

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, 2 February 2023

Rickingham Village Hall

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

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
County/District Cllr Jessica Fleming
3 Members of the Public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Brian Rhodes.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no applications for seats on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2022:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Short.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** County/District Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that Suffolk County Council was considering an agreement for devolution of powers and funding, as were Norfolk and Essex. This would include a directly elected Leader. There would be a public consultation in early summer. Suffolk Fire and Rescue had received a 'Good ' inspection rating, and the 2023/2024 budget allowed for the replacement of 20 new fire engines. Mid Suffolk proposed a Council Tax freeze for residents. Locally, Mid Suffolk was likely to receive an appeal application against the refusal of the Rickingham solar farm proposals.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **3 Waterwell Cottage, Candle Street.** Ref. DC/23/00112. Householder Application - Erection of a single storey lean to extension. Restoration of existing single storey lean to. Removal of softwood studwork, partition clad 1 side in tongue and groove matching board. Removal of window and opening up of original doorway. Installation of below ground gas tank. The PC was minded to have no objection to this application. However, it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object to the use of tongue and groove board and suggest that weatherboarding would be more in keeping with Suffolk building.
 - 7.1.2 **3 Waterwell Cottage, Candle Street.** Ref. DC/23/00114. Listed Building Consent - Erection of a single storey lean to extension. Restoration of existing single storey lean to. Removal of softwood studwork, partition clad 1 side in tongue and groove matching board. Removal of window and opening up of original doorway. Installation of below ground gas tank. As above, it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to object to the application.
 - 7.1.3 **Tanti, The Street.** Ref. DC/23/00470. Householder Application - Erection of single-storey rear extension. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.
 - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 7.3.1 **Land adj to Greenacres, Garden House Lane.** Ref. DC/21/05923. Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission 3858/16, Erection of up to 42 No dwellings, supporting infrastructure and new vehicular access (highway and pedestrian) submission of details for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 41No dwellings (including 14 affordable and 5No self-build) (Reconsultation). Reserved Matters APPROVED.
 - 7.3.2 **Land to Rear of Lion House, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/04729. Full Planning Application - Erection of 2No dwellings. Planning Permission GRANTED.
8. **Progress Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Chairman:** Cllr Short reported that there were some "Slippery Road" signs at the end of Bury Road which had been there for months. The Clerk would report these.

8.2 **Clerk:** It was reported that there had been no reply yet from Anglian Water about the site on Garden House Lane and its potential for planting.

9. **Correspondence:**

9.1 **MSDC:** The PC noted the new Street Name and Numbering Policy.

9.2 **Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council:** The PC considered the correspondence concerning the Copart (vehicle acquisition, storage and remarketing) facilities with a new roundabout and roadside commercial businesses inc fast food. Walsham PC had requested that the information be widely disseminated, and it was agreed to put it on Facebook.

10. **General Items:**

10.1 **Speed Indicator Device:** A complaint had been made about the size and prominence of the new SID on Bury Road. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to move it further towards the end of village and acknowledged that there would be a cost of around £500.

10.2 **Litter Pick:** The PC noted that 25 March had been agreed. The Clerk had arranged space in the Village Hall car park and for MSDC to collect the rubbish from Snape Hill. Additional black bin bags had been delivered to Cllr Crossley-Holland.

10.3 **Internal Audit Review:** The PC noted that this would take place in February and a report would be made at the March meeting.

10.4 **Internal Auditor:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to appoint Trevor Brown as internal auditor at a cost of £300.

10.5 **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan:** The PC considered two applications for CIL funding. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to fund the cost of 18 new armchairs for the Rickinghall Day Centre at a cost of approximately £1,400. The PC also looked at an application for £37,000 from St Botolph's School Governors for new boilers as part of their £1m decarbonisation project. It was suggested that Botesdale, Redgrave and Rickinghall could contribute according to their proportion of students and it was noted that approximately 55% of the students were from Rickinghall. Unfortunately, the PC did not hold sufficient CIL funds to cover the amount, £20,350. However, it was suggested that Botesdale PC might be willing to put forward a higher amount, with the shortfall from Rickinghall to be paid when further CIL funds were received.

10.6 **Parish Council Email:** The PC noted the migration to a new parish council email address: clerk@rickinghall-pc.gov.uk. This would be publicised widely.

10.7 **Northfield Wood:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept a quote for £700 for the work to the play equipment at Northfield Wood.

10.8 **Community Governance Review:** There was no update.

11. **Finance:**

11.1 **Account Balance:** £58,144.15

Income: £ 494.00 MSDC Street Cleaning Grant 2nd qtr

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 1,141.48	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 165.71	St Clean etc Feb 23
Community Heartbeat Trust	£ 36.00	Defib Emergency Phone (1/2)
Community Heartbeat Trust	£ 81.00	Defib Annual Support Cost (1/2)
M Nunn Surfacing	£ 487.20	New SID post Diss Road

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

12. **Highways Issues:** None.

13. **Welcome Pack:** None.

14. **Councillors' Reports:**

- Local Charities – It was noted that a meeting would be held in March.
- Public Rights of Way – The Clerk would follow up on the work to be carried out on the footpath at the end of Water Lane.
- Street Lighting – The Clerk would report one out on Rectory Hill.

15. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** Coins for the Coronation.

16. **Next Meeting:** 2 March 2023

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:00pm.