

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 3 June 2021
Rickinghall Village Hall

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

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
5 members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Sally Smith.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no candidates.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 6 May 2021:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Pattenden.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** Members of the public attended to express their concern about a planning application at The Homestead, The Street for a new bungalow at the back of the property. The land surrounding the proposed bungalow had an existing access on to St. George's Drive, but there were right of access issues and concerns about safety and visibility from that access. While right of access issues were not a concern of the parish council or a material consideration in planning matters, it would be a significant issue for future owners of the bungalow since they might find they had no legal access. There was also concern about the access of builders and other supply vehicles blocking St. Georges Drive and The Street.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **The Homestead, The Street. Ref.** DC/21/02642. Planning Application - Erection of 1No single storey dwelling. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection to the application. However, it was agreed that the planners should be made aware of the potential issues as outlined in the public forum.
 - 7.1.2 **The Homestead, The Street. Ref.** DC/21/02643. Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of 1No single storey dwelling. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object to the application due to crowding of the Listed Building.
 - 7.1.3 **The Uplands, The Street. Ref.** DC/21/02498. Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of 4no. sash windows. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.1.4 **The Old Workshop, West Hall Road. Ref.** DC/21/03056. Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Erection, Extension or Alteration for a building for Agricultural or Forestry Use: Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 215 as amended Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of steel framed building for hay storage. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
 - 7.2.1 **Maypole Lodge, Maypole Meadow. Ref.** DC/21/02808. Notification of Works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Fell 1No Silver Birch. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 7.3.1 **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. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 7.3.2 **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. Planning Permission GRANTED.

7.3.3 **Tudor House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/21/02421. Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce and reshape 1no Holly tree. NO OBJECTION.

7.3.4 **Willow Tree House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/21/02422. Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce 2no large limbs back to boundary on 1no Willow tree. NO OBJECTION.

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

8. **Progress Reports:**

8.1 **Chairman:** None.

8.2 **Clerk:** The Clerk reported printing the newsletter would cost £350 at Community Workshop Ltd. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept this quote. It was also noted that the new gate at Wherry Land was scheduled for 4 August.

9. **Correspondence:**

9.1 **MSDC:** The PC noted the Active Travel Consultation asking residents and communities about improvements they would like to see in their local walking and cycling routes and facilities. There were some projects from the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan which would be added to this Consultation. It had been promoted on Facebook and local groups who might be interested had been contacted.

9.2 **MSDC:** The PC noted the details of the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Project and it was agreed that the information should go in the next parish magazine.

9.3 **MSDC:** The Joint Local Plan Examination key dates were noted.

9.4 **MSDC:** The PC noted the Consultation under Regulation 16 of the Submission Draft Redgrave Neighbourhood Development Plan.

9.5 **Sicon Foundation:** The offer of litter picking was noted but it was agreed that the local litter pick was sufficient.

9.6 **Rickinghall Village Hall:** The PC considered the request for support for the annual 5 November fireworks. It was noted that profits from the event had been falling, a huge amount of effort went into organising it and there was still some uncertainty over whether it would be possible to hold such an event. The VH Committee would make the decision by August, by when the fireworks needed to be ordered, and it would be considered further then. In the meantime, there was provisional agreement to support it.

9.7 **MSDC:** The PC noted the Consultation on national changes to waste collection.

10. **General Items:**

10.1 **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan:** The PC considered the consultation article for the Parish Magazine, the Draft Plan and Project List and agreed that the proposals were modest, clear and appropriate.

10.2 **Skate Park:** The Clerk reported that all grant applications were in hand and would be decided by MSDC in September.

10.3 **County Broadband:** The Clerk reported that there was nothing to update.

11. **Finance:**

11.1 **Account Balance:** £67,860.16
Income: £ 0.00

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 909.47	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 273.38	St Clean/VAS/Paths June 21
MSDC	£ 700.10	Litter/Dog Bin Emptying Annual Fees
SALC	£ 292.80	Internal Audit Fees 2021
Suffolk County Council	£ 180.00	Walks Leaflet Reprints
Rickinghall Village Hall	£ 185.50	Hall Hire 2021

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

11.3 **To receive the Internal Audit as prepared by the appointed internal auditor for Year Ending 31st March 2021.** The Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to receive the report from the SALC auditor which highlighted no issues.

12. **Highways Issues:** None.

13. **Welcome Pack:** None.
14. **Councillors' Reports:** None.
15. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** None.
16. **Next Meeting:** 1 July 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.