

Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 17th November 2022 at 7.30pm

Present

Chair – Councillor Pam Cyprien

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

P O' Hear and M Senior

Julie Jordan – Clerk

County Councillor Ladd

District Councillor Beavan

Martin Nichols – Emergency Liaison Officer

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm

1 Public Forum

a) County Councillor Ladd

Mr Ladd reported that the new Gulf Bridge was going very well, it was on budget and time. The County Council were investing in new digital services which it was hoped would prevent hospital admissions by giving disabled people an automatic lighting system to prevent falls at night.

The provision of new LED street lighting within Suffolk was nearly complete, which would save the County on electricity costs. There was some discussion about a number of lights in Halesworth Road that had not been done, and this was due to issues with historical ownership. It was believed the streetlights belonged to East Suffolk Council and therefore it was their responsibility to change to LED's. The streetlights themselves were not in a good condition and it was felt they needed replacement, the Clerk was asked to write to both SCC and ESC to try and resolve this issue.

b) District Councillor Beavan

Mr Beavan gave a comprehensive report including Reydon Surgery, hospital waiting lists and a call for the minimum living wage for Council workers.

He reported that Harbour Management Committee are still concerned about the Harbour Order which may allow the sale of land assets which would be unacceptable to many local people.

The Flood Board will be having a consultation meeting on the 2nd and 3rd of December at the Constitutional Club Southwold. This would hopefully enable a Stakeholder Group to be formed to look at the potential effects of sea level rises locally.

He briefly touched on the possibility of the power cabling site proposed for Easton Bavents, which he felt was a non-starter as none of the companies involved seem to know anything about the site and its potential for erosion.

Potters Bridge – The ongoing saga continues but the “Gismo” seems to be working quite well and providing mostly accurate readings. He proposed that the Council spend the balance of the grant provided to get live time data onto the Reydon website and he would continue to pursue this. As for the long term there still appears to be a problem with clearing the outfall both with the landowners and the Environment Agency.

Councillor O’Hair asked if the locality money promised by County Councillor Ladd to fund a long-term feasibility study was going to happen. County Councillor Ladd reported that the County Council felt that the road was in a quite good state or repair but it would not take any extra weight, i.e., a bridge. It would be a large construction project which was not likely to get funding.

c) Martin Nichols

Mr Nichols referred to the report from the SCC Highway Assessment Officer regarding Potters Bridge road closures due to flooding. This document outlines the actions to be taken if the road gets impassable, where the road diversions will be and most importantly who reports this flood. Mr Nichols explained that the road would be closed immediately if the flooding is reported either by a Councillor or member of the Emergency Group.

However, if a member of the public reports it a Highway Assessment Officer would attend and this may take longer to happen especially at the weekend. Mr Nichols said that in order for this to work the level of the broad must be considered at which point a flood is inevitable and will be sufficient to make the road impassable. Mr Nichols considered this to be 1.7 or 1.8 according to the data provided. After much discussion it was agreed that a 1.8 level should be reported and this will be done by District Councillor Beavan as he has access to the live data. It was not felt that any of the Parish Councillors could do this as it would mean daily visits to the Bridge and then it would not be clear as to how much water was in the reeds on either side of the road. It would only be obvious when the road was totally flooded and then it would be too late to be effective.

There followed a debate on how to get the live data onto the Parish Council Facebook and website so if the road is passable with care, residents can access the information.

It was agreed that Mr Beavan would work with Councillors Vulliamy, Gregson and Cathy Yeoman to try to sort out a way of doing this.

2 **Declarations of Interest.**

None

3 **Receipts and Apologies for Absence**

Councillor L Turner

Councillor K Friend

Councillor D Panther

Councillor P Dhajit

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 20th October and with the following amendment Item 12 line 5 delete £100 insert £1000 it was proposed, seconded and agreed to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes

5. **Statutory Business**

None

6. **Rates of Pay for Clerk**

The Clerk reported that NALC had issued their new pay recommendations for all Council employees, and this pay scale is used by the Parish Council. They had recommended an increase of £1800 for everyone and this meant that for the current pay scale the hourly rate was increased to £11.84 per hour. The recommendation was backdated to the 1st April. It was agreed to increase the Clerk’s pay in line with the recommendation and backdate it to 1st April 2022. All in favour.

7 **Clerks Report**

6 reported crimes in September 22.

Other theft x 1 - Violence and Sexual offences x 1

Other crimes x 1 – Anti Social Behaviour x 1 - 2 x Public Order.

The Clerk also reported that she had received a reply regarding the trees affecting a property in Halesworth Road, these had been inspected by a Tree Officer and were considered safe and no action was required.

Footpath 22 – The Clerk reported this had not been cleared.

8 Cost of Living Crisis

Councillor Gregson reported that the proposed leaflet had been circulated and thanked everyone for their corrections and comments. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that this could now be sent to the printers with the aim of delivery with the Reydon Robin. There were a number of other initiatives which were discussed but it was agreed that these could be updated within the editorial of the Reydon Robin until it was thought that another leaflet was required. Councillor Vulliamy suggested that any other help that residents needed could be provided at the community drop ins and on the Parish Notice boards, website etc. There was also a question as to whether the Council could have a table at the lights switch on to provide additional help or answer any questions.

The cost of the first print run was £241 for 1800 with a £50 design charge, this was agreed. Councillor Senior then expressed her concern at the number of children who are not receiving a quality hot meal every day through the school and this had been discussed with local teachers who confirmed this was a problem. She suggested with the help of the Reydon Trust money may be available to provide free school meals for some children at the school this would be a joint initiative with the Parish Council. It was agreed that Councillor Senior continued to explore this and a letter will be sent to Reydon School. Councillor Gregson also noted that we could look to fund this locally to. Councillor Gregson agreed that she would follow up with the Reydon Trust to determine their level of support. There were also some suggestions coming forward regarding a community fridge but an appropriate location was yet to be found, however there is some space near the Sole Bay Health Centre.

Councillors Gregson and Senior will contact the agents Savills and report back at the next meeting.

9. Budget 2023/2024

Councillor Cracknell proposed a precept based on a letter received from East Suffolk Council however the Clerk had received a revised copy and it was agreed that this would be referred to a working group on the budget. The Clerk stated that as RFO and for the audit a formal working budget would need to be provided and this would have to take into account the reserves held by the Council. These would need to be allocated to certain projects, and at the moment money has not used which was allocated last year. The working group will be Councillors Cracknell, Cyprien, Vulliamy and the Clerk.

10 Reydon Robin

Councillor Vulliamy stated that he had nothing further to report.

11. Reydon Website

This needs to be populated to get more information and residents involved. There went on to be some discussion about the redesign of the website which Councillor Gregson is working on with Cathy Yeoman. The idea is to rebuild it with less Council information, this will mostly be by taking off old minutes and information not legally required. The site will then be given a fresh more user friendly, look which will allow residents to quickly access current information. The cost of this will be approximately £1500 and it was agreed that this was an important service for the Council and should go ahead as soon as possible.

12 Dog Bins

The Clerk reported that dog bins could not longer be attached to lamp posts so any new ones would required a fixed post for mounting. The quote from Norse was £710.16 plus Vat for each bin and £1 every time it was emptied. It was agreed to get two bins, one for the Recreation Ground and the other for Harrison Green. Councillor O’Hear will report back to the Council if one is required in Rissemere Lane

13 Reports from Councillors

St Felix

Councillor Cyprien expressed her concern that despite the school stating their wish to work with the community and Suffolk Wildlife Trust regarding the management of the CWS, which is linked to the new housing development, nothing further has been heard from them

14. Green Spaces Working Group

This item was deferred until the next meeting where a new group will need to be formed.

15. Highways Working Group

It was confirmed that there will be a meeting of this group next week and a report will be given t at the next meeting

16. Onshore wind power and inshore infrastructure.

There was a lot of discussion about the proposals that have been put forward which may affect the very local area but also wider East Suffolk. It was suggested that it may be more effective if the Council joined with other Parish Councils in the area and any appropriate action group. Several Councillors had attended a web event but were not impressed with the knowledge of the area by the companies involved. There will be an exhibition in Southwold regarding these proposals and it was agreed that as many Councillors attend as possible with the idea that this can be discussed in more detail at the December meeting.

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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| a) DC/22/4072/FUL | Construction of a single storey dwelling to the south of existing.
59 Windsor Road | Recommend Refusal |
| b) DC/22/4254/FUL | Rear side extension to dwelling, comprising of a single storey,
ground floor addition to the kitchen and dinning area
5 Wangford Road | Recommend Approval |
| c) DC/22/4336/FUL | New detached garage
Briar Lea, Keens Lane | Recommend Approval |
| d) DC/22/4410/FUL | Single storey extension to rear of property
Together with internal alterations
3 Evans Close | Recommend Approval |
| e) DC/22/4338/FUL | Minor alterations combined with small
Extension to the footprint of the property
Together with the reordering of the rear
Elevation roofs
Cosy Corner, 6A Hurn Crag Road | Recommend Approval |
| f) DC/22/4373/FUL | Two storey side extension and single
Storey rear extension to existing
Premises together with internal alterations
34 Wangford Road | RecommenApproval |
| g) DC/224440/FUL | Replacement of existing garage with side
Extension, roof conversion
6 Loftus Ave | Recommend Approval |

- h) DC/22/4409/VOC Variation of condition No DC/21/4038/FUL
Single storey side and rear flat roof extension
The is a long-standing application where some
Measurements were incorrect and the full response if
available on the Reydon Website.
Doreens Cottage, Bridge Road
It is considered overdevelopment Recommend Refusal

Decisions

- a) DC/15/3288/OUT Approval of reserve matters – Outline application to enable
improvements to St Felix School to include, residential
development, public open space and associated infrastructure on
the former playing field at St Felix School. Appearance,
landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission
DC/22/3288/OUT for the development of 55 dwellings.
Land south of Halesworth, St Felix School **Permitted**
- b) DC/22/0462/ARM Discharge of conditions 5 and 6 – Outline application to enable
improvements to St Felix School to include residential
development, public open space and associated infrastructure on
former playing field – Surface Water Drainage
St Felix School, Halesworth Road **Permitted**
- c) DC/22/3481/FUL Single storey side extension forming additional
Bedroom and en suite
6 Windsor Road **Permitted**
- d) DC/21/4038/FUL Single storey side and rear extension and
Flat roof rear extension
3 Bridge Road **Permitted**

18 Finance

- a) Accounts awaiting payment
The following accounts were approved for payment
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| J Jordan Salary for Nov | £809.60 |
| (Includes £300 back pay from 1st April 2021) | |
| J Jordan – Microsoft Home and student
and stamps | £123.79 |
| Paye | £130.60 |
| Wills - grass cutting | £100.00 |
| Ian Giles – computer setup | £87.50 |
| Eon – electricity Jubilee Gn | £15.12 |
| G Graham – Litter picking | £95.00 |
| Pearce Graham – Jubilee Green Lighting
(Part payment) | £1703.24 |
| C Yeoman – website | £180.00 |
| Total | £3244.85 |
- b) Receipts October 2022
Interest £2.79, Allotment Rent £38.50
East Suffolk Council CIL Payment £5185.66
- c) Bank Balances at 31st October 2022 £601, Treasurers £75543.83
- 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

f) Skateboard Park Southwold

There was some discussion regarding this, funding raising was going very well and as reported at the last meeting pledges of money were required to allow the project to move forward. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to pledge £2000, all were in favour

19 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting – 20th October 2022

None

21 Any other business duly specified

None