

# Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm

## Present

Chair – Councillor Pam Cyprien  
Councillors F Taylor, J Gregson, B Bailey, L Vulliamy,  
M Senior, D Panther and K Friend  
County Councillor Ladd  
District Councillor Beavan  
Julie Jordan – Clerk  
Mr and Mrs Irving  
Martin Nicholls – Emergency Planning Group

1 The meeting was opened at 7.30pm

## Public Forum

### **Martin Nicholls – Emergency Planning Group**

Mr Nicholls gave a brief report following the request of the Southwold and Reydon Community Planning Group for funding for emergency boxes. He explained that the old boxes were no longer fit for purpose, some being damaged and items in the boxes were not usable. The new boxes will be stored in various locations in Southwold and Reydon, the nominated “rest centres”, he thought 10 boxes would be required. There was some discussion about the walkie talkies that are used, Mr Nicholls stated they were held at the Town Hall in Southwold and are used by community groups on a regular basis.

### **Bill Irving – Wangford Quarry**

Mr and Mrs Irving attended the meeting to outline their objections to the proposed southern extension of Wangford Quarry. Mr Irving had prepared a paper for circulation to Councillors outlining his concerns regarding the affect this would have on the AONB, Mardle Road, which is a quiet lane and the precedent this would set for further extensions on the site.

The Chair thanked him for this information however the Council could not take any action until a planning application was received and he was thanked for attending the meeting.

### **District Councillor Beavan**

Mr Beavan gave updates on Council tax for the district which has been set below the maximum. He had pressed for any extra Council Tax payments for holiday homes, to be ring fenced for affordable housing in the areas most affected by local families being priced out of housing. This had been supported by the majority of Councillors.

He reminded Councillors that there were still grants available for the ease the squeeze campaign and urged the Council to apply if they had a project in mind.

He confirmed that Potters Bridge road was clear, however there was now going to be an ongoing problem keeping the water high enough up stream for the nesting birds.

The Harbour Management Committee is still in discussions but progress may be being made towards rocks on the south wall.

Planning – District Councillor Beavan is still trying to lobby for a referral process to a planning committee on request of a District Councillor or a Parish or Town Council rather than allow for controversial applications being delegated.

### **County Councillor Ladd**

County Councillor Ladd reported that the County Council budget would be set at £685 million, which was an increase of 1.99% on Council Tax and 2% on Social Care. He confirmed that part of the budget was further support for the Citizens Advice Bureau. He confirmed that the Fire and Rescue Service had been rated good and the report had been circulated.

The new Highways contract has been awarded to a new company and this will be £800 million over 20 years, hopefully this will improve Highway services.

### **2. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillors Gregson and Senior – Planning applications

### **3. Receipts and Apologies for Absence**

Councillor O’Hear

Councillor Cracknell

The apologies for absence were noted and accepted by the Council

### **4. Minutes** – To read or take as read the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023, it was proposed, seconded and agreed to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes

### **5. Statutory Business**

Clerk

It was noted that the Clerk had resigned from the post and she was thanked for her work and it was hoped that she would stay until a replacement Clerk was employed. Councillors Cyprien and Taylor are organising advertising the position.

### **6. Clerks Report**

There had been 3 crimes reported in December, 1x Violence and Sexual Behaviour, 1 x Other Crime and 1 x Public Order.

### **7. Cost of Living Crisis**

It was reported that progress is being made on the Community Fridge project with a meeting regarding funding being held with the Reydon Trust. The project was outlined again, a paper had been circulated to all Councillors giving them a progress report and what would happen next. Councillor Gregson and Senior requested that the Council supports this project with a £500 donation and this was unanimously agreed. Councillors expressed their thanks for all the work being done to make this project a reality.

### **8. Elections**

The Clerk reported that she had received the nomination papers for the election and they could be collected after the meeting. The notice of election was the 16<sup>th</sup> March with delivery of papers being from the 16<sup>th</sup> March, close of nominations was 4pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. Councillors were advised that papers must be delivered by hand and an appointment must be made at either Lowestoft or Woodbridge.

### **9. Reydon Robin**

Councillor Taylor reported that the copy deadline was 31<sup>st</sup> March, with printing on the 4<sup>th</sup> April and delivery on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. Councillors Friend and Vulliamy agreed to organise the delivery of this edition.

### **10. Reydon Community Awards**

Councillor Vulliamy reported that he still felt that this was a good idea and proposed a simplified version which would be the award of a certificate. He had a number of suggested recipients which he will circulate to all Councillors. There was some discussion regarding this but it was felt that this would be not compete with the excellence awards from the Southwold and Reydon Society as only Reydon residents would quality .

**11 Shed Recreation Ground**

The Clerk reported that Mrs Turner had given up renting this shed on the Recreation Ground as it not suitable for the goods she needed to store. It was agreed to leave the shed empty for the time being as it may be required when work it being carried out on the Recreation Ground.

**12. Green Spaces Working Group**

Following a recent meeting it had been decided to concentrate efforts on the Recreation Ground. Hopefully there will be meeting with the allotment holders in order to involve them in any new plans. It was felt that there is a need to provide facilities for older children and young adults plus more picnic benches etc. There were a lot of ideas coming forward but it needs to be accessible for all. Therefore, a consultation would be required and then an application for grant funding, so this is the initial stage.

**13 Highways Working Group**

A report is attached to the minutes; however, a very successful meeting had just taken place with the Highways Department from SCC and County Councillor Ladd. This had covered a lot of ground; County Councillor Ladd was thanked for his donation towards the Speed Indicator Device. There were still problems with the crossing at Wolsey Bridge and this concern was shared with Suffolk Wildlife. SCC were due to do some work on this road and it was hoped that they could liaise with SWT so that the verges could be cut back.

There was an APNR survey earlier in the year and the Parish Council should get some information regarding car speeds and numbers. The Police had also done a speed survey and this had resulted in an agreement that they would have a speed enforcement team on the road at intervals in the next year.

As far as traffic calming is concerned 2 projects were proposed, these were a pedestrian crossing and dragons' teeth at the entrance to the village. The dragons' teeth would be more affordable so it was decided to pursue this option first.

It was also reported that a residents parking project had been accepted by SCC and was now back with East Suffolk, this could affect parking Southwold and therefore Reydon residents.

**14 Website**

Councillor Gregson reported that progress had been difficult as both Cathy and Mike had new jobs and were really short of time to do any work on the website. Cathy cannot update or manage the Facebook or other social media sites. It was important that someone else is found to keep these pages up to date and manage responses.

**15. Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to invite Mike Gooch from Suffolk Wildlife Trust to speak at the APM. If he is unavailable the Clerk will ask the Footpaths Officer for SCC.

**16. Village Hall**

Councillor Vulliamy reported that Anita Freeman will be retiring and an official hand over will take place in the next few weeks. There are a number of people willing to be on the management committee however Trustees are also needed. It would be great if some professional people were involved i.e., trained lawyers or accountants.

It was hoped the launch could then take place of the Golden Jubilee Appeal which would allow the hall to be totally upgraded to make it fit for the future.

**17 King Charles Coronation**

Councillor Taylor reported that the Big Picnic would take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> May between 12.30 and 4. Planning is going well, with the music sorted, a take part archery session and a bird of prey stand. A local dance group will be there, as will the Library and the Uks of Southwold and Reydon. The Randolph Hotel has offered the loan of some gazebos and Councillor Friend will try and source bales of hay for seating. Councillor Taylor asked if the Council would consider buying a banner for the Parish Council to advertise the stall and this was agreed.

## 18 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

- i) DC/23/0518/FUL  
Demolition of existing garden building, construction of new timber garden annexe with associated parking spaces  
1 Elliot Ave  
It was agreed that this application would be returned to the Planning Group in order that it can be looked at again in view of new information received.
- ii) DC/23/0238/FUL  
Single-storey rear extension  
5 Covert Road  
Parish Council to ask the Local Planning Authority to engage with the applicant and explore how the extension could be reduced in scale and/or be moved further from the boundary with No 6 in order to limit impact on the neighbouring property.#
- iii) DC/23/0192/FUL  
Demolition of the existing bungalow dwelling house and replacement with 2no new 2 storey dwelling houses and garages.  
Beulah, 47 Wangford Road  
The Parish Council recommendation remains the same with the proviso that if the application is permitted then the new dwelling must have the principal residence , RNP4.  
Councillor Senior took not part in the above discussion.  
The following consultations were also received.  
Custom and Self Build Housing  
Rural Development.  
Coastal Communities.  
There followed a discussion about a proposed letter to St Felix School regarding the work at clearing the site and the hope that community engagement will take place in the management of the County Wildlife site.

### Decisions

- i) DC/22/0518/FUL Replacement of existing garage with side extension, roof conversion  
6 Loftus Ave Permitted
- ii) DC/22/4808/CLE Discharge of conditions – construction of two buildings, located within the curtilage of the dwelling house, usage for storage and home office.  
Rush Cottage, Rissemere Lane Permitted
- iii) DC/22/4440/FUL – Replacement of existing garage with side extension, roof conversion  
6 Loftus Ave Permitted.

## 19 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment

J Jordan Salary for February 2023	£424.60
Paye	£67.00
J Jordan Litter pickers and stamps	£34.52
Eon – electricity Jubilee Gn	£25.95
G Graham – Litter picking	£95.00
C Yeoman (December)	£255.00
C Yeoman (January)	£180.00

**Total £1082.07**

- b) Receipts January 2023  
Interest £29.70, Wayleave £52.47
- c) Bank Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 £600, Treasurers £66194.05
- 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) It was agreed to support the purchase of Emergency boxes for the Southwold and  
Reydon Emergency Group, £750 will be allocated for this.
- g) Art Centre  
A letter was received requesting a donation towards the cost of a solar panel system.  
Following some discussion, it was agreed to give an in-principal donation of £2000,  
£1000 in the current financial year and £1000 in the next.
- h) Budget 2023/2024  
The Clerk will finalise this bearing in mind the increased costs for a new Clerk and  
the donations that have been agreed.

**20 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023****None****21 Any other business duly specified**

- a) **Mights Bridge**  
There was considerable discussion about the voluntary work being carried out on  
Mights Bridge to improve its appearance, and how the Parish Council could help to  
facilitate this.  
It would appear that the most practical way forward would be to register the Group  
with the Suffolk County Council Self Help Scheme, this would allow them to get  
support and materials. The Clerk will contact both Patrick Huggins and Suffolk  
County Council

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm