

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 1 April 2021
Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland (Vice-Chair) Cllr Stephen Pattenden
Cllr Geoff Short (Chair) Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
County/District Cllr Jessica Fleming
2 members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** One prospective candidate, Stephen Pattenden, was considered by the Council. It was RESOLVED unanimously to co-opt Mr Pattenden, who was invited to take his seat on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 4 March 2021:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr G Short.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** County/District Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that Suffolk Growth was organising and facilitating a range of events and training opportunities throughout 2021/22. Attendance from public and private sector was welcome to help develop tangible actions that could address the challenges and opportunities in revitalising the economy across Suffolk.

Suffolk County Council in partnership with Suffolk Constabulary (the Suffolk Roadsafe Partnership) would trial the use of ANPR cameras to tackle speeding hot spots across the County as part of a 2-year pilot. An ANPR camera could be installed at a site where there was a problem with speeding and/or rat-running on roads with a 20 or 30mph speed limits. Repeat offences at a particular location could prompt the deployment of SafeCam (the Police's enforcement team) and fines. More information could be found at <https://suffolkroadsafe.com/speeding/speed-prevention-in-communities>

From 1 April, business owners who were rate payers in Mid Suffolk might be eligible for further Covid-19 support grants (Restart Grants) through the current lockdown. <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/business/business-rates/grant-funding-schemes/>

Mid Suffolk was once again supporting local litter picks under distancing restrictions. The District Council could be contacted at Public.realm@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk if anyone was interested in volunteering individually or in small groups.

A member of the public spoke about a boundary dispute relating to the adjoining footpath between Garden House Lane and Rectory Hill, and the recent removal of the dog bin at the GHL end.

7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **Falcons Hall Farm, Finningham Road.** Ref. DC/21/01659. Planning Application. Erection of 4no poultry rearing buildings with connecting service corridor and admin block; 4no bulk feed bins, water tank, mains electric shed and external generator. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.1.2 **Lion House, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/01825. Householder Planning Application - Erection of first floor rear extension above existing ground floor and erection of second floor rear extension above existing first floor. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.1.3 **2 Marsden Terrace, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/01826. Householder Application - Raise height and construction of new roof to existing rear extension (following removal of existing) and insertion of roof light to rear roof slope. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.

7.2.1 **Bridge House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/21/01525. Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1(Walnut) 30% Reduction and T2(Ash) to be dead-wooded. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.2.2 **Brook Place, Water Lane.** Ref. DC/21 01527. Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1(Beech) Reduce back to existing points on neighbour's side only. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.2.3 **Willow Cottage, Garden House Lane.** Ref. DC/21/01528. Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1(Robina Psuedoacacia - 'False Acacia') Remove to ground level. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**

7.3.1 **4 Kiln Farm Cottages, Candle Street.** Ref. DC/20/04537. Householder Application - Erection of garage/ hobby room in rear garden (following demolition of existing outbuildings) Insertion of 2No first floor windows, replace 2No ground floor windows. Planning Permission GRANTED.

7.3.2 **4 Kiln Farm Cottages, Candle Street.** Ref. DC/20/04538. Application for Listed Building Consent - Insertion of 2No first floor windows, replace 2No ground floor windows; Restoration of inglenook fireplace. Internal alterations as per Design Access Statement. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.

7.3.3 **Land To The Rear Of Willowmere, Garden House Lane.** Ref. DC/20/05751. Submission of details (Reserved Matters) application relating to Outline Planning Permission 2798/16 for the Access to be considered for the erection of 10no dwellings, garages and off-site highway works. Reserved Matters APPROVED.

7.3.4 **Maltby House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/21/00912. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1 (Sycamore), T2 (Sycamore), T3 (Sycamore), T4 (Poplar), T5 (Poplar), T6 (Sycamore), T11 (Beech) and T13 (Prunus) - Reduce by 1/3. T10 (Larch) and T12 (Birch) - Remove. T17 (Beech) - Reduce by 1/4.

7.3.5 **Forge Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/911. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1 (Birch) Remove to Ground Level.

7.3.6 **4 Brook Park.** Ref. DC/21/00960. Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single storey rear extension. Planning Permission GRANTED.

7.4 **Notification of other Planning Matters:** None.

8. **Progress Reports:**

8.1 **Chairman:** None.

8.2 **Clerk:** The Clerk reported that the Jubilee notice board had been installed at its new site at the corner of Garden House Lane.

9. **Correspondence:**

9.1 **Resident:** The PC considered the concerns of a resident relating to a boundary dispute which involved the footpath between Garden House Lane and Rectory Hill. It was noted that the dog bin and waymarker post at the GHLE end had been removed until the dispute was concluded, on the advice of Suffolk County Council. It was also noted that the owner of Springfield had no objection to the bin and post being re-erected on their land but had concerns about the narrowing of the footpath. The PC agreed to look closely at any future planning applications relating to the site but would have no remit where the boundary dispute was concerned.

9.2 **Resident:** The PC considered the request for a brown bin for grass cuttings from the verge in front of Jubilee House, which was cut by the owner of Jubilee House. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to provide them with a bin and anti-dog fouling signs. The bin would cost approx. £50/year, which compared favourably to having it cut.

9.3 **Resident:** The PC accepted a resident's offer to improve waymarking for the circular walks in the Botesdale & Rickinghall walks leaflet and would provide waymarkers and posts as necessary. The Clerk advised that SCC was likely to provide them for free but there might be a charge for the waymarkers as they were in short supply.

- 9.4 **Suffolk Pension Fund:** The PC noted that Ill Health Liability Insurance would now be provided free to small employers, including the PC.
- 9.5 **MSDC:** The PC noted that the Draft Joint Local Plan had been submitted on 31 March for independent examination by the Secretary of State. Public feedback had been reflected in the final version of the plan, which outlined how and where future development should take place.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **Payment of Grant funding:** The PC noted that three payments had been agreed in the budget and a request had been received from the Botesdale After School Club. The PC noted that BASC had done a great deal of work getting their finances in order and making plans for operating following lockdown. Councillors felt that it was important to support this service to the community. The Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to make the following payments from its 2021/22 budget:

RBR PCC	£	800	Churchyard Maintenance Grant
BASC	£	500	Grant
Rickinghall Day Centre	£	330	Grant
Remembrance Day Event	£	70	Wreath & event

- 10.2 **Walks Leaflets:** The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the quote for £360 for re-printing 3000 copies of the leaflets from Discover Suffolk. The cost would be shared with Botesdale Parish Council.
- 10.3 **Skate Park:** The Clerk reported that there was nothing to update.
- 10.4 **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan:** The Clerk reported that the consultation with local organisations and businesses had received a good response and these would be incorporated into the draft Plan for consideration in June.
- 10.5 **County Broadband:** The Clerk reported that there was nothing to update.

11. **Finance:**

- 11.1 **Account Balance:** £ 50,102.57
- Income:** £ 453.34 MSDC Street Clean Grant 4th qtr
- £ 3,000.00 Locality Award – Skate Park

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£	1,016.60	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£	180.68	St Clean/VAS/Mill Lane Apr 21
Suffolk County Council	£	1,088.41	Street Light Energy/Maint 20-21
Bryant Bros	£	115.00	Refurb of Jubilee Notice Board
M J Nunn Surfacing Ltd	£	756.00	Installation of Jubilee Notice Board
Freethought Internet Ltd	£	177.00	gov.uk Domain Registration

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

- 11.3 **Budget Report:** The PC noted the 4th quarter report.

12. **Highways Issues:** None.

13. **Welcome Pack:** None.

14. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **Local Charities:** A meeting on 30 March had agreed support for one resident.
- **Village Hall:** This was back in limited use.

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

16. **Next Meeting:** 6 May 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:02pm.