

Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 15th December at 7.30pm

Present

Chair – Councillor Pam Cyprien

Councillors R Cracknell, F Taylor, B Bailey, L Vulliamy,

M Senior, L Turner and K Friend.

Julie Jordan – Clerk

2 Members of the public.

- 1 The meeting was opened at 7.30pm

Public Forum

None

2 Declarations of Interest.

None

3 Receipts and Apologies for Absence

Councillor O’Hear

Councillor Gregson

It was agreed to accept and note these apologies for absence.

4. **Minutes** – To read or take as read the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November and with the following amendments Item 9 add Councillor O’Hear to working group, item 7 footpath 22 has now been cleared, it was proposed, seconded and agreed to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes

5. Statutory Business

- a) Precept

It was proposed by Councillor Cracknell and seconded by the Councillor Cyprien that the Council request a precept of £28931.13, all were in favour.

- b) Appointment of External Auditor

It was agreed to appoint PKF Littlejohn LLP

- c) Resignations

The Clerk read letters of resignation from Mrs L Turner and Mr P Dhjahit. The Chair expressed her sadness that they were going but thanked both of them for all the help and work they had done for the Parish Council and the village. She said that she hoped they would both to continue to help on an informal basis.

6 Clerks Report

6 reported crimes in October 2022.

Violence and Sexual offences x 4

Anti-Social Behaviour x 1 - 1 x Vehicle crime

The Clerk read a letter from the VHC thanking the Council for its recent donation.

7 **Cost of Living Crisis**

Councillor Senior reported that the cost-of-living leaflet had now been delivered and she thanked Councillor Gregson for all her work on this. Savills had been contacted to engage with Propco to investigate, the building near the Sole Bay Health Centre. It was acknowledged that it was not in very good condition but hopefully the Council will be able to find out what work would be required. A conversation had been started with the Reydon Trust regarding the provision of free school lunches, they however would prefer to sponsor a breakfast club of some kind.

It was reported that Councillors Cyprien and Taylor had made a visit to the Reydon School but the Executive Headteacher had been called away. The initial response to the idea of free school meals was that the school had a very good idea of need and continually monitored the situation to ensure that the children were receiving good nutrition. If they thought there were any problems these were investigated and quiet conversations held with parents. The PTA were also concerned that the kitchen would not be able to cope with the provision of many more meals.

It was agreed that a dialogue would continue with the school next year as in January there will be an appointment of a new Head of School. The provision of a breakfast club may be the way forward.

It was also reported that a copy of the leaflet will be put on the website, Southwold Town Council had also asked if they could use it for Southwold residents and it should be distributed with their newsletter.

8 **Reydon Robin**

Councillor Vulliamy reported that the December edition was very good and had gone out on time, he thanked Councillor Friend for his help in distribution. The next edition will have Councillor Taylor as the editor and all articles should be sent direct to her.

9 **Reydon Website**

Councillor Vulliamy reported that Councillor Gregson had done a lot of work with Cathy Yeoman on the website to make it much more user friendly and it now had more concise information. He asked if any Councillors had objections to a redesign of the village sign logo, no one did.

10 **Pillbox**

Councillor Taylor reported that following the meeting with Bob Griffen who suggested infilling with soil to prevent further damage no progress had been made with the landowner. She now felt there was little more that the Council could do apart from getting the box listed to try and protect it. There is a precedent for this but a lot of historical evidence is required. It was suggested that the Museum may be able to help plus a number of local residents who had shown an interest in the building and they may have more information. Councillor Taylor agreed to look into this.

11. **Village Hall**

Councillor Vulliamy reported that the asbestos report had been received and was as expected with a 1970's building, asbestos was there but in low levels.

He also reported that Mr A Greening the architect has started to survey the building and is working on ideas for improvements that can be made to ensure its future. Councillor Vulliamy then asked if any other Councillors would consider to joining him on the Village Hall Management Committee as if upgrades etc are going to take place this would involve a considerable amount of work. It would also be beneficial if online booking was available. The Chair said she would be willing to join the Committee if there were no other volunteers

12. Drop Ins

Councillor Vulliamy expressed his disappointment at the low turn outs for the drop in events held by the Council and despite changing the times of these it had not improved. It was generally felt that perhaps the Council should be represented at events already planned and visit clubs and other societies rather than be a stand-alone event. There had been interest when the Council had a table at fetes etc.

It was also pointed out that some residents do not know who the Councillors are and he urged everyone to get their photograph on the Reydon website.

13 King Charles Coronation – 6th May 2023

It was agreed that an event similar to the Jubilee celebrations should be held for the Coronation again hopefully on Jubilee Green. Councillor Taylor stated she was at the moment unsure of the timetable of events and felt it should not clash with any events held at the Randolph or in Southwold. There would be a bank holiday on the Monday but the actual coronation was the Saturday. Councillor Taylor and Cyprien asked for help with the organisation.

14 Reports from Councillors

Wangford Quarry

Councillor Panther reported that this had suddenly been restarted with a meeting in mid-January, at the moment there is no agenda but he will give a report at the next meeting.
SID

Councillor Bailey thanked Councillor Cracknell for all his help in setting up the SID's and changing their positions, he reported that Mr Andrew Taylor had agreed to take over this job.

Chairman

Councillor Cyprien reported that following a conversation with SALC all Parish Council Chairs must have this title and it cannot be changed to Leader.

15 Green Spaces Working Group

It was agreed that the following Councillors would be members of this group with the Ground improvements as its main aim. Councillors Cyprien, Cracknell, Friend, Gregson, Senior, Panther and Councillor Taylor as Chair.

Mrs Turner agreed to forward all her information regarding re-wilding to Councillor Taylor.

16. Highways Working Group

Councillor Panther gave a report on the recent meeting with County Councillor Ladd and the Community Liaison Engineer. This had mainly been about speeding with the results of the recent survey discussed, traffic calming measures and flooding at Shepherds Lane. The summaries of the surveys completed by Councillor Panther had been forwarded to the Police, but they have to do their own to justify additional support from the speed camera team.

There was some discussion about a new SID sign and it was agreed that the Council should purchase one. The Clerk was asked to write to District Councillor Beavan and County Councillor Ladd to see if they could support this from their locality budgets. However, the Clerk was authorised to order one with a happy/sad face.

Potters Bridge

There was some discussion regarding the latest correspondence regarding the road, however it was felt that little progress was being made. It was obviously creating considerable concern for residents and it was hoped that a joint statement from Southwold Town Council and Reydon Parish Council on the current problems could at the very least show that everyone is trying to reach a solution.

On a better not although a bridge may not be an option, there could be flood boards erected but that may also be problematic depending on which part of the river or broad is flooding.

Councillor Panther went on to say that there was also a problem with pedestrian access at Wolsey Bridge, crossing from the Hen Reed beds and it had been suggested that a speed limit along this road could alleviate this.

Speed watch

It was agreed that the speed watch team was an effective if temporary deterrent to speeding and efforts should be made in the New Year to get this started again. It was noted that despite lost of complaints about speeding there had been no volunteers to join the speed watch team.

Bus Shelters

The Clerk had received a revised quotation from Harry Cooper for the repairs to the bus shelters

Gorse Road/Reydon Corner £476.00 plus VAT

Barbrooks £1860 plus Vat

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept these quotes and ask for the work to be done as soon as possible.

17 Planning

The report of the Planning Working Group had been circulated and approved by the Council. The full comments are available on the Reydon Parish Council website.

Applications

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| i) | DC/22/4664/FUL | Rear single storey extension and new front porch to existing property.
1 Moyses Ave | Recommend Approval |
| ii) | DC/22/4685/FUL | Single storey kitchen extension to rear, roof conversion including two new dormers and rooflights internal alterations.
37 Green Lane | Recommend Approval |

Decisions

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| i) | DC/22/3984/FUL | Rear single storey extension with minor alterations
Avocet, 8 Gorse Road | Permitted |
| ii) | DC/22/4135 | T1 Oak to reduce crown by 2m
27a Halesworth Road | Permitted |
| iii) | DC/22/2747/FUL | Joint two sections of the factory together
To create more internal space
Micropress, Fountain Way | Permitted |

18 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment

J Jordan Salary for Nov and expenses	£424.60
Paye	£67.00
Wills – Reydon Corner	£1081.88
Eon – electricity Jubilee Gn	£16.17
G Graham – Litter picking	£95.00
Pearce Graham – Jubilee Green Lighting	£167.34
C Yeoman – website	£330.00
L Vulliamy – expenses	£14.37
Suffolk County Council – Quiet lanes	£150.00
Reydon Village Hall – hall hire	£325.00
Anglian Demolition	£714.00

There was some discussion regarding the payment for Anglian Demolition which was for the village hall. The Clerk reported that money had been in reserves for the village hall and therefore this bill could be paid from this. However, she pointed out that this payment was not budgeted for and any further payments for the renovation the hall should be put in a budget, and it really should be agreed in advance if the Parish Council is going to get the invoice for the work at the hall.

Total £3385.36

- b) Receipts November 2022
Interest £8.01, Allotment of Rent £132.00, Shed rent £120.00, Redcap donation for Reydon Robin £300, Night safe £29.00
- c) Bank Balances at 31st November 2022 £601, Treasurers £72140.64
- d) Bank Reconciliation – Circulated to Councillors and agreed
- e) Cil Money £9405.62 - £1171.82 by April 2023 £3048.14 by October 2024 £5155.86 April 2025

19 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting – 17th November 2022

- a) Potters Bridge
This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
- b) Consultation Energy Connection
Councillor Panther has circulated a suggested reply to this consultation and there was considerable discussion about this and the problems with the suggested connection site in Easton Bavents. It was decided that a reply should be sent to the consultation and Councillors were asked to fed back on their thoughts on the letter complied by Councillor Panther it would then be amended and the final draft sent to the Clerk who will send it.
- c) Skateboard Park
Councillor Senior reported that the skateboard park was now fully funded by pledges and hopefully will be built next year.

20 Any other business duly specified

None

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm