

REYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 20th January at 7.30pm

1 Present: Chair Cllr Pam Cyprien

Councillors Brian Bailey, Dexter Kirk, Philip O’Hear, David Panther, Roger Cracknell, Laurence Vulliamy, Perry Djahit and Kalvyn Friend
The Clerk Julie Jordan
County Councillor Ladd
One member of the public.

Opening – The meeting was opened at 7.30

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr J Winterbottom

Mr Winterbottom expressed his concerns regarding two planning applications which were on the agenda. He felt that the appeal against enforcement action by the LPA regarding land at Wangford Road should be supported by the Parish Council. He stated that planning permission had been breached and that the retail operation which was started due to Covid should be refused as it was not a suitable site.

He went on to speak about the Wangford Quarry as the company that owns it wants permission to keep working it for another 15 months. He felt this may mean that the restoration of the quarry would also be extended and it may mean that they again apply for a south extension of the quarry.

It was proposed by Councillor O’Hear that the Council discuss this application as the first item on the agenda, this was agreed.

Suffolk Councillor Ladd

County Councillor Ladd reported on the proposed SCC budget which will increase by 4.5%. which would mean a 1% increase in social care. They have also allocated money for flooding and footpaths. He confirmed that they intended to replace all of the Suffolk streetlights bulbs which would be replaced by LEDs of the 43000 already a quarter have been done.

There followed some discussion about a road survey of Halesworth Road, this took place about 4 years ago and the results did not seem to be available. Councillor O’Hear felt that in view of the new development in Halesworth it would be worth having a new survey. County Councillor Ladd agreed to organise this and it was decided that probably around Easter would give a more accurate picture of the traffic on the road

Planning Applications

- i) W/13/2919/VOC – Variation of condition of permission W/13/2919 – Condition 2 – Mineral extraction shall cease by 31st December 2021 and the site shall be restored by 31st December 2022. An additional 15 months are sought to allow quarrying operations at Wangford to be completed and a consequential postponement of the completion of restoration works until 31st March 2024
Wangford Quarry Hill Road, Wangford.
Councillor O’Hear reported that these proposals had already been sent by the Planning Committee. He read the full recommendations of the Committee. There was a lot of discussion about this with concern expressed that a lot of work had been done to stop the extension of the quarry and this may give more time for a new application. It was however felt that this could not be taken into consideration with this application as it was only for a time extension. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept this application, all were in favour.

- ii) AP/21/0079/ENF – Appeal against/ Land at Wangford/Reydon Road
The appeal is against enforcement action by the LPA against the Southwold Flower Company.
Councillor O'Hear read the recommendations of the Planning Committee which regards breaches of Planning permission as unacceptable but recognises that the building now exists and supports a welcome local enterprise. There was some discussion about this but it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council supports the recommendations of the Planning Committee, all in favour.

2. Declarations of Interest – Councillor Vulliamy declared an interest in item 13b(viii)

3. Receipt and apologies for absence

Councillor Fiona Taylor
Councillor Leigh Turner
District Councillor Beavan.

4. Minutes – To read or take as read the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2021 and it was proposed, seconded and agreed to authorise the Chair to sign.

5 Statutory Business.

None.

6. Clerks Report

- a) The following crimes were reported in 9 in October and 6 in November
8 x Violence and sexual offences
3 x Anti-social behaviour.
1 x public order
1 x other theft
1 x Criminal damage and arson
1 x Drugs

7. Climate Emergency Update

The Chair stated that a report from the climate change forum has been circulated and there was more information on this for websites and can be looked at.

8. Jubilee Green

The Chair reported that that a site visit had confirmed the location for the wall and meter housing and work should start in 3 to 3 weeks. There will also be a trench laid to provide electricity for the Christmas Tree. There had been a meeting of the Christmas Lights Committee which had provided feedback on the change of location for the switch on. It was felt that the location had worked well apart from problems with lighting, it was very dark and this may be dangerous. It was agreed that this will be investigated with the help of Mr Crown who is helping with the provision of electricity. The Clerk was also asked to follow up with Will Austin regarding the bindweed on the path and it had been suggested that a notice board should be put on the green to advertise local events etc.

The Clerk reported that she had received an e mail from Nicola Wright who stated that she had raised money to provide a tree and circular bench in memory of Debbie Sheppard. As Debbie had worked at the Sole Bay Surgery, she would like it near this location. All Councillors were very supportive of this project and it was agreed that Councillor Cyprien as a member of the community gardeners would liaise with Ms Wright to agree a site.

9. Potters Bridge

The notes from the Southwold and Reydon Society meeting with Parishes had been circulated and this contained some key actions that it felt were needed. There was a lot of discussion about the short- and long-term solutions to this problem and whether an electronic sign would be necessary. It was acknowledged that County Councillor Ladd was arranging for a feasibility study to arrange funding for a long-term solution. County Councillor Ladd said he was relieved that when the water was drained the road had not been severely damaged by the water and could be reopened. It was acknowledged that the drainage by the beach should now continue but there still needs to be discussions with Natural England and the Environment Agency. It was hoped that in the short term there should not be any more flooding of the road.

Councillors realised that a medium-term solution was required and that an electronic warning sign about the depth of the water would be a good idea. The cost of this sign would be shared between the Parishes affected using their CIL money. However, the Clerk reported that Wangford Parish Council would not be putting any funding in.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Parish Council would agree in principle to a donation of £2500 if other Parishes agree to help pay for the sign. This would be on the basis that SCC following investigation into the costs agree that the sign is appropriate and necessary.

10 Easton Bavents

Councillor Friend reported that the outlet from the broad is now being cleared and there is now access to the site. He said that he had been informed that Natural England will be abandoning maintenance of the broad and this may affect Potters Bridge. He added that the local farmer is happy to take Councillors to the broad.

11. Green Spaces Working Group

It was agreed to start a working group to put into action the re-wilding, tree planting and any other green issues in the Council vision statement. It was agreed that the following Councillors would be involved Perry Djahit, Kalvyn Friend, Dexter Kirk, David Panther, Fiona Taylor, Pam Cyprien and Philip O'Hear.

The Clerk reported that Reydon would soon be receiving an Oak Tree from SCC to plant in the village for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She also reported that the grants for trees and shrubs from the Wildlife Trust had closed the beginning November. The next applications could be put applied for in March for planting in November, it was agreed that this would be better as it allowed for the preparation of the land.

12. Planning

A full copy of the report is attached to the signed minutes and on the website, the following recommendations were forwards to East Suffolk Council

- a) Planning Committee Meeting December 2021
 - i) DC/21/5151/FUL Alterations and additions thermal upgrading and green energy provision
70 Halesworth Road Recommend Approval
 - ii) DC/21/5013/FUL First floor rear extension
7 Windsor Road Recommend Approval
 - iii) DC/21/2673/FUL Construction of two new dwellings
Land adjacent to 30 Wangford Road Recommend Refusal
- b) Planning Committee Meeting January 2022
 - i) DC/21/5464/AME Non material amendments adjusting south
Elevation
22 The Crescents Recommend Approval
 - ii) DC/21/5636/FUL Single storey rear extension, replacement
Dormers, porch and cladding
2 Bridge Road Recommend Approval
 - iii) DC/21/5706/ARM Reserve matters and compliance with
Conditions relating to planning permission
1 Hall Cottages Recommend Approval

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| iv) | DC/21/5411 Side and rear extension and additional parking Spaces
2 Hill Road | Recommend Approval |
| v) | DC/21/5741/FUL Proposed commercial units
Land off Fountain Way | Recommend Approval |
| vi) | DC/22/0044/TPO Crown lift to proposed point as per photo
5 Heathlands | Recommend Approval |
| vii) | DC/21/5771/FUL Construction of rear dormer extension
The Harbourage, Fairfield Road | Recommend Approval |

Walking and Cycling Strategy

It was confirmed that Councillor Cracknell had responded to this consultation.

Consultation with Hill Homes

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the circulated report would be adopted by the Parish Council. It was also reported that it was hopeful that the Parish Council, Hill Homes and St Felix School would be able to have some discussion about some of the 106 conditions. In particular it may be possible to avoid some destruction of the wildlife habitats.

13. Planning Decisions

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| a) | DC/21/1020/FUL Non material amendment
22 The Crescents | Permitted |
| b) | DC/21/2763/TPO Reduce height of oak tree
28 Old School Drive | Permitted |
| c) | DC/21/4992/TPO Reduce height of tree
57 Wangford Road | Permitted |
| d) | DC/1/4805/FUL External alteration to north elevation
Wood End, Rissmere Lane | Permitted |
| e) | Single storey side and flat roof extension
Hilda's Cottage, 3 Bridge Road | Permitted |

14. To receive reports from Councillors

- a) Pavilion – Reydon Playing Fields
Councillor Cracknell gave an update on the progress made so far which was considerable the main rooms were all very nearly ready to be used and it is hoped that they will be opening in March this year. However there has been very limited progress on the changing rooms due to lack of funding. Money has been sought from the Football Association but there has been no decision on that grant, there is at present a shortfall of about £80000/£100000 needed to finish the project. The Committee was looking at ways to get other funding including local organisations, Councillor Cracknell was unsure if the Parish Council could help with this. He said the site may be suitable for car charging points but the problem was that the car parked was closed when the pavilion was not being used.
- b) Business Park
Councillor Kirk gave a short report on the live work units which should soon be available to let as office units. He also noted that a planning application had gone in to provide more industrial type units on the site.
- c) Website
Councillor Kirk reported that he had been working with Cathy Yeoman to improve the site and he would circulate her report where she has requested some more information to help provide more information for the village.
- d) Southwold and Walberswick Flood Board
Councillor O'Hear reported that the beach Blue Flag should be returned to the Denes beach. The harbour study will soon be published and this will mean huge agenda for this group, including how to access funding, however he did feel that progress was now being made.
- e) Harbour Stakeholder Advisory Group
At the last meeting Simon Flunder was appointed as Chairman with Philip O'Hear as Vice. There is some progress being made and an investment plan has been agreed. The next steps would appear to be trying to change the provision of the Harbour Order to extend this to cover hopefully up to Blyford Bridge.

15 Pill Box – Might's Bridge

It was reported that there had been no replies from the land owner to the various letters and e mails sent by the Council

16. Buss Creek Maintenance

Councillor Friend said this area near Might's Bridge was a mess and needed tidying up and the verges cut back. There was some discussion as to work done in previous years and it was thought a small group of volunteers may be needed to clear up the area.

17. Queens Platinum Canopy

This was covered under Item 11

18. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Chair thanked Councillor Taylor for her thoughts which had been circulated and she hoped that an event could be held on Jubilee Green. It was noted that the Arts Centre was applying for a grant for Community events which would cover both Southwold and Reydon. Councillor Cyprien reported that the Rotary Club may help organise this as they had more experience in event planning. Councillor Friend said he would be a great idea to have some kind of party bringing young and old together, perhaps involving the school

There will be a community engagement meeting held by Southwold Town Council which will bring together all the interested organisations held on the 10th February at 11am, it will be by zoom. Councillor Villiamy suggested a time capsule buried on Jubilee Green could also be considered

19. Recreation Ground – Play Equipment

Councillor Djahit had inspected the play equipment and the report will be actioned by the Clerk, if repairs are required, she will get a quote from Wickstead. She will also ask if it is okay to pressure wash it, Councillors were concerned it may cause damage.

20. Village Hall

Councillor Cracknell reported on a recent meeting with the Management Committee where the hedging was discussed. He felt that rather than take this out completely the hedge should be cut down to 6 feet in time for spring and for the birds. To take it out totally would involve a lot more money as the roots would have to be removed and the soil made good for replanting. In the short term he felt trimming it would improve it and this was agreed. No progress had been made on charging points at the hall or the need for WFI, however the bookings were holding up well and it was fairly busy.

21 Reydon Robin

Councillor Vulliamy reported that the first edition had gone down well and hopefully a full launch would take place in March. He confirmed that it now had a stand-alone e mail address and would include more social and interest articles not just Parish Council news. There would be no conflict with the Southwold Gazette. He then went on to say that admin support would be helpful and it was to be published quarterly.

22. Cycling and Footpaths

It was reported that Councillor Panther, Cyprien and Kirk had met with the Environment Agency to discuss the contractors damage to Shepherds Lane. They have agreed to some mitigation work but no improvements are likely. Councillor Cracknell reported that a lot of the eastern footpaths have now been walked and a number of problems identified and reported. Of these 3 had been investigated and no work done, 7 put in hand but no idea of priority and 1 has been completed. They will continue walking other paths.

Quiet Lanes – Councillor O'Hear reported that some new posts may be required for the Quiet Lanes signs, and he was currently in discussion with SCC regarding this. He informed the Council that there may be a cost of approximately £400 for this.

23. Speed watch

Councillor Bailey was very pleased to report that the new co-ordinator is Ray Dunn and the speed watch is not in a much better place as there is some funding from the Police. He added that Mr Dunn may need some funding to cover his costs for printing and associated work involved with this, the Clerk will contact him.

20. Finance

a) Budget

The Clerk has circulated a provisional budget as a discussion document, the general figures for administration and maintenance were considered acceptable. Following some debate, it was decided proposed, seconded and agreed to request a **PRECEPT OF £28876.48** this was unanimously agreed. This is a 0% increase the budget figures will be amended to reflect this amount.

Councillor Cracknell presented his report on the allocation of reserves, which had been circulated. It was proposed, seconded and agreed this document, this was unanimous.

b) Accounts awaiting payment, authorised for payment by the Chair due to the cancellation of the December meeting.

J Jordan – Pay and expenses Dec 21	£448.25
G Graham – Litter picking Nov 2021	£89.10
Keith Seaman (Grass cutting Jubilee Gn)	£50.00
Cathy Yeoman Website	£180.00
Southwold Press – Reydon Robin	£110.00

Total £877.35

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to pay the above accounts.

c) Accounts awaiting payment January 2022

J Jordan – Pay and expenses Jan 22	£446.40
G Graham Litter Picking	£89.10
Joel Spurdens – Rodent Control Allotments	£63.00
Wave – Water Reydon Corner	£77.71
Wave – Water allotments	£160.64
C Yeomans – Website	£150.00

Total £986.85

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to pay the above accounts.

d) Receipts –Interest December £0.50, Allotment Rent £14.50

e) Bank Balances at 31st December 2021 Treasurers Acc £601.00. Business Acc £59307.95

e) CIL money - £5794.82 - £1171.82 by April 2023, £3,814.71.14 by Oct 2024

f) Presentation of Bank reconciliation to end of December– The report had been circulated and the contents noted by Cllrs

25. Matters arising from the Minutes 18th November 2021

None

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

None