

REYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 29th September at 7.30pm

1 Present: Chair Cllr Pam Cyprien

Councillors Brian Bailey, Roger Cracknell, Fiona Taylor, Madeleine Senior, Kalvyn Friend, L Vulliamy, J Gregson and David Panther.

County Councillor Ladd

Melanie Wilson

Mike Mayhew – Reydon Trust

The Clerk Julie Jordan

Opening – The meeting was opened at 7.30. – This was followed by a 2-minute silence in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II

2 PUBLIC FORUM

a) County Councillor Ladd

The following issues were reported on

County Councillor Ladd reported that Suffolk County Council were working hard to help with the cost-of-living crisis with a number of initiatives started, there is also a lot of information on the website. He added that the VHC in Southwold is attempting to organise more locally based resources.

The County Council has put in a bid for £1.5 million pounds to improve the infrastructure for electric car charging. The Plug in Suffolk scheme was successful but limited in its locations.

The County Council is also trying to sign post residents towards the installation of Solar panels. There will be a leaflet sent to homes with details of firms available to do this work and clear information about all the issues surrounding solar panels

The following questions were asked

- Crossing from Hen Red Beds near Wolsey Bridge, County Councillor Ladd suggested that this be referred to the Highways Group and it could be discussed at the next meeting.
- He confirmed that as far as he was aware there was no ongoing benefit from the Solar Farm in Reydon, so no discounted electricity.
- District Councillor Ladd agreed to look into the streetlights on Halesworth Road, as no new bulbs had been fitted to the lower end of the road and the actual streetlights needed replacing.
- Councillor Senior asked about the provision of a mirror to help with access at Hill Road, this was not a highways matter but individuals can mount them on their own land.

b) Proposed New Skateboard Park – Southwold

Melanie Wilson attended the meeting on behalf of the Southwold Klondyke Skateboard Project, a report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Melanie had brought with her some sample plans to show the aim and the scope of the proposed improved park. She gave a brief history of the site which had been used for as a skatepark for the past 30 years. However, it had now reached the point where a purpose-built site concrete site was felt to be the best way to ensure its future. Skateboarding was now an Olympic sport and was a good place for children to use energy, socialise and take risks in a safe environment. Ms Wilson went on to report that so far, a survey had been completed, two public consultations and a petition which raised 300 signatures in support.

She added that a large number of the children who used the site came from Reydon. As far as fund raising was concerned the group had approximately £50000 in pledges, however the original costings were around £80000 but these had now increased to £100000. This was a community project and she hoped that the Parish Council would support it by spreading the word and considering a donation.

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Receipt and apologies for absence

Councillor Djahit

Councillor O'Hear

Councillor L Turner

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

5. Minutes – To read or take as read the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2022 and it was proposed, seconded and agreed to authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes

6 Statutory Business.

a) Co-option

It was proposed by Councillor Cyprien and seconded by Councillor Taylor to co-opt Jessica Gregson onto the Council. All were in favour and Jessica Gregson signed her Declaration of Office.

7. Clerk Report

The Clerk reported that the Crime Map seems to have disappeared from the Halesworth Police Site, but she would try and find some more information for next month.

She also reported that she had received all the Speed watch equipment and the bee signs were ready to go to a new home. There was some discussion about this as yet there is no new co-ordinator and due to the age of the current volunteers the SID was proving difficult to move. It was agreed that this will be given greater prominence on the web site and some thoughts as to how it can be advertised on Next-door and social media will also be considered at the next meeting.

8 Cost of Living Crisis

There was considerable discussion about this with Councillor Cyprien reporting on the Ease the Squeeze seminar she had attended. There were some discussions about the local food bank which had been started during Covid but has now been wound down, however food vouchers were still available via the VHC in Southwold. Mr Mayhew from the Reydon Trust reported that the VHC can give vouchers to anyone referred to them which can purchase food from Boyden's, Barbrooks, Mills the butchers there is £500 kept on account at the VHC to allow for this. The Lowestoft Food Bank will also deliver food to residents in Reydon. As far as warm rooms are concerned there are only three grants available for the whole district and the most logical place for this would be the Library at Southwold. This has also got the canteen next door and there are steps in place to provide vouchers for residents in need which would pay for a hot meal there. The village hall also has coffee mornings and the coffee caravan visits the area. A lot of ideas were put forward including a community fridge, people donating their winter fuel allowance if not needed and working with the Church to provide support. There was also a suggestion that the Bowls Club may be a suitable place for a warm room. Mr Mayhew stated that the Reydon Trust has money available to help support people however they have to be referred or complete a form to apply for a donation. This would all be completely confidential. He said that initiatives within the village could also be considered for a grant. Sadly, he also reported that some projects have failed due to lack of volunteers for instance there is no longer a lunch club at the VHC.

Councillors Senior and Gregson agreed to pull all the information together and try to find a cohesive way forward with suggestions as to how the Parish Council can help the village.

They will report at the next meeting.

9. Community Awards

Councillor Vulliamy presented the Council will the star awards that he proposed to use for the Community Awards, these were priced at £8 each plus engraving. His original idea was to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and that 70 were awarded. However, this would now be an award in memory of the Queen and he proposed still limiting it to 70. He made a number of suggestions as to who could received the award and asked for any other nominations. The village hall management committee had also agreed to 2 notice boards, one to list the Chairs of the Parish Council and the other to have a list of those who had received the award. It was proposed by Councillor Cyprien and seconded by Councillor Cracknell that these stars are purchased and the awards go ahead, all were in favour.

10 Reydon Robin

Councillor Vulliamy reported that the next edition would be published on the 8/9th December and would be a Christmas edition. Ideally copy would arrive by the 25th November and anyone who wanted to write an article or send ideas should get them to him. Redcap Farm Services are the sponsor for this edition and the next one will be sponsored by the Southwold and Reydon Society.

Councillor Vulliamy thanked Councillor Cracknell for organising the distribution and added that volunteers for this would be very welcome.

11. Village Hall

Councillor Vulliamy reported that the WFI was now up and running as were the car charging units however they were only breaking even so needed more publicity. He had talked to Alan Greening a local architect and he was prepared to do a structural survey on the hall. It was agreed that this should be done and once the report was concluded the Council should back it's findings.

12. Website

Councillor Vulliamy reported that Cathy Yeoman is very keen to revamp this site and make it more exciting. To this end a graphic designer has agreed to improve the image of the Reydon Logo/sign at a cost of approximately £40 this was agreed. Councillor Vulliamy said he did not have the time to put into the site and would like another Councillor to take this forward, Councillor Gregson volunteered although she could not commit to this for a few months.

13. Clock for Reydon Pavilion

Councillor Friend reported the cost of a clock was approximately £700 this was solar powered and had GPS to change the time. It was pointed out that the village hall would also like a new clock and could not afford to pay for it. After some discussion it was agreed to match fund both clocks.

14 Reports from Councillors

Hybrid Meetings

Councillor Cyprien investigated this and reported that now the village hall had WFI it is possible to set this up in a cost-effective manner. This will be considered for future meetings.

Chain of Office

It was agreed that the Chain of Office will be engraved with the names of past and present Chairs of the Council. The Chair Councillor Cyprien did not like this title and asked for any better suggestions that were gender neutral.

Community Bus – Councillor Cyprien had received a letter from Cathy Ryan regarding the bus, and asked if the Council wanted to continue with sponsorship. It was agreed that at the moment the bus was vital to get into Southwold and to provide transport for the elderly and lonely. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to donate £1000 this will be under Section 106.

Sports Pavilion – Councillor Cyprien reported that she had been to the opening and it was a lovely space but the changing rooms are not complete, however it is a great addition or the village.

15. Recreation Ground

Estimate for Bollards – This was £790 and it was felt that this was too much money as it was intended to plant a hedge instead of the bollards.

The play equipment report was received and this will be discussed and emergency work carried out. A quotation was also received for some ideas for play equipment for the

Recreation

Ground and this will be considered by the working party who will look at how to improve the area.

Councillor Taylor asked for some volunteers to plant the saplings that would be arriving in November, possible around the 13th.

16. Jubilee Green

After some discussion it was agreed to accept the Pearce and Kemp estimate for this work.

17. Planning

The planning working group gave the following recommendations and it was proposed, seconded and agreed to adopt the reports. Full details are attached to the minutes and can be found on the website

Applications – August

DC/22/3250/FUL	Convert store into study/utility, construct WC 28 Windsor Road	Recommended
DC/22/2521/VOC	Conditions 11 of the permission to allow for new tenant to Move goods and bar equipment Endeavour House, Fountain Way	Recommended

Applications – September

DC/22/3250/FUL	New flat roof extension complete with lantern lighting 18 The Drive	Recommended
DC/22/3069/FUL	Single storey rear extension 54 Lowestoft Road	Recommended
DC/22/3615/TPO	Extensive work to trees on site Oaklands House, Lowestoft Road	Recommended
DC/22/2829/FUL	New artificial grass fit for football usage with PE level Hockey pitch usage including the provision of 6 Floodlight columns installation of a dome over an Existing block of tennis netball courts	

It was agreed that the Planning working group would complete a report on the last item and this will be sent to East Suffolk Council

Decisions

DC/22/2389/FUL	Convert story into study/utility room 28 Windsor Road	Permitted
DC/22/2799/FUL	Extension to front of property 35 Halesworth Road	Permitted
DC/22/2018/FUL	Demolition of existing bungalow and replace with 2 storey dwellings Beulah, 47 Wangford Road	Permitted

18. Finance

- a) Accounts awaiting payment Sept 2022

J Jordan – Salary and expenses Sept	£464.20
Inland Rev – Paye	£59.00
Graham Litter Picking July	£95.00
K Seaman – grass cutting	£115.00
Wicksteed – Play inspection report	£144.00
Eon Next July	£15.62
Eon Next August	£17.58
PFK Littlejohn	£240.00
Cathy Yeoman – website July	£180.00
Cathy Yeoman – website Aug	£90.00
The Randolph	£21.60
Southwold Press	£475.00
Royal British Legion Remembrance Wreath (Section 106)	£40.00
Ansvar – Insurance	£1079.15

Total £3131.15

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to pay the above accounts. It was noted by Councillors that the village Litter Picker, G Graham is doing an excellent job and was to be thanked for all her work.

- b) Receipts –
 - July 2022 Interest June 0.54, £784.87 Southwold Town Council for Jubilee Events, £300 donation Reydon Robin – H and L Turner Barbrooks Stores, £120 Shed rent.
 - August 2022 – Interest £2.08
- c) Bank Balances at 31 July 2022
 - Treasurers Acc £601.00. Business Acc £63952.88
 - Bank Balances 30th August
 - Treasurers Acc £600 Business Acc £58680.39
- d) CIL money - £4219.967- £1171.82 by April 2023, £3,048.14 by Oct 2024
- e) Presentation of Bank reconciliation to end of August and September 2022 – The reports had been circulated and the contents noted by Cllrs

The Clerk reported that the external Audit had been completed and signed off and this will be Included on the next agenda.

19. To review Council Insurance

The Clerk had received a quote from Ansvar, this had been provided by Community Action Suffolk and based on the asset register, she had also increased some of the cover slightly. After some examination of the quote, it was decided to go with the three-year deal.

20. To review Allotment Rents

The allotments are supposed to be self-funding and at the moment they are not. The current rents are £12.00 half and £24.00 full, rents for 20/21 were £348 with outgoings at £457. Last year rents increase to £374 however outgoings were £568 most of which was for water costs. The water bill will be available shortly and it was decided to review the rents after this is received.

21. Matters arising from the Minutes 28th July 2022

Laptop – Printer

The Clerk asked if she could have a budget for a laptop as a replacement for the current computer as was agreed at the last meeting, it was agreed that £500 could be spent. She also

explained that the printer is also causing issues at the moment and if it cannot be fixed this might have to be replaced as well.

Agendas and Notices

Councillor Friend agreed to help Jim Elmes put the Notices on the boards. It was noted that the board at the Randolph was damaged and this will be reported to the Southwold and Reydon Society.

Dog Bins

The Clerk had not been able to find out the price of emptying these but asked that when this became available she is able to purchase the bins straight away, she will circulate costs prior to buying.

Website

Councillors were asked to provide a photo of themselves to go on the website.

Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Friend asked for this to be on the agenda next month

Reydon Trust – The Chair of the Council asked Mr Mayhew of the Reydon Trust if he thought a member of the Council could or should become a Trustee or a least have some kind of liaison between the two organisations. Mr Mayhew said that this would be considered.

22 Any other business (Notified to the Clerk/Chair in advance)

None

23 Close

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30

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