

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 1 June 2023
Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland Cllr Andy Gordon
Cllr Ian Patterson Cllr Brian Rhodes
Cllr Geoff Short (Chair) Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
District Cllr Gilly Morgan
4 Members of the Public

7.45pm 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 9 May 2023:** 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:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** The owner of the adjacent Rickinghall Business Centre expressed concern about item 7.1.1, specifically that the noise generated by his tenants might cause the new occupants of the annex to complain, and also questioned the detail in the application re wastewater disposal.
The new District Councillor, Gilly Morgan, was welcomed to her first meeting and gave a brief report about her first days in office.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **Treburne, Finningham Road.** Ref. DC/23/02074. Householder Application - Conversion of existing cart lodge to an Annex ancillary to the main dwelling. The PC noted the concerns voiced in the public forum, but it was agreed that these were not material objections in planning terms. 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 **4 Hillside Meadow.** Ref. DC/23/01641. Householder Application - Erection of rear garden outbuilding. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 7.4.1 **Land To The South Of Suggenhall Farm, Church Lane.** Appeal Reference: APP/W3520/W/23/3314063. Planning Application. - Development of a photovoltaic solar array, battery storage and ancillary infrastructure. The PC agreed to leave its original objection unchanged.
8. **Progress Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Chairman:** None.
 - 8.2 **Clerk:** It was reported that the Bowls Club secretary would re-confirm their request to amend the directional sign at Fen Lane to omit the Bowls Club in due course.
9. **Correspondence:**
 - 9.1 **Rickinghall Village Hall:** The PC considered the request for additional funding for new solar panels and replacement rooflights. At the May meeting, the PC had informally promised £1,000 from the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) budget towards the project. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to confirm that payment, along with an additional £2,214.20, the remaining funds available from Community Infrastructure Levy.
 - 9.2 **20's Plenty for Suffolk:** The PC considered the request to support the *20's Plenty for Suffolk* campaign including
 - Joining a call on Suffolk County Council to implement 20mph in Rickinghall and

- Writing to Suffolk County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout Suffolk where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

It was felt that this would be impossible to police in Rickinghall as there were many drivers who still did not recognise the existing 30 mph limit, and it was therefore agreed not to join the campaign.

- 9.3 **Parkview Youth Club:** The PC considered a PIIP funding application for £1,000 for new equipment for the club. It was noted that Botesdale PC was also likely to contribute and RESOLVED, with all agreed, to give £500 towards the project.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **General Power of Competence:** The PC considered the advantages of the GPoC which was intended to give local councils wider powers to deliver more for their communities. The Parish Council met the eligibility criteria for adoption of the General Power of Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 s1(1) and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. This meant that 2/3 of members were elected rather than co-opted and the Clerk had an approved qualification. The Council therefore RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adopt the General Power of Competence. It would be reviewed every parish council election year.
- 10.2 **Annual Newsletter:** The draft newsletter was approved for printing.
- 10.3 **Parish Assets Remedial Work:** A quote was expected for the next meeting.
- 10.4 **Northfield Wood:** No update.

11. **Finance (as of 31/05/23):**

11.1	Account Balance:	£59,656.84	
	Bank Balance:	£59,656.84	
	Income:	£ 553.00	Rick Day Centre Chair Contribution
11.2	Accounts for Payment:		
	Admin Payments	£ 917.16	Not itemised due to GDPR
	Street Sweeping etc.	£ 287.55	St Clean etc Mar 23
	St Botolph's School	£17,000.00	CIL Expenditure – Eco Project
	Community Action Suffolk	£ 108.00	Accessibility Audit
	Glasdon UK	£ 299.23	Dog Bin for Fen Lane/The Street
	Community Heartbeat	£ 62.40	Replacement Defibrillator Pads
	RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.		

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:** 29 June 2023

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:52pm.