

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, 11 October 2022
Rickingham 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

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no applications for seats on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2022:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Rhodes.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllr Rhodes declared an interest in item 7.1.3 as the owner of the property.
6. **Public Forum:** None.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **Willowmere, Gardenhouse Lane.** Ref. DC/22/04615 | Full Planning Application - Erection of 10No dwellings (following demolition of existing garage and stores associated with builders yard). The PC had made several objections to the previous version of this application, including that the driveway was too narrow, the designs were not in keeping with Suffolk design guidance and the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan had been ignored. It was noted that the current application had for the most part failed to address those comments. The PC therefore RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object to the application, reiterating its previous comments.
 - 7.1.2 **Whitegate, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/04675. Householder Planning Application - Erection of double garage. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.1.3 **Bridge House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/22/04961. Householder Application - Erection of a picket fence supported by concrete posts and 6-inch gravel boards. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.1.4 **Land East of Greenacres, Gardenhouse Lane.** Ref. DC/22/04996. Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission 3858/16 dated 19/11/2018 - Town and Country Planning Act 1990- Application for Outline Planning Permission for residential development of up to 42 new dwellings, supporting infrastructure and Access (Highway & pedestrian). (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale being the subject of a further Reserved Matters application) - To vary Condition 23 (Provision of New Footpath) to provide an alternative pedestrian link. The PC 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 **Redwings, Rectory Hill.** Ref. DC/22/04706. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce 1No. Lime (T1) by one third and remove all epicormic growth. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2.2 **Stanley Cottage, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/22/04705. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce 1No. Walnut (T1) by 1/3 and shape. Remove half of 1No. Conifer (T2) to ground level. Raise canopy of 1No. Yew (T3) to 6ft and tidy crown. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2.3 **Land at the Old School, Hinderclay Road.** Ref. DC/22/04702. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - To re-pollard 1No. Lime (T1). The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2.4 **The Old School House, Fen Lane.** Ref. DC/22/04849. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1No. Indian Bean (T1), Reduce crown of 1No. Indian bean (T2) by 2m and reduce canopy of 1No. Fig by 1m. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

- 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
- 7.3.1 **Pumping Station/Water Treatment Works, Church Lane.** Ref. DC/22/03959. Planning Application. Improvement of the existing Rickinghall Water Treatment Works comprising a Motor Control Centre Kiosk, Transfer Pump Kiosk, Filter Galleries, Polymer Dosing structure, associated infrastructure and hardstanding. Planning Permission GRANTED.
- 7.3.2 **The Anchorage, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/04078. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce crown of 1No. Plum (T1) by 1/3. NO OBJECTION.

8. **Progress Reports:**

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

9. **Correspondence:**

- 9.1 **MSDC:** The PC noted the draft Housing Land Supply Position Statement and that MSDC was in a good position with 10.88 years housing supply.
- 9.2 **MSDC:** It was noted that the estimate of charges for the May 2023 parish council election was £3,532.92 for a contested election and £252.38 if it was uncontested.
- 9.3 **MSDC:** The PC noted the information about the Local Plan Examination progress.
- 9.4 **MSDC:** The PC noted the information about the development of a tree planting strategy for the District.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **Review and Update of Council Documents:** The PC reviewed the documents and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the unamended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and the amended Reserves Policy and Risk Assessment.
- 10.2 **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan:** It was agreed to consider the PIIP and PIIP Project List and begin a review at the next meeting. It was noted that there were a number of small projects which could potentially be completed quickly.
- 10.3 **Remembrance Day:** Cllr Crossley-Holland had agreed to represent Rickinghall PC and the Clerk had ordered the wreath.
- 10.4 **Speeding:** It was agreed that speeding was a continuing issue in the village, particularly on Bury Road. It was noted that the existing Speed Indicator Device (SID) was unlikely to be fit for use in future due to recurring problems with the unit following water ingress. Botesdale PC had received three quotes for an additional device and councillors compared the three devices being considered, including the power source, data collection and data download. It was noted that there was a special "two-for" offer on the Evan City Evolis. Botesdale PC had already agreed to purchase the Evolis Solar Pack and had asked Rickinghall whether it would like to take advantage of the offer to purchase its own unit. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to join Botesdale to purchase the offer on the Evan City Evolis including the GPS software for downloads. It was also agreed to consider whether there was a site on Hinderclay Road which would be suitable for an SID. The Police would be asked to carry out a speed campaign on Hinderclay Road to determine whether the level of speeding justified the purchase of another device.
- 10.5 **Skate Park:** It was noted that the work to the skate park was well under way and was due to be completed around 21 October.
- 10.6 **Community Governance Review:** There was no update.

11. **Finance:**

- 11.1 **Account Balance:** £89,898.15
- Income:** £15,400.00 MSDC Parish Precept 22-23 (2/2)
- 11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**
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| Admin Payments | £ 1,240.47 | Not itemised due to GDPR |
| Street Sweeping etc. | £ 185.31 | St Clean/VAS Oct 22 |
| Pear Technology | £ 84.00 | PT Mapper Pro Support & Updates |
| Community Action Suffolk | £ 60.00 | One Suffolk Hosting 2022-23 |
| Botesdale Parish Council | £ 50.00 | War Memorial Insurance Contribution |
- RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.
- Direct Debit:**
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| Info Commissioner | £ 35.00 | Data Protection Registration |
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11.3 **Budget Report:** The PC received the 2nd Quarter report and it was agreed to consider items for next year's budget.

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:** 3 November 2022

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:52pm.