

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 22 September 2008
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors:

Mrs E Draper (Chairman)

Mrs G Crossley-Holland

C Last

M Bryant

P Jenner

S Pattenden

Mrs M Carrington-Brown

B Johnson

J Stacey

Parish Clerk: Leeann Jackson-Eve

District Councillor: Sara Michell

County Councillor: Charles Michell

Six members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies.

2. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting 24 July 2008.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July were agreed and signed.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** None.

4. **Magazine Input:** Councillor Carrington-Brown to draft a report.

5. **Members Declaration of Interest on agenda items.**

Cllr Carrington-Brown

Personal Interest

Items 7.1 and 8.1.3

6. **Public Forum:**

7.38pm **RESOLVED**, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.37pm.

7. **Correspondence:**

7.1. **Suffolk CC:** Traffic Regulation Order, The Street – Noted that 3 objections and one suggestion received. **RESOLVE**, with all agreed, to support continuing with the TRO. It was noted that this would go to Committee in November.

7.2. **Suffolk CC:** Brome Household Waste Recycling Centre – Noted layout changes for safety reasons.

7.3. **Suffolk CC:** Minerals Specific Site Allocations Submission Documents: Noted the 12 selected sites and to be circulated.

7.4. **Suffolk CC:** Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options Document and Call for Suitable Sites (Residual Waste Treatment Facilities & non-hazardous landfill sites). Noted and to be circulated.

7.5. **Suffolk County Council:** Suffolk Local Involvement Networks (Suffolk LINK). Noted the four public meetings to report on Suffolk LINK.

7.6. **Mid Suffolk District Council:** Adopted Core Strategy Development Plan Document. Information on where to inspect documents to be circulated.

7.7. **Mid Suffolk District Council:** BT – **RESOLVED**, with all agreed, not to retain the phone kiosk at Allwood Green, Rickinghall (without payphone itself) through the "Adopt a Kiosk" scheme.

7.8. **Mid Suffolk District Council:** South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival 2009 – May 9th-25th inclusive – Noted the request for information on proposed walks and **RESOLVED**, with all agreed, to contact MSDC pointing out that the deadline did not allow sufficient time to compile the information requested.

7.9. **Suffolk Together:** Noted comments on the Boundary Committee's LGR proposals. **RESOLVED**, with all agreed, to defer for discussion at Item 11.

7.10. **NHS Suffolk:** Noted approval for Health Centre pharmacy application.

7.11. **Age Concern Suffolk:** Information on the Promoting Independence service to be circulated.

- 7.12. **Suffolk Constabulary:** Safer Neighbourhood Teams Update to be circulated.
- 7.13. **Diss, Thetford & District CAB:** AGM Invitation noted.
- 7.14. **Suffolk ACRE:** AGM Invitation noted.
- 7.15. **SALC:** AGM Invitation noted.
- 7.16. **SALC:** Training News to be circulated.
- 7.17. **SALC:** Training – Planning: dealing with applications. To be circulated.
- 7.18. **Mrs G Farlam:** Re dealing with broken glass on pavements. The Clerk reported that advice from MSDC was to use special gloves for picking up glass and to transport glass in a heavy duty box. The Clerk would write to Mr Rose.
- 7.19. **Mr & Mrs Seeley, Tudor House:** Re planning application at land adjacent to Tudor House, Bury Road. Noted concern about visibility splay condition which would require reduction/removal of hedges/trees on Tudor House boundary. The Clerk had received advice from the planning officer that work to the Tudor House boundary could not be carried out by a non-owner without the owner's permission. This information had been passed on to the Seeleys.

8. **Planning:**

8.1. **Planning Applications:**

- 8.1.1. **Rose Cottage, The Street, Rickinghall Inferior.** Ref: 2801/08. Erection of a rear single storey kitchen/hallway extension. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to SUPPORT the application without comment
 - 8.1.2. **Cob Tree Cottage, The Street, Rickinghall Inferior.** Ref: 2974/08. Erection of single storey detached pitched roof domestic garage. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to SUPPORT the application without comment
 - 8.1.3. **Land at Kiln Farm, Candle Street, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 2990/08. The change of use of land to a joint use of agricultural and game rearing purposes on a rotational basis. Members expressed sympathy for the neighbouring residents but agreed that the application was not contrary to planning policy and therefore there were no reasons for refusal. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with one abstention, to SUPPORT the application, subject to appropriate measures being taken to minimise any disturbance to neighbours. The Council suggested that these measures include the exclusion of game rearing within a 400 metre cordon around residential properties, the limiting of noise and movement of farm traffic out of social hours and the receipt of a satisfactory environmental health report.
- 8.2. **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
- 8.2.1. **Maplestead House, Bury Road, Rickinghall Inferior.** Ref: 3169/08. Oak – Crown lift to 5m, Scots Pine – Crown lift to 8m, Norway Maple – Pollard to previous points. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to the application in question.
- 8.3. **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** The following decisions by the District Council were noted.
- 8.3.1. **The Homestead, The Street, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref:1923/08. Demolition of part of wall adjacent to St Georges Drive. Cons. Area Consent GRANTED.
 - 8.3.2. **3 The Chestnuts, Rickinghall Inferior.** Ref: 2441/08. Erection of rear conservatory. Planning Permission GRANTED.
 - 8.3.3. **St Georges House, 3 St Georges Drive, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 2551/08. Removal of 4 No. Scots Pine trees, Removal of lateral limbs and reduce the height by 50% of 1 Beech tree. Consent GRANTED.
 - 8.3.4. **Sunnydale House, The Street, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 2900/08. Reduce canopy of walnut tree by approx 33%. Notice of NO OBJECTION.

9. **Finance:**

- **Account Balances:**

Current A/C	£534.41
Deposit A/C	£ 15,846.23

- **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£ 253.16	Sal/Exps Sept 08
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a One Suffolk unitary authority including Lowestoft, in preference to the alternative of two unitary authorities. The Clerk would write to the Boundary Committee with RPC's comments including reasons of cost effectiveness and maintaining levels of service. Members also agreed to express concern about the makeup of the proposed Community Boards and the possible lack of accountability to tax payers should non-elected representatives be present on the Boards. It was felt that, at the very least, the numbers of non-elected representatives should be limited and that, ideally, any decision-making on local issues and spending of local budgets should be restricted to elected representatives.

12. **Keep Britain Tidy:** The Council agreed to hold a mini litter pick on 25 October from 10am – 12noon. A group would not be organised but anyone who wished to take part could pick up equipment at the next meeting of the Council.
13. **Website Gallery:** The Council agreed to forward to the Clerk either pictures of the new houses on Hinderclay Road or Rickinghall in autumn.
14. **Allotments:** There was nothing to update.
15. **Affordable Housing Site – Hinderclay Road:** RESOLVED, with all in favour, to defer this item to the October meeting.
16. **Registration of Parish Council owned land with HM Land Registry:** The Council noted that there was still some question about the south boundary of the property known as Low Meadow. It was agreed by all who knew the site that the boundary followed the stream and was therefore curved, not straight as drawn on the Land Registry map. Advice had been sought from Mr R Barker, former owner of the site, and he had confirmed that this was the case. The Council agreed to forward the letter from Mr Barker to the solicitors to see if this would bring the matter to a close.
17. **Village Hall Play Equipment:** It was reported that a fundraising leaflet would soon be distributed throughout the village. MSDC had been applied to for grant funding of £17,500.
18. **Village Hall Bottle Banks:** It was reported that a holding reply had been received from the Chief Executive at MSDC pending further noise evaluation by the District Council.
19. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council / Items for next agenda:**
 - Red bag circulation
 - Dog litter bin provision
20. **Next Meeting:** 23 October 2008

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.13pm.