

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 26 March 2009  
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

## Present:

Parish Councillors:	Mrs E Draper (Chairman)	M Bryant
Mrs M Carrington-Brown	Mrs G Crossley-Holland	P Jenner
B Johnson	C Last	S Pattenden
J Stacey		

Parish Clerk: Leeann Jackson-Eve  
S/Sgt Graham Durrant  
District Cllr Sara Michell  
County Cllr Charles Michell  
One member of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence.**

None.

2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting 26 February 2009.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February were agreed and signed subject to an amendment in item 14 to read "Maywhort".

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** The following items were reported:

- **Caravan on Fen Lane** - The SCC Traveller Liaison Officer received a request from Botesdale PC for removal of the caravan and the owner had been given notice to remove the caravan within 14 days of notification - by 31 March.
- **Commemorative plaque for Basil Brown** - Enquiries made to Suffolk County Council Archaeological Unit revealed that the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History (the county archaeological society) had commissioned a plaque already. This was now well advanced in its design and production.
- **Street Light #91, Walnut Tree Place** – SCC had confirmed that the light was waiting for electricity connection. A complaint had been made about the new light's proximity to 1 Walnut Tree Place.
- **Pumping Station on Fen Lane** – A reply had been received from Anglian Water saying that a CCTV survey had revealed that the reason for repeated overflow of sewage was the deposits of fats and greases in the system. They had arranged for pressure water jetting to clean the sewer within their planned program of maintenance.
- **Snape Hill bottle banks and litter** – VHMC had been contacted about installing a bin and it was confirmed the PC would need to request a bin. VHMC had also confirmed that despite littering problems, this was now considered to be the only possible location for the bottle banks so they were unlikely to be moved after the trial period was over. MSDC had agreed to do a street sweep.
- **National Probation Service** – They had agreed to the projects requested, i.e. tidy parish gardens and litter pick on Snape Hill. A list of prospective footpaths for clearance would be compiled and sent to the NPS.
- **Village Sign** – The sign would be removed on 27 March for refurbishment.
- **Parish Liaison Meeting** – Botesdale PC's Chairman would be attending this and had agreed to write a report for both PCs.
- **Meadowcroft Site Development** – The Chairman had arranged a second site meeting for those who had previously been unable to attend.

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

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

Cllr Stacey	Personal Interest	Item 8.2.1
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6. **Public Forum:**  
7.50pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Vice-Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.08pm.
7. **Correspondence:**
- 7.1. **Suffolk County Council:** Questionnaire re emergency communications plan. This was completed by the PC.
- 7.2. **Suffolk County Council:** Noted the further draft proposals and consultation by the Boundary Committee.
- 7.3. **Pyramids Playbus:** Request for donation to be taken in May with others.
- 7.4. **Upper Waveney Valley Countryside Partnership:** Noted the offer of support for tree planting or wildlife area projects. Cllr Stacey to contact re the community woodland / allotments.
8. **Planning:**
- 8.1. **Planning Applications:** None.
- 8.2. **Notice of Intent to prune/remove trees in the Conservation Area:**
- 8.2.1 **Maypole Lodge, Maypole Meadow, Rickingham Superior.** Ref: 0607/09. Permission to lop birch tree to 2ft above bifurcation to avoid shading and excessive height. The PC had NO OBJECTION.
- 8.3. **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.
- 8.3.1. **Meadowcroft, Maypole Meadow, Rickingham Superior.** Ref: 0091/09. Works to various trees as per schedule. NO OBJECTION.
- 8.3.2. **Cheyleswood, The Street, Rickingham Inferior.** Ref: 0240/09. Removal of 1 No self seeded Chestnut tree. NO OBJECTION.
- 8.3.3. **Cheyleswood, The Street, Rickingham Inferior.** Ref: 0204/09. Extension of existing garage and associated works/alterations to create garden room. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
- 8.3.4. **Cheyleswood, The Street, Rickingham Inferior.** Ref: 0203/09. As above. Planning Permission GRANTED.
- 8.3.5. **Cheyleswood, The Street, Rickingham Inferior.** Ref: 0263/09. Demolition of late 20<sup>th</sup> century lean-to shed and minor flat roof projection to existing garage to rear of property. Conservation Area Consent NOT REQUIRED.
- 8.4 **Notification of Planning Appeals:**
- 8.4.1 **Sumlan Place, Newdelight Road, Rickingham Inferior.** Ref: 3308/08. Use of dwelling without compliance with Condition 4 of planning permission OL/117/82 (agricultural occupancy restriction). Noted.
9. **Finance:**
- **Account Balances:**

Current A/C	£1,082.48
Deposit A/C	£ 17,046.23
  - **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£ 330.95	Sal/Exps Mar 09
J Rose	£ 103.55	St Sweeping Mar 09
Pearce & Kemp	£ 48.60	Inv 26368 Feb A/C
Botesdale Parish Council	£ 23.45	Walks Leaflet Contribution
  - **Direct Debits:**

E.On Energy	£ 52.95	Inv H78DE521B Feb A/C
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RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.

- **Street Sweeping/Rights of Way Contract 2009:** RESOLVED, with all agreed, to accept the quote from Mr T Gaddis of Hinderclay. It was agreed that a presentation would be made to Mr Rose thanking him for his lengthy service on behalf of the PC. RESOLVED, with all agreed, to commit £25 from the Chairman's Allowance toward the presentation.

10. **Councillors Reports:**  
**Highways Issues:**
- Street lights – Light on corner of Hinderclay Road and The Street to be reported to P&K as out.
- Low Meadow:** Arrangements would be made to cut and rake at LM. A new poplar tree would be planted.
- Twinning:** A Ramble would be held on 26 April and the visit to Tintineac would take place on 23-25 October.
- Village Hall:** A decision on the grant application to MSDC was expected some time during the first week in April. The recent dance had raised £1010. A quiz night would take place on 25 April.
- Hedgerow Survey:** The Chairman would contact individuals who had attended the course and others who had expressed an interest in an effort to get this started again. The deadline was the end of 2011.
11. **Allotments:** The Parish Council noted the confirmation of the purchase price of £13,500 and RESOLVED, with 8 in favour and 1 against to accept the purchase terms proposed by Suffolk County Council. The PC agreed to approach Botesdale PC formally proposing an equal partnership and to add allotments to the APM agenda. The working party would set up a "fact-finding" meeting to discuss all aspects of setting up allotments.
12. **Registration of Parish Council owned land with HM Land Registry:** There was no further information available and this item would be shelved until after the summer.
13. **Emergency Planning Policy:** No update.
14. **Annual Parish Meeting:** The Chairman would arrange for refreshments. Cllr Stacey would provide a display on the proposed allotments.
15. **Rickinghall News:** Reports were due by Easter at the latest.
16. **Litter Pick:** Flyers would be given to the school if agreed.
17. **Internal Audit Review:** A report would be given to the PC in April.
18. **Street Lighting:** Noted that there would be a 5% increase in 2009 as per the contract.
19. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council / Items for next agenda:**
- Satellite Dishes
  - Village Sign
  - Dog Bin on Water Lane
20. **Employment Matters:**  
Under the **Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960** the Council RESOLVED to close the meeting to the public to discuss the Clerk's remuneration.  
The Chairman reported that the Clerk was regularly working in excess of six hours per week. It was agreed to increase the Clerk's paid hours to eight per week from 1 April 2009.
21. **Next Meeting:** 23 April 2009

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.