

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 18 December 2008  
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

## Present:

Parish Councillors:	Mrs E Draper (Chairman)	M Bryant
P Jenner	C Last	S Pattenden
J Stacey		

PC Nic Kegge  
5 members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Received from Cllrs Mrs M Carrington-Brown, Mrs G Crossley-Holland and B Johnson, and noted from Leeann Jackson-Eve (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Charles Michell and District Cllr Sara Michell.

2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting 27 November 2008.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November were agreed and signed.

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

- Mobile police station on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 – 15.00

4. **Magazine Input:** Councillor Draper to draft a report.

5. **Members Declaration of Interest on agenda items.** None.

6. **Public Forum:**

7.32pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.50pm.

7. **Correspondence:**

7.1. **Suffolk County Council:** Annual surface clearance of public rights of way. Consultation. SCC does not have the funds to cut all Category 1 paths – to consider whether the selected paths meet with RPC's approval. (Circulated at last meeting)

Rickinghall ramblers commented one path does not need clearance. The Clerk to collate information and prepare a reply.

7.2. **Suffolk County Council:** Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options (Part II) Strategic Sites and supporting Sustainability Appraisal. To be circulated for January meeting.

7.3. **Mid-Suffolk District Council:** Stowmarket Area Action Plan Development Plan Document – Consultation. To be circulated for January meeting.

7.4. **Mid-Suffolk District Council:** Housing Options Appraisal. To be circulated for information.

7.5. **Circle Anglia:** Landscape Management Plan Document for the land at 1-10 Hinderclay Road. To consider review of documents by Cllr Stacey. (Attached)  
Cllr Stacey noted measurements are wrong, and area to front of houses are claimed as RPC's responsibility for diseased trees – which was not agreed – Cllr Stacey to strike off. Some clarification needed over what is in and what is not. The Clerk to email back with points.

7.6. **Wherry Housing Association:** Reply to complaints about 1-10 Hinderclay Road. Comments about multiple viewing – two are part purchase, rest are for rent. Note drainage has been scaled for 50 houses – not confirmed.

7.7. **Hartismere High School:** Proposal to move to foundation school status. Informal Consultation Document. (Attached)  
Some discussion – did this mean more school autonomy? Do people know about it? Should we publicise? Most of this noted as too late – Agreed to put

information on PC website. The Clerk to update and post as something people could read.

- 7.8. **Safer Neighbourhood Team:** Road Accident and Casualty Report Suffolk 2007. To be circulated for information.
- 7.9. **Home-Start Mid-Suffolk:** Request for donation to be considered with others in May 2009.
- 7.10. **Redgrave CC:** Noted thanks to PC for donation towards costs for Father Xmas.

8. **Planning:**

- 8.1. **Planning Applications:** None.
- 8.2. **Notice of Intent to prune/remove trees in the Conservation Area:** None.
- 8.3. **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.

Note: planning committee meeting regarding Kiln Farm on 7<sup>th</sup> January – 9.30 and meeting Oak Lodge, Allwood Green appeal commencing 10am. Cllrs Last, Stacey and possibly Draper to attend.

9. **Finance:**

• **Account Balances:**

Current A/C	£995.33
Deposit A/C	£ 18,546.23

• **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£ 292.52	Sal/Exps Dec 08
J Rose	£ 103.55	St Sweeping Dec 08
Pearce & Kemp	£ 49.66	Inv 25330 Nov A/C

**Direct Debits:**

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

- **Budget/Precept 2009/10** The draft budget was considered by the Council. Figures agreed and intention is to finalise precept figure next month with Clerk's guidance.

10. **Councillors Reports:**

**Highways Issues:**

- Caravan in Fen Lane – police not involved – partially on public foot path – probably in Botesdale – PC will write to SCC and draw to their attention.
- White line painted in front of new houses on Hinderclay Road.
- Street lights – one knocked over near 1 Walnut Tree Place.

11. **Allotments:** Valuation of land promised for January 09, the Clerk to chase if not received.
12. **Registration of Parish Council owned land with HM Land Registry:** Noted that papers had been filed to claim ownership.
13. **Village Hall Play Equipment:** No update – back onto agenda in April 2009.
14. **Emergency Planning Policy:** Noted that the Chairman liaised with BPC Chairman William Sargeant. Cllr Crossley-Holland to be on working party with Botesdale PC.
15. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council / Items for next agenda:** None.
16. **Next Meeting:** 22 January 2009

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.18 pm.