

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 10 January 2019  
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Robin Brown  
Cllr Geoff Short

Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland  
Cllr Sally Smith

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nick Free, Rosemary Jones and William Maskell.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2018:** The minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed.
3. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Short.
4. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllr Short declared an interest in item 6.1.1 as a near neighbour.
5. **Public Forum:** County Cllr Fleming noted that there was a meeting concerning item 8.2 scheduled for 18 January.
6. **Planning:**
  - 6.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
    - 6.1.1 **4 Brook Park.** Ref. DC/18/05277. Householder Planning Application - Extension and conversion of garage to annexe repositioning of oil tank, erection of canopy and creation of patio. Having declared an interest, Cllr Short left the room during the discussion. The PC noted that this was unlikely to affect any of the neighbouring properties and there would still be plenty of off-road parking available. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
    - 6.1.2 **Barn at Jackamans Farm, Briar Lane.** Ref. DC/18/05646. Notification for Prior Approval Application for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Dwellinghouse (Class 3 and for Associated Operational Development Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 3 Class Q - Change of use of an Agricultural Building to a dwellinghouse (re-submission of DC/18/04333). It was noted that the PC had expressed no objection on the previous application, and it had been rejected due to the lack of a structural assessment on the building. This had now been carried out. It was therefore RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection to the current application.
  - 6.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.
  - 6.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.
  - 6.4 **Neighbourhood Plan:** It was noted that the response from the consultation had been mostly positive. The Steering Group had reviewed the comments and made responses and changes where necessary. The amended Plan would need formal approval from both PCs. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to hold an extraordinary meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm to approve the amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan for final submission to Mid Suffolk District Council.
7. **Progress Reports:**
  - 7.1 **Chairman:** None.
  - 7.2 **Clerk:** It was agreed to change the May meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> May due to rules related to meetings held near the election on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
8. **Correspondence:**
  - 8.1 **SCC:** The new guidance on Riparian Ownership (owning or living next to a watercourse) was noted. The information would be made available on the website.

8.2 **SCC:** The PC considered the options set out for Snape Hill encampment which were 1) Commence eviction procedures; 2) Call a review meeting to discuss a way forward; and 3) Continue to tolerate. The PC agreed that allowing them to remain following the toleration order would set a precedent and the conditions concerning the dogs had not been fully met. However, it was noted that SCC had already agreed to hold another review meeting. It was, RESOLVED, with all agreed, to recommend that SCC commence eviction procedures.

8.3 **MSDC:** The designation of the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan area was noted.

9. **General Items:**

9.1 **Annual Parish Meeting:** It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 4 April at 7.15pm, prior to the regular meeting of the PC. The deadline for community reports was 22 March.

10. **Finance:**

10.1 **Account Balance:** £32,752.83  
**Income:** £ 0.00

10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 1,256.09	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 167.85	St Clean/VAS Jan 19
Botesdale Parish Council	£ 375.00	Christmas Tree

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

10.3 **Budget 2019-20:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to set a BUDGET of £25,685 for the year 2019/20 and to retain funds of £23,624 earmarked for general reserves and village improvements, making a total fund of £49,309. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to sign the form requesting a precept of £24,640 from Mid Suffolk District Council. This was an overall 4.5% rise on the amount received in 2018/19, adding an average £2.16 per annum per household depending on the band.

11. **Highways Issues:** None.

12. **Welcome Pack:** None.

13. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **Allotments:** Maurice Smith was now the Chairman again.
- **Local Charities:** A meeting was coming up in March and it was agreed to put some information about applying in the parish magazine report.
- **Street Lighting:** The two lights out on Bury Road and The Street had been reported.

14. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** It was agreed to consider the 13<sup>th</sup> April for this year's litter pick. Ten additional litter pickers were needed, and the Clerk would find out how much they would cost.

15. **Next Meeting:** 17 January 2019 (Extraordinary meeting) and 7 February 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.