

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 7 February 2019
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Robin Brown
Cllr Rosemary Jones
Cllr Sally Smith

Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland
Cllr Geoff Short

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nick Free and William Maskell.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January and 17 January 2019:**
The minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed.
3. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Smith.
4. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 as a near neighbour.
5. **Public Forum:** County Councillor Fleming reported that Suffolk Highways had invested in Nu-phalt Thermal Patching technology to improve pothole repairs. This had been funded from £9.67 million received from central government in the autumn. On 29 January, SCC's Cabinet had agreed that the road bridge section (crossing A) of the Upper Orwell Crossings project was not deliverable due to escalating costs, but the Council and its partners were considering ways to deliver crossings B and C in the Waterfront area. The 2019 Great East Run opened for entry on 7 January and would take place on Sunday 22 September. Eye had opened a new library on Cross Street to replace the 40-year-old former premises.

Two members of the public spoke about the third application at Bell Hill Cottage and Newsagents for change of use to a hot food takeaway. It was felt to be broadly the same as the second application, with the hot food takeaway section further back into the ground floor. There were still concerns about the loss of residential space in a largely residential area, the effect of noise, litter and odours on local residential amenity, insufficient parking and the effect of increased traffic on pedestrian safety near the premises. County Cllr Fleming confirmed that she would apply to call in the application to go before a planning committee and would request the same committee who considered the two previous applications.

6. **Planning:**
 - 6.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 6.1.1 **Priory Farm, West Hall Road.** Ref. DC/19/00233. Full Planning Application - Erection of a farm manager/stockmans dwelling. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection subject to the dwelling having an agricultural restriction.
 - 6.1.2 **Land Rear of Broland, Garden House Lane.** Ref. DC/19/00276. Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) - Erection of 1no. dwelling. It was noted that there was plenty of space around the proposed dwelling and it was unlikely to affect any of the neighbours. It was therefore RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 6.1.3 **Bell Hill Cottage and The Newsagent, The Street.** Ref. DC/19/00336. Planning Application. Change of Use of ground floor to A5 Hot Food Takeaway. Installation of extract equipment internally and flue through roof. Internal alterations to provide sound and fire-proofing to party walls and floors. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object again to the application at Bell Hill Cottage and Newsagent for change of use to a hot food takeaway. It was felt that very little had changed in this version of the application and previous concerns – as outlined in the public forum – had not been addressed or had been dismissed.

- 6.1.4 **Bell Hill Cottage and The Newsagent, The Street.** Ref. DC/19/00336. Listed Building Consent Application. Works to ground floor to create A5 Hot Food Takeaway. Installation of extract equipment internally and flue through roof. Internal alterations to provide fire and sound-proofing to floors and party walls. It was noted that the current tenants had exposed heritage features. Unfortunately, this was not addressed in the application which showed photographs of the premises when it was a newsagent/post office. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object to the application as it was difficult to assess how the proposals would affect the listed building without up to date information.
- 6.1.5 **Porters House Farm, West Hall Road.** Ref. DC/19/00497. Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single storey front extension, a single storey side extension and a first floor extension over existing annexe to rear. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
- 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 **Sumlan 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. Planning Permission GRANTED.
- 6.3.2 **Stubbings Entry, Slough Road, Burgate.** Ref. DC/18/03751. Planning Application - Erection of 2no. clear span poultry houses. Planning Permission GRANTED.
- 6.3.3 **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. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
- 6.3.4 **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). Prior Approval GIVEN
- 6.4 **Neighbourhood Plan:** The Neighbourhood Plan had been formally submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council on 23 January 2019. MSDC would undertake their own consultation on the content of the Plan starting from Monday, 11 February 2019. The deadline for comments was 4pm on Wednesday, 27 March 2019.

7. **Progress Reports:**

- 7.1 **Chairman:** The Chairman would be attending a Suffolk Design workshop on 26 February. The Chairman had received a phone call from the resident of Underwood House who had been receiving negative comments about the removal of the bench in front of Maypole Meadow, implying that the small area of land there had been the Parish Council's. This was not true. It was agreed to put a "Note from the Chairman" in the parish magazine to set the record straight and it would include a similar paragraph published in 2016. The Parish Council regretted that the resident was still meeting with this kind of abuse.
- 7.2 **Clerk:** The dog bin on Mill Lane had been removed for repair and would then be moved to its new location further down the road.

8. **Correspondence:**

- 8.1 **SCC:** It was noted that the Snape Hill encampment would receive a notice to vacate the site by 10am on 1 March 2019. The Clerk would email SCC two week prior to that to confirm that this would go ahead.
- 8.2 **SCC:** The PC noted the new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in the area covered by Mid Suffolk District Council which covered all waiting restrictions, loading restrictions and parking places in that area. The new TRO used maps to show existing static traffic restrictions, rather than the current text document. The order made no changes to existing restrictions in Rickinghall.
- 8.3 **MSDC:** The litter pick information/guidance was noted.
- 8.4 **Safer Neighbourhood Team:** The January/February 2019 newsletter was noted.
- 8.5 **Care Choices UK:** The new Suffolk care services directory was noted, and the information would be posted on the notice board.

9. **General Items:**
- 9.1 **Vehicle Activated Sign:** The Dec/Jan data was noted. High speeds had reduced slightly.
- 9.2 **Street Sweeping and Grass Cutting Contract:** The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to follow Local Government scales from 1 April 2019 with an initial hourly rate of £9.02/hour (raised from the current rate of £8.53/hour), so that future increases would be in line with the National Salary Award.
- 9.3 **Annual Newsletter:** It was agreed to have the Neighbourhood Plan cover on the cover of the newsletter and Cllr Brown would write an article about the process. The deadline for councillor reports (Tree Warden, Footpaths, Streams) was 19 April.
- 9.4 **Internal Audit Review:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to appoint Cllrs Smith and Short to carry out the annual review.
10. **Finance:**
- 10.1 **Account Balance:** £30,953.88
Income: £ 0.00
- 10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**
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| Admin Payments | £ 1,058.24 | Not itemised due to GDPR |
| Street Sweeping etc. | £ 167.85 | St Clean/VAS Feb 19 |
| Places4People | £ 1,186.80 | Neighbourhood Plan Consultant |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.
11. **Highways Issues:** None.
12. **Welcome Pack:** One to Cllr Crossley-Holland.
13. **Councillors' Reports:** None.
14. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** It was reported that a resident might need support following some anti-social behaviour and the Clerk would investigate this.
15. **Next Meeting:** 7 March 2019
16. **To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for consideration of the following items:** The PC noted the changes in the National Pay Scales.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.