

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 6 December 2018
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Robin Brown
Cllr Nick Free
Cllr William Maskell
Cllr Sally Smith

Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland
Cllr Rosemary Jones
Cllr Geoff Short

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:** None.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2018:** The minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed.
3. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Jones.
4. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
5. **Public Forum:** Cllr Fleming reported that winter preparations were underway, including a new grit bin policy and securing drivers and local contractors to respond to harsh conditions. She wished to remind everyone to report defects, drainage problems or dangerous winter road conditions using the reporting tool on the Highways website followed by a phone call to Customer Service, then to her. She also requested parents to let her know if they experienced problems with changes to the new school transport policy as it starts to phase in for the following school year. Finally, she reported that the traveller encampment had been issued a portaloo.

A member of the public complained about the use of public notice boards for commercial advertisements. The Clerk confirmed that these were left if there was room.

6. **Planning:**
 - 6.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
 - 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 **Land Adj Greenacres, Garden House Lane.** Ref. 3858/16. Application for Outline Planning Permission for residential development of up to 42 new dwellings, supporting infrastructure and Access (Highway & pedestrian). (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale being the subject of a further Reserved Matters application). Outline Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 6.3.2 **1 The Chestnuts.** Non-Material Amendment to application reference DC/18/00689 - Construction of the granny annexe in concrete block walls, instead of timber frame. Amendment Details APPROVED.
 - 6.3.3 **Jackamans Farm, Briar Lane.** Ref. DC/18/04333. Notification for Prior Approval under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q (A) and (B) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 - Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse. Prior Approval REFUSED.
 - 6.4 **Neighbourhood Plan:** The Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan was underway, starting with three launch events in November. The deadline for comments was 21 December.

7. **Progress Reports:**
- 7.1 **Chairman:** The Chairman reported that Gordon Lawrence, the coordinator of the Community Bus, had visited other PCs to discuss possible funding of the service. There were no commitments yet but it was good to see that the Community Bus had a healthy operating balance in its account.
- 7.2 **Clerk:** None.
8. **Correspondence:**
- 8.1 **SCC:** The PC had been asked to consider street light programming over the Christmas/New Year period and it was agreed to follow the SCC option to leave Part Night lights on all night on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
- 8.2 **MSDC:** The Housing Strategy Consultation was noted.
- 8.3 **MSDC:** The information about PC precepts and tax base was noted.
- 8.4 **Mid Suffolk CAB:** It was agreed to look into the funding position of the Diss CAB as this was the location most used by villagers.
- 8.5 **Enchanted Cinema:** The availability of a mobile cinema was noted and the information would be passed on to the village hall.
- 8.6 **NHS Suffolk:** The availability of the GP+ service, offering evening and weekend appointments at various locations in Suffolk, was noted and would be publicised in the parish magazine.
9. **General Items:**
- 9.1 **VAS Nov Data:** Cllr Free had logged the results in a chart which would be given to the Police for evidence to support a speed survey.
- 9.2 **Disposal of Council property:** The PC approved the disposal of a filing cabinet which was no longer needed by the Clerk.
10. **Finance:**
- 10.1 **Account Balance:** £38,986.87
- Income:** £ 408.20 Street Clean Grant 2nd quarter
- 10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**
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| Admin Payments | £ 1,307.05 | Not itemised due to GDPR |
| Street Sweeping etc. | £ 167.85 | St Clean/VAS Dec 18 |
| Places4People | £ 2,802.96 | NHP Consultant |
| Community Workshop Ltd | £ 1,319.05 | NHP Printing |
| Botesdale Parish Council | £ 561.32 | War Mem Clean and Insurance |
| Sandy Lane Nursery Ltd | £ 50.32 | Trees for Northfield Wood |
| Rickinghall VH | £ 25.50 | Hire of hall for NH Plan |
- 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.
11. **Highways Issues:** None.
12. **Welcome Pack:** Two welcome packs were taken.
13. **Councillors' Reports:**
- **Barwoods:** Forty+ trees had been planted in Northfield Wood. The benches at Low Meadow, which had sunk into the ground, had been raised.
 - **Public Transport:** There had been complaint about pick-up for the 304 into Bury St Edmunds, i.e. a resident had been overlooked several times and there was confusion about the proper stop locations for two alternative routes. The information had been passed to County Cllr Fleming and she had flagged up the issue with the Passenger Transport team.
14. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** None.
15. **Next Meeting:** 10 January 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.