

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, 8 June 2022  
Rickingham Village Hall

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

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Geoff Short.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no applications for seats on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 5 May 2022:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Gordon.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** Cllr Fleming reported on behalf of Suffolk County Council that the trial for the Katch electric taxi-bus service sponsored by SCC in partnership with operator CabsSmart would be extended until the end of the year. Anyone responsible for a child born between 1 Sept. 2017 and 31 Aug. 2018 should apply for a school place immediately by phoning the Council on 0345 600 0981 as the deadline had passed for web-based applications. Since the launch of Suffolk Quiet Lanes scheme, nearly 200 parish councils had engaged and there were now more than 350 lanes designated in Suffolk, covering approximately 400 kilometres (248 miles) of country road. All Quiet Lanes were marked with green signs at either end, which clearly showed the hierarchy of right of way for people using the road. Residents could use the interactive map on the Quiet Lanes Suffolk website to find the nearest lanes. Suffolk Archives was inviting donations from local Jubilee celebrations, such as photographs, programmes, invitations and leaflets to help build the Archives' existing 900-year records. Anglia Green Pylon Project – The consultation period for National Grid's new overhead 400 kV line between Norwich and Tilbury closed on 16<sup>th</sup> June.  
On behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council, Cllr Fleming reported that Mid Suffolk was currently consulting with Town Councils and Parish Councils on a new parking strategy which would look at current provision at district managed off-street car parks and on street parking. This followed surveys conducted during summer 2021. Meetings had taken place with Stowmarket, Needham Market and Eye Town Councils; parish and community meetings were being set up in June. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan was a national government tool for assessing local infrastructure projects. The MSDC LCWIP process had been endorsed by cabinet in March following public consultation that received over 1,800 responses. The schemes had undergone initial scoring to prioritise the most urgent and achievable. Next steps were to come back to parishes and communities and follow up on those scoring highest so that location specific details can be gathered. A campaign was underway to remind residents to avoid contamination in recycling bins.
7. **Planning:**
  - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
    - 7.1.1 **Hamblyn House, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/02460. Householder Application - Erection of a double garage (following removal of existing greenhouse on site of old garage). The Parish Council noted concerns about loss of light to a near neighbour's kitchen window and felt that the application could benefit from an assessment of loss of sunlight and overshadowing. It was also noted that there were concerns about loss of view, but this was not a material consideration. Subject to confirmation about overshadowing, it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

- 7.1.2 **The Bell Inn, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/02469. Full Application - Proposal to install Solar/PV panels to the roof of the rear building. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
- 7.1.3 **The Bell Inn, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/02469. Application for Listed Building Consent - Proposal to install Solar/PV panels to the roof of the rear building. 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 **Hall House Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/02892. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1No. Cherry (T1). It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
- 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
  - 7.3.1 **Tiger Cottage, The Street. Ref. DC/21/06988.** Householder Application - Erection of chimney stack (following demolition of existing). Planning Permission GRANTED.
  - 7.3.2 **Tiger Cottage, The Street. Ref. DC/21/06989.** Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of chimney stack (following demolition of existing). Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
  - 7.3.3 **Hall House Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/00756. Application for Listed Building Consent. Replacement of 5no windows and 3no doors as per Design & Access Statement. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
  - 7.3.4 **Riverslea, Water Lane.** Ref. DC/22/02084. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce height of 1No. Pine Tree (T1) by 50%. NO OBJECTION.
  - 7.3.5 **Underwood House, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/02154. Notification of Works to Trees In A Conservation Area - Fell 1 No Maple Tree. NO OBJECTION.

8. **Progress Reports:**

- 8.1 **Chairman:** None.
- 8.2 **Clerk:** None.

9. **Correspondence:**

- 9.1 **MSDC:** The PC noted final confirmation of the addition to the definitive map of a public footpath from the junction with Rickinghall Superior footpath 26 and Rickinghall Inferior footpath 6, progressing in a generally southerly direction to a junction with the U5918 road.
- 9.2 **MSDC:** The PC noted the information about a "spruce up" of dog and litter bins throughout the district which would involve adding stickers to each bin encouraging responsible disposal of dog waste.
- 9.3 **Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council:** The PC noted the information about development at the Shepherd's Grove site in Stanton and its impact on other parishes, particularly via increased traffic on the A143. It was agreed to respond asking to be kept informed.
- 9.4 **SALC:** The PC noted the invitation to nominate individuals or groups for Suffolk Community Awards with a closing date of 17 July 2022. It was agreed to consider it further at the next meeting.
- 9.5 **Rickinghall Day Centre:** The PC noted the thanks for the annual grant.
- 9.6 **Rickinghall Village Hall:** The PC noted the thanks for the one-off grant of £1,000 towards Jubilee Fair.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **Rickinghall News:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve printing (£741) and distribution costs (£25). The draft News had been circulated to councillors for approval by 10 June.
- 10.2 **October Meeting Date:** The PC agreed the change of meeting date from 6 October to Wednesday, 12 October in Main Hall.
- 10.3 **Community Governance Review:** There was no update.
- 10.4 **Skate Park:** There was no update.
- 10.5 **Queen's Jubilee:** There was no update.

11. **Finance:**

- 11.1 **Account Balance:** £81,507.87
- Income:** £ 0.00

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£	863.75	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£	281.31	St Clean/VAS June 22
Mid Suffolk District Council	£	796.85	Dog/Litter Bin Emptying 2022-23

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

12. **Highways Issues:** None.

13. **Welcome Pack:** 2 to Cllr Crossley-Holland.

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

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

16. **Next Meeting:** 30 June 2022

The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm.