

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 28 February 2008  
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

## Present:

Parish Councillors:

Mrs E Draper (Chairman)

P Jenner

Mrs M Carrington-Brown

M Bryant

Mrs G Crossley-Holland

C Last

J Stacey

Parish Clerk: Leeann Jackson-Eve

County Cllr: Charles Michell

Two members of the public

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

### 1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Pattenden and Johnson. An apology was also accepted from District Councillor Sara Michell.

### 2. To confirm the minutes of the Meeting 24 January 2008.

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

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

**Waiting Restrictions in the Street:** (Item 7.7 24/01/08) The Clerk reported that Suffolk CC had not received the Council's letter of 29/11/07, thus the delay in determining whether or not the double yellow lines would be implemented. The letter had been forwarded to SCC and a reply giving details of a formal consultation on the proposals had now been received. The end date for the objection period was 19 March 2008.

### 4. Members Declaration of Interest on agenda items.

Cllr Last

Personal Interest

Item 8.1.1

Cllr Stacey

Personal Interest

Items 7.4, 7.5 and 18

### 5. Public Forum:

7.40pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.05pm.

### 6. Magazine Input:

Cllr Carrington-Brown to prepare a report of the meeting for the RBR Parish magazine.

### 7. Correspondence:

7.1. **Communities and Local Government** – CONSULTATION on Orders & Regulations Relating to Conduct of Local Authority Members in England. Noted without comment.

7.2. **Suffolk CC** - Proposed Safety Improvement Works on the A143 Between Bury St Edmunds and Stuston. Details were noted. In a related matter, all agreed that a letter be sent requesting that Suffolk CC look into resurfacing the A143 with a quieter surface material.

7.3. **Suffolk CC** - SCC (Rickinghall Inferior Byway 21) Modification Order 2007. The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from Suffolk CC noting the Council's concerns about vehicular use of Byway 21 and explaining that SCC's Traffic Management Policy only considered traffic management where problems had been identified. The effects of vehicular usage would be monitored and if problems arose, measures would be considered.

- 7.4. **BARWOODS** – To consider a quotation from Peter Frizzell for the mowing of Low Meadow - £57.50. RESOLVED, with all agreed, to cover the cost.
- 7.5. **BARWOODS** – To consider a quotation from Peter Frizzell for the crack willow pollarding and coppicing of elm hedge at Low Meadow - £240.00. RESOLVED, with all agreed, to cover the cost.
- 7.6. **Ms Cheryl Buxton** – Public Liability Insurance cover for Father Christmas. The Clerk would write to Ms Buxton suggesting she obtain a quote for the insurance and approach the Community Council for funding or County Cllr Charles Michell to enquire about a funding from the Locality Budget.
- 7.7. **Mr Michael Sheehy** – Parking restrictions along The Street. The Council noted Mr Sheehy's concerns. The Clerk would write with details of the proposals.
- 7.8. **Walsingham Mews** – Complaint about residents leaving wheelie bins out front on a permanent basis. The Clerk would write requesting that residents use the designated area for bins in back of the Mews and would investigate the presence of the industrial bin.
- 7.9. **Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau** – Reg Charity No 1107152. Request for financial support. Agreed that this should be held over with any other requests for consideration at the April meeting.
- 7.10. **MSDC** – Village of the Year Competition 2008. Details to be circulated for discussion at the March meeting.
- 7.11. **Thanks** for contributions received from Redgrave Community Council (Father Christmas) and Friends of Botesdale Health Centre (Christmas Eve collection) were noted.
- 7.12. **MSDC Arts Leaflet** – The Council had no entries for this proposed leaflet.

## 8. Planning:

- 8.1 **Planning Applications:**
- 8.1.1 **Oak Lodge, Allwood Green, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 0020/08 Replacement of mobile home with three bed dwelling. The parking of a haulage vehicle and storage of associated goods in transit. The Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to SUPPORT the application subject to appropriate measures being taken to protect the existing hedges and trees. The Council considered that the proposal was in line with national policy to prioritise affordable decent housing and felt that the visual impact of a new dwelling would be an improvement on the existing arrangement. The Council suggested that the permission for mobile homes cease when they were no longer needed by the current occupants. The Council also agreed to write to Environmental Health to draw to their attention the discharge of sewage into the drainage ditch on the north side of the property.
- 8.1.2 **Falcons Hall Farm, Finningham Road, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 0145/08 Erection of a single storey agricultural workers dwelling. RESOLVED, with all agreed, to SUPPORT the application without comment.
- 8.1.3 **Windy Corner, Mill Lane, Rickinghall Inferior.** Ref: 0283/08 Proposed replacement dwelling and associated works. RESOLVED, with all agreed, to SUPPORT the application without comment. It was noted that a parishioner had informed the Council that there was Japanese Knotweed, a reportable pernicious weed, on this site and this fact had been noted in comments to the District Council.
- 8.1.4 **Flint Cottage, The Street, Rickinghall.** Ref: 0390/08 First floor rear extension and single storey side extension. The Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to SUPPORT the application but to note that it had some reservations about the replacement of the flint wall on one side of the entrance gate with a brick wall. The Council supported the retention of the flint wall in its present form as it was more suitable to the character of the building and was part of the streetscape within the Conservation Area.

- 8.1.5 **Highways, Finningham Road, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 0651/08  
Change of use of part of barn from garage to preparation of meat and other produce.  
RESOLVED, with all agreed, to SUPPORT the application without comment.
- 8.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area**  
None received.
- 8.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** The following decisions by the District Council were noted.
- 8.3.1 **The Uplands, The Street, Rickinghall Superior** Ref: 1631/07 Installation of Central Heating, Hot Water System and Electrical Circuits, involving some cutting and puncturing of building fabric. Listed Building Consent GRANTED 18 Jan 08.
- 8.3.2 **Mill Stream Cottage, The Street, Rickinghall Superior** Ref: 2990/07 Erection of sun lounge to rear elevation and a balcony to first floor bedroom. Planning Permission GRANTED 25 Jan 08.
- 8.3.3 **Land at The Old School, Hinderclay Road, Rickinghall Inferior** Ref: 3191/07 Erection of 1½ storey dwelling and garage. Planning Permission REFUSED 25 Jan 08.
- 8.3.4 **Willow Cottage, Garden House Lane, Rickinghall Superior** Ref: 4002/07 Canopy reduced by 2m. NO OBJECTIONS 31 Jan 08.

8b. **Finance:**

- **Account Balances:**

Current A/C	£499.91
Deposit A/C	£15,693.11
  
  - **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£262.76	Sal/Exps February 08
J Rose	£101.00	St Sweeping
Pearce & Kemp	£ 47.29	Inv 10456 Jan A/C (St Lighting Maint.)
Tripp Batt	£ 41.10	Service Brush Cutter (Item 16 24 Jan)
RBR Magazine	£130.00	Purchase of 1 page for PC News.
- Direct Debits:**
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| E.On Energy | £ 52.95 | Inv H6260E4DA Jan A/C (St Lighting) |
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RESOLVED, with all agreed to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.  
The Council also agreed that the Clerk should purchase a copy of "Local Council Administration" by Arnold Baker, costing £52.00, from SALC.

9. **Councillors Reports:**

**Highways Issues:** The following items were noted to be reported to SCC.

Rectory Hill: Road signs at the junction with The Street loose and spinning.

The Street: Setts lifting near junction with Hinderclay Road as previously reported.

The following items were noted to be reported to MSDC.

West Street nr Walsham Le Willows boundary: Fly tipping in the ditch including items blocking the culvert.

Snape Hill Farm entrance: Fly tipping.

A143 on village side: Fly tipping at the entrance to the footpath left of Rectory Hill.

Fen Lane: Muck and debris on hard standing beyond the Methodist Chapel.

**Street Lighting:** Noted that the lights opposite Walsingham Mews and at top end of Rectory Hill are both out. (Report to P&K).

**Public Rights of Way:** Noted that the manhole cover outside of the Village Hall had been damaged again by vehicles driving over it. To be reported to Anglian Water Services and a more heavy duty cover requested.

**Website:** Noted that the next Gallery theme would be "Rickinghall in Spring". The Council agreed that the Clerk should write to the school requesting that students consider providing photographs for the Gallery.

10. **Provision of Allotments:** There had been no further update on this proposal. Cllr Jenner reported that a member of the public had requested that the site be screened if the allotments went ahead.
11. **SALC - Accounts & Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006.** (Item 7.5 22/11/07). The Council thanked Cllr Pattenden for all his hard work in preparing the report and noted that the Clerk would implement recommendations.
12. **Annual Internal Audit:** RESOLVED, with all agreed, to ask Heather Heelis of Heelis & Lodge to carry out the Annual Internal Audit again this year, with fees remaining as 2007.
13. **Affordable Housing Site – Hinderclay Road:** The Council noted the reply from Circle Anglia (11/02/08) confirming that the Wherry Housing Association would be willing to transfer the freehold of the landscaped area to the Council, subject to discussion of a series of points outlined in the letter. The letter to be circulated for discussion at the March meeting.
14. **Proposed Mid Suffolk Walking Festival:** The Chairman reported that leaders had now been arranged for the six walks during the fortnight of the festival (10-26 May). The Festival would be advertised in the April RBR Magazine and would be on the May RBR Magazine events page.  
RESOLVED, with all agreed, to support the Festival by making £100 available for hall hire, refreshments etc.
15. **Registration of Parish Council owned land with HM Land Registry:** An update on this item would be given at the March meeting.
16. **Village Litter-Pick 2008:** The Council noted that the Litter-Pick would be held on 26 April. The Chairman would speak to the Chairman of Botesdale PC about participating. The Clerk agreed to produce a poster for the event.
17. **Parish Cleansing Contract 2008:** RESOLVED, with all agreed, to appoint Mr Jeffrey Rose for a further year. Mr Rose had intimated that this would be his last year.
18. **Low Meadow:** The Council agreed to fund three further cuts and additional pollarding within the next financial year, subject to quotes being obtained.
19. **Rickinghall News:** The Council would consider ideas for the front cover illustration and for reports from Councillors. Cllr Stacey agreed to do a report on Low Meadow.
20. **Parish Meeting:** The Clerk would circulate some possible dates for the Parish Meeting in early May, subject to availability of the Village Hall. The Council would consider possible speakers and contact the Clerk with ideas.
21. **Any urgent business/Items for the next agenda:**
  - Cllr Crossley-Holland requested that the date of the December meeting be re-considered at the next meeting.
  - Cllr Stacey requested that the possibility of recording what was said during the public forum be looked into.
22. **Next Meeting:** 27 March 2008 (in the Main Hall).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm