

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 7 October 2021
Rickinghall Village Hall

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

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
1 member of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** Two prospective candidates, Andrew Gordon and Brian Rhodes, were considered by the Council. It was RESOLVED unanimously to co-opt Mr Gordon and Mr Rhodes, who were invited to take their seats on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 2 September 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:** Cllr Gordon declared an interest in item 7.1.1 as the owner of the property.
6. **Public Forum:** None.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **5 St Georges Drive.** Ref. DC/21/05080. Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension, and erection of a detached garage. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.1.2 **Land Off Potters Lane.** Ref. DC/21/05304. Planning Application - Erection of agricultural workers dwelling. It was RESOLVED, with five in agreement and one abstention, to have no objection.
 - 7.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
 - 7.2.1 **2 St Georges Drive.** Ref. DC/21/05039. Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (MS168/A1) - Crown lift T1 Beech to 5m (To allow space) Fell T2 Beech (Growing next to T1 and starting to take over on one side of canopy) Crown lift T3, T4, T5 and T6 Beech to 5m to remove lower laterals (Close to property). It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2.2 **Frederick House, Water Lane.** Ref. DC/21/05119. Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Section fell to 1no Elm ground level (Tree has died) Coppice 1no Ash (To retain size within area next to house) Coppice 1no Sycamore (To retain size within area next to house). It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 7.3.1 **Land Between Red House And Honeysuckle Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/00584. Planning Application. Erection of 1no detached dwelling. Planning Permission GRANTED. Cllr Short reported that he had attended the District Council Planning Committee meeting to speak on behalf of the PC in favour of the proposals.
 - 7.3.2 **Hamblyn House, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/02415. Householder Application - Installation of Air Source Heat Pumps. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 7.3.3 **Hamblyn House, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/02913. Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of oil-fired heating system with Air Source Heat Pump System. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
 - 7.3.4 **Tudor Oak Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/04238. Householder Application - Replace existing front windows and front door. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 7.3.5 **Cloister Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/04291. Householder Application - Erection of single storey side extension, reinstatement of chimney and changes to

fenestration and render (following demolition of existing garage). Planning Permission GRANTED.

7.3.6 **Anglia Regional Co-operative Society, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/04563. Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Laterally reduce group of mixed species trees by up to 3-4m. NO OBJECTION.

7.3.7 **Bygones, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/04621. Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 2no Norway Spruce (T1 & T2) due to excessive shading, 1no Conifer (T3), 1no Silver Birch (T4). and reduce 1no Sycamore (T5) by up to 1/3. NO OBJECTION.

7.3.8 **The Old Schoolmasters House, Hinderclay Road.** Ref. DC/21/04635. Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Cut back 2no Oak trees from garage and greenhouse roof. NO OBJECTION.

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

8. **Progress Reports:**

8.1 **Chairman:** None.

8.2 **Clerk:** None.

9. **Correspondence:**

9.1 **MSDC:** The PC noted the Joint Local Plan Examination hearing schedule.

9.2 **Friends of St Mary's, Rickinghall:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to give a grant of £2,000 for roof and ceiling repairs to the church. The grant would be made under the General Power of Competence.

10. **General Items:**

10.1 **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve the final draft of the PIIP and PIIP Project List which would now be submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council to aid them in prioritising local funding applications.

10.2 **Review and Update of Council Documents:** The PC reviewed the documents and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the unamended Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Safeguarding Policy and the amended Reserves Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessment.

10.3 **Street Lighting Replacement Programme:** The PC received the report from SCC which detailed £16,535 of work to 19 units. Out of those, the report recommended priority replacements totalling £12,280 for 14 units (Activities 1-3). There was currently £10,000 in earmarked funds and £1,500 within the main budget for street light replacements. The £11,500 available could cover Activities 1 & 2 of the priority replacements and it was therefore RESOLVED, with all agreed, to agree that work with SCC. It was agreed to discuss the remainder of the work at the November meeting when next year's budget would be considered.

10.4 **Village Upkeep:** The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept a quote for £180 from Bryant Bros for refurbishment of three benches.

10.5 **Remembrance Day:** Cllr Crossley-Holland had agreed to represent Rickinghall PC, and it was noted that the Clerk had ordered the wreath.

10.6 **Skate Park:** The PC was very pleased to hear that the CIL Bid and Capital Grant Application to MSDC had both been successful and the replacement skate park was now fully funded. The manufacturer would be able to undertake the installation in March.

10.7 **County Broadband:** There was no update.

11. **Finance:**

11.1	Account Balance:	£74,963.87	
	Income:	£14,199.99	MSDC Parish Precept 21-22 (2/2)

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 1,045.10	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 180.68	St Clean/VAS Sept 21
Community Action Suffolk	£ 60.00	Website Hosting 2021-22
Pear Technology	£ 84.00	Mapping Software Updates
Peter Frizzell Ltd	£ 138.00	Cut Low Meadow

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

11.4 **Budget Report:** The PC received the 2nd Quarter report. It was agreed to consider items for next year's budget.

12. **Highways Issues:** There were some fly tipped tyres on the corner of Church Lane.

13. **Welcome Pack:** None.

14. **Councillors' Reports:**

- Local Charities – There would be a meeting on 19 October.
- Village Hall – The AGM would be held in November and the Committee was seeking new members.

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

16. **Next Meeting:** 4 November 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:52pm.