

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 2 December 2021
Rickinghall Village Hall

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

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

7.00pm The Chair welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Stephen Pattenden.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no applications for seats on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 4 November 2021:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Smith.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** The architects for the new development at Land Adj Greenacres, Garden House Lane responded to the Parish Council's comments on the application. They committed to providing additional information with confirmation of the sustainable features of the development, including a commitment to use air or ground source heat pumps; confirmation that the dwellings met the minimum internal floor space standards; revised plans for a more substantive boundary treatment; and a plan for construction parking on site. They would further investigate options for play provision and improvements to the adjacent public right of way in line with PC comments. If the public right of way treatment included a hedge, its management would be included within the overall management arrangements for the site.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
 - 7.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
 - 7.2.1 **7 St Georges Drive.** Ref. DC/21/06398. Application for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order MS168/A1: Reduce 1no Beech (T1) from 45ft to 32ft and reduce laterals by 4ft to balance crown. Reduce 1no Maple (T2) from 30ft to 22ft and reduce laterals by 3ft to balance crown. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 7.3.1 **Hamblyn House, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/05730. Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Re-pollard back to previous points 1No Lime tree as it is getting too big for area. NO OBJECTION.
8. **Progress Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Chairman:** None.
 - 8.2 **Clerk:** The Clerk reported that the contractor for the hedge work at Wherry Land had advised that carrying out the work twice a year (at the end of July and in January) would be more beneficial for the site and less expensive. It was agreed to take this approach next year. The Clerk also reported that SCC had indicated that the Street Lighting Replacement Programme was likely to start in March 2022.
9. **Correspondence:**
 - 9.1 **SCC:** The PC had been asked to consider streetlight programming over the Christmas/New Year period and it was agreed to follow the SCC option to leave Part Night lights on all night on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

9.2 **Mill Lane Allotments:** The PC considered a request for funding towards wood preserver for the shed, a further 4000 litre rain water collection and storage around the site and acquisition of a high quality Lithium battery powered hedge cutter and strimmer. The total cost of the three projects was estimated to be between £980-£1,340. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed to contribute £860 from the PC budget.

10. **General Items:** None.

11. **Finance:**

11.1 **Account Balance:** £76,029.79
Income: £ 0.00

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 893.49	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 180.68	St Clean/VAS Dec 21
CC Tree Services	£ 975.00	Wherry Lane hedge/tree work
Bryant Bros	£ 20.00	Bus Shelter guttering etc.

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

11.3 **Draft Budget 2022-23:** The 2022-2023 tax base information was noted and the draft budget would be considered further at the next meeting.

12. **Highways Issues:** None.

13. **Welcome Pack:** 2 to Cllr Smith.

14. **Councillors' Reports:** None.

15. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** A date for the Litter Pick would be discussed on the next agenda.

16. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 11 January 2022 at 7pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:04pm.