the estimate of charges for May 2019 parish council election was £1,087.16 for a contested election and £107.78 for an uncontested election.

8.2 **MSDC:** The PC noted the October payment of Community Infrastructure Levy - £1,491.13 for Chenderit, Garden House Lane.

8.3 **Parochial Church Council:** The annual request for funding for churchyard maintenance was noted and this would be discussed at item 10.3.

8.4 **Resident:** There were concerns over regular flooding and the resulting damage to the road surface of Kiln Farm Lane, Candle Street. It was noted that Cllr Fleming had flagged it up as urgent with Highways and a Community Warden would visit the site.

9. **General Items:**

9.1 **Magazine Rota for 2019:** The rota was agreed.

9.2 **VAS Sept-Oct Data:** It was noted that top speeds were reduced from previous months. Cllr Free offered to log the results in a chart which could be given to the Police for evidence to support a speed survey.

9.3 **Litter on the bypass:** There had been a complaint about littering on the A143. It was noted that the PC could not organise litter picking parties on the bypass due to insurance restrictions. However, MSDC would be asked if they could clear the section between Bury Road and the Snape Hill layby, which was particularly bad.

10. **Finance:**

10.1	Account Balance:	£40,338.43	
	Income:	£ 3,454.00	Neighbourhood Plan Grant
		£ 1,491.13	Community Infrastructure Levy

10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 1,134.35	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 167.85	St Clean/VAS/Mill Lane Oct 18
P Schofield	£ 151.12	Banners for NHP Consultation
R Brown	£ 54.44	Stakes, etc for NHP banners

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

10.3 **Budget:** The draft budget for 2019-20 would be considered further at the next meeting. It was agreed to move £830 from Road Improvements to Community Transport under earmarked funds.

11. **Highways Issues:** The flooding on Hinderclay Road had been reported.

12. **Welcome Pack:** One to Cllr Smith, one to Cllr Brown and one to Cllr Short.

13. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **Public Rights of Way:** Cllr Free had reported two fingerposts down on FP RI3. The Clerk would chase up PRow issues with SCC.

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

15. **Next Meeting:** 6 December 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.