

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 24 July 2008
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors:

Mrs E Draper (Chairman)

P Jenner

S Pattenden

Mrs M Carrington-Brown

B Johnson

J Stacey

Mrs G Crossley-Holland

C Last

Parish Clerk: Leeann Jackson-Eve

District Councillor: Sara Michell

County Councillor: Charles Michell

Five members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor M Bryant.

2. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting 26 June 2008.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June were agreed and signed.

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

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

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

Cllr Draper Personal Interest Item 7.13

Cllr Crossley-Holland Personal Interest Item 7.13

Cllr Pattenden Personal Interest Item 7.13

6. **Public Forum:**

7.40pm **RESOLVED**, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.00pm.

7. **Correspondence:**

7.1. **Suffolk CC** – Road Safety Campaigns 2008 – Circulated for information.

7.2. **Suffolk CC** – Olympics Briefing Sheet – Circulated for information.

7.3. **Suffolk CC** – Suffolk's Environment Monitoring Report for 2006/7 – Circulated for information.

7.4. **MSDC** – Copy of first Mid Suffolk Arts Directory. Circulated for information.

7.5. **Youngs Homes** – The minor amendment to entrance of site at 10 New Dwellings, Hinderclay Road was noted.

7.6. **Fordham Research** – Public Consultation – Ipswich Housing Market Area Draft Strategic Housing Market Assessment. This was noted without comment.

7.7. **Suffolk Acre** – Rural Deprivation Report – Circulated for information.

7.8. **Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit:** Dealing with the aftermath of a pandemic - questionnaire. The Clerk to reply with requested information.

7.9. **SALC** – Training News July 2008. Circulated for information.

7.10. **B Clark (Neighbourhood Watch)** – Report on Crime Prevention in the Community event. This was noted with thanks.

7.11. **Dr W Cordeaux** – Re proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order on The Street – Dr Cordeaux's reservations were noted and the Council agreed to wait for any other comments sent to SCC to discuss at the September meeting.

7.12. **G Farlam** – Mrs Farlam's comments were noted.

7.13. **D Pettitt** – Notification of New Permissive Access through farmland east of Mill Lane (nr Hinderclay Road). This was noted.

The following items arriving after publication of the agenda were also considered.

- 7.14. **Keep Britain Tidy** – Information about nationwide clean-up – The Council noted that the community litter-pick had just taken place in May but it was agreed to consider at the September meeting a mini tidy-up of key areas for the autumn.
- 7.15. **Mid Suffolk District Council** – Notifying of a complaint about noise from bottle banks (sent to VHMC) – The VHMC would be investigating solutions and an update would be given at the September meeting.
- 7.16. **Suffolk Police Authority** – Questionnaire – The Chairman would complete this.

8. **Planning:**

8.1. **Planning Applications:**

- 8.1.1. **The Homestead, The Street, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 1923/08. Demolition of part of wall adjacent to St Georges Drive and replacement with gates. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to SUPPORT the application.

8.2. **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**

- 8.2.1. **St Georges House, 3 St Georges Drive, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 2551/08. Removal of 6 No. Scots Pine trees. Removal of lateral limbs and reduce the height of Beech trees by 50%. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to respond with NO OBJECTIONS subject to concerns expressed about the extent of the works to the large number of beech trees. It was suggested that less extensive works be considered.

- 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: 1922/08. Planning Permission GRANTED 16 July 08.

9. **Finance:**

• **Account Balances:**

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| Current A/C | £467.05 |
| Deposit A/C | £ 17,046.23 |

• **Accounts for Payment:**

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| L Jackson-Eve | £ 301.71 | Sal/Exps July 08 |
| L Jackson-Eve | £ 249.47 | Sal/Exps Aug 08 (post-dated cheque) |
| J Rose | £ 169.65 | St Sweeping & Footpath Maint July 08 |
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| Pearce & Kemp | £ 49.66 | Inv 23899 June A/C |
| Pearce & Kemp | £ 49.66 | August A/C (post-dated cheque) |
| 321 Print Ltd | £ 117.00 | Printing of Rickinghall News |

Direct Debits:

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| E.On Energy | £ 52.95 | Inv H68C9C569 June A/C |
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RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.

10. **Councillors Reports:**

Highways Issues: It was suggested that playing field signage was needed on Hinderclay Road. Also, there was no signage for Albert Close and there had been occasions where ambulances had difficulty finding it. The Council agreed to request the new signage.

Parish Assets: Micklewood Green had recently been checked.

Twining Assoc.: The French guests would arrive on 25 October for a three day visit.

11. **Review of Local Government in Suffolk:** It was noted that the deadline for comments in the current phase of consultation was 26 September and RPC was scheduled to meet the day before. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with 5 for, 2 abstaining, to move the date of the next meeting to Monday, 22 September to allow

time for a full reply. The Chairman of Botesdale Parish Council would be invited to attend to give BPC's comments.

12. **Review of PC Internal Control Systems:** The review, prepared by Cllr Pattenden with Clerk's comments added, was circulated prior to the meeting. The Council noted the review without comment but accepted Cllr Pattenden's suggestion that email should be used more extensively to circulate documents. This was agreed. The Chairman thanked Cllr Pattenden for his review.
13. **Suffolk Police Authority PCSO Joint Funding Project:** A report was received from Cllr Johnson and noted.
14. **Allotments:** It was noted that the contact for the project had left SCC without having secured the land valuation. The Clerk to investigate who would be dealing with the matter in future. In addition, County Cllr. Charles Michell had agreed, in the public forum, to look into this matter as the PC felt it was very unsatisfactory to have wasted so much time.
15. **Affordable Housing Site – Hinderclay Road:** It was suggested that the matter of the land transfer had dragged on for some time and would benefit from an on-site meeting with Circle Anglia. The Clerk to request possible dates from Keith Bunn of Circle Anglia.
16. **Registration of Parish Council owned land with HM Land Registry:** Gudgeons Prentice had completed the title registration for Low Meadow, though it was thought that the plan produced by HM Land Registry had a small error. The Clerk to confirm.
17. **Village Hall Play Equipment:** A contractor had been chosen and the cost quoted would be £34,800. The Village Hall would manage the project and give monthly reports to the PC, as well as distributing consultation leaflets throughout the village. It was RESOLVED, with 6 for, 1 abstaining, to commit 10% of the cost for match funding on the project.
18. **Any urgent business/Items for the next agenda:** None.
19. **Employment Matters:**
8.55pm 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's six month probation period would come to an end on 31 July 2008. It was agreed to increase the Clerk's remuneration to SCP18 on the NJC scale from 1 August 2008.
20. **Next Meeting:** 28 August 2008 (Planning meeting only if required)
22 September 2008

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.