

Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on 14th December 2023 at 7.30 pm.

1 Present and Opening

Present:

Chair, Cllr Pam Cyprien, Vice-Chair Cllr Fiona Taylor, Cllr David Panther, Cllr Philip O'Hear, Cllr Laurence Vulliamy, Cllr Kalvyn Friend, East Suffolk Cllr David Beavan.
Clerk – Ann Dobson.

Several members of the public.

The Chair, Cllr Cyprien, welcomed everyone to the meeting which began at 7.30 pm.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Dominic Knight, Cllr Dexter Kirk, Cllr Linda Coe, Cllr Maddy Senior, County Councillor Michael Ladd and Cllr Sarah Jerman.

3 Public Forum

There were several members of the public in attendance to support the Reydon resident who had sent in a report for discussion on Potters Bridge. She gave a very eloquent presentation that highlighted the concerns shared by many residents, namely the continuing uncertainty over the use of Potters Bridge and the B1127, the deteriorating condition of the B1126 Wangford Road which for most of the week had been the only route in to Southwold (due to the A1095 being closed) and the forthcoming Copperwheat development being based on there being three access roads.

The resident was thanked for her presentation and questions to the Councillors were taken who answered these saying that all the concerns raised were also concerns of theirs and every aspect of this inter-linked issue was being followed up. The Councillors said they had been assured that at least Quay Lane would be accessible during the recent closure of the A1095 but this hadn't happened and, in fact, cars had been stranded in Quay Lane. Cllr O'Hear said that the Parish Council had met with the Copperwheat developers and there was to be a Public Consultation on 17th January between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm and he suggested it would be beneficial for as many residents as possible to attend this. Cllr Panther said that a feasibility study on Potters Bridge was being planned during 2024 but this alone would cost in the region of £100,000. It was further explained that it was not just a case of keeping the outfall clear, there was also the rainwater to factor in. A resident suggested that the media should be involved and Cllr O'Hear said that Therese Coffey could be approached again along with Suffolk County Council formally and also nearby parish councils. It was strongly suggested that as many residents as possible followed this route either collectively or singly as this would help to support the Parish Council's efforts.

Cllr Cyprien said that she and two other Councillors were meeting with the Environment Agency on 22nd January to discuss Potters Bridge.

It was finally decided that a Public Meeting should be held after this, with the Press and other local councils invited, to discuss and further publicise the public concern over Potters Bridge and the roads in and out of Southwold.

Cllr Beavan then gave this report where he reiterated the complications of Potters Bridge and said he had suggested signage at Wrentham crossroads and at the other end of the road in Reydon to let the public know the current situation on the flooding. However, this would cost £25,000 and the County Council had said they could not fund this entirely and would only be able to make a small contribution. This would therefore rely mainly on contributions from local councils if it were to go ahead.

Cllr Beavan went on to give the rest of his report which covered the questions being put to local residents regarding Southwold High Street. It was being suggested that a one-way system should not be introduced

but instead there should possibly be a 20 mph speed limit, 3 or 4 pedestrian priority crossings in the High Street, more signage put up for car parks and restrictions on parking on the High Street. These questions were not a referendum but more asking for views – he said the views of Reydon residents would be welcome too - and the Town Council would make the final decisions.

Cllr Beavan also talked about the Southwold Harbour Management Committee and said that one million pounds was being invested in the caravan site development which would see an increase in rent but better facilities and improved plots. The Management Committee were keen to know what everyone wanted from the Harbour to decide on the best way forward as part of a 10-20 year plan and again the opinions of Reydon residents would be welcomed.

Finally, Cllr Beavan said that an important part of the forthcoming budget would be centred on the walking and cycling strategy for East Suffolk which would mean a very slight increase in council tax.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Taylor declared a possible conflict of interest in budget discussions as a Trustee of Southwold Arts Centre.

5 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting were proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to be authorised by the Chair and duly signed.

6 Matters Arising from the Minutes

All matters still outstanding were to be followed up under their respective headings later in the meeting.

7 Clerk's Report

Crimes – October 2023

Reydon- 9 (2 burglary, 4 violence and sexual offences, 1 drugs, 2 others). Southwold – 5 (3 burglary, 2 violence and sexual offences)

The Clerk reported that the four Parish Council Noticeboards were now repaired and in reasonably good order. She wanted to thank Mr Elmes for all his hard work on this.

8 Clerk Salary Review

The Clerk left the meeting for this discussion.

It was unanimously decided by the Councillors that the Clerk should be paid on Band 13 of the National Association of Local Councils Scale Ranges as from her December salary.

9 Resignation of Councillor and Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Cyprien reported that Cllr Maddy Senior had submitted her resignation as a Councillor with effect from the end of December 2023. This was due to other commitments and plans to travel during 2024. Cllr Senior was thanked for all her hard work on behalf of the Reydon residents over the years. This meant there were now two Councillor vacancies, one of which was already being advertised and the other would be advertised in January.

ACTION: Clerk to contact East Suffolk Council to update the records.

10 Highways Working Group (DP)

The Highways Working Group had met at the beginning of December and the notes from this were circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr Panther said that £1,000 had been pledged by the Parish Council towards the parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue. He also said that the report on the A1095 had been very well received and the general feeling was that the proposal would be quite likely to be approved.

Cllr Panther reiterated that with regard to Potters Bridge, a number of options were being looked at but it was important to ensure that the outflow from Easton Broad was kept clear and that clearing of the gullies on the bridge would not have a beneficial effect as they were below the water level. He said that the full survey next year, documented above would be a further step forward but it was unlikely that Suffolk County Council would be in a position to look at a replacement bridge. With regard to the signage suggested by Cllr Beavan, Cllr O'Hear said that he thought Suffolk County Council should pay for it and Cllr Panther agreed.

11 Finance Working Group (DxK)

The Clerk reported that she had returned the Precept Form to the Council.

As the Councillors who had been primarily involved in preparing the Budget for 24-25 were not present at the meeting it was decided to delay the final discussions on this and the remaining CIL allocations until the January meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add the Budget and CIL priorities to the next Agenda to be signed off then.

12 Green Spaces Working Group (FT)

The quote from Redcap for the Recreation Ground was discussed once more and it was unanimously agreed by all the Councillors present that this should go ahead as soon as possible and come out of CIL Reserves.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Redcap and action the work to go ahead.

13 COLC and Community Pantry Working Group (MS and LC)

Cllr Senior was not able to be present at the meeting but had prepared a report. She said that there had been great publicity from the Feed All Children project via Suffolk Radio and Look East TV News and that Cathy Ryan had subsequently set up a funding page for this specifically so that contributions could be easily ring-fenced from other SBCF monies. With regard to the Food Bank, she said that referrals were coming in and that Rev Martin was supporting a number of local individuals and families.

Cllr Coe was also unable to attend so the Clerk read out her report. Firstly, she said she would be happy to report on COLC and the Community Pantry going forwards as Cllr Senior had decided to stand down. She went on to say that the Pantry continued to support numerous clients and it was quite obvious there was a real need and that they were also helping with food support and signposting for those who needed more information and help. Continuing contributions from local shops meant that some surplus food could go to Southwold Foodbank to ensure as little waste as possible. Finally, Cllr Coe said that The Pantry was now connected to East Suffolk Food Network and continued to receive items from Waveney Hygiene Bank.

14 Reports from Councillors or from other Working Group Meetings (PC)

There were no reports from other Councillors.

15 Village Hall (LV)

Cllr Vulliamy reported that the Village Hall Management Committee were very pleased to receive grants from The Reydon Trust of £12,000 for the new heating system and £2,500 towards the Golden Anniversary Fund. He said that the Village Hall would be closed between 18th and 24th Jan 2024 for planned electrical work and to convert the bar into a self-contained meeting room and that they were keen to receive ideas on what to call this room.

16 Reydon Robin (LV and DomK)

Cllr Knight was not present. Cllr Vulliamy said that the recent edition had gone out successfully and he gave grateful thanks to Cllr Panther and Cllr Friend for co-ordinating, counting out, and delivering the copies to all the delivery volunteers which included some Councillors. The next edition would be sponsored by Durrants with copy deadline of 15th March and a publication date of 28th March 2024.

17 Website (DomK)

Cllr Knight was not present but had sent in a report that had been circulated to all Councillors ahead of the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that an 'official' launch on 8th January would be a good idea and Cllr Knight was to follow up on this.

Social media was discussed but it was decided to leave this for the time being and concentrate on making the website the best it can possibly be to start with.

ACTION: Cllr Knight to circulate the 'launch' date to the local media.

18 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a concerned resident about the speed of cars on the Wangford Road close to Pitches View. The resident wondered whether a community Speedwatch could be set up. It was discussed that the Parish Council were trying to get a Speedwatch group set up again and it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the resident and ask if he had any ideas on who might volunteer as a Co-ordinator for this.

ACTION: Clerk to make contact with local resident to report on the discussion.

19 Planning

The updated report and the original report from the Planning Group had already been circulated.

Planning Decisions:

Discharge of Condition No 13 of DC/22/0462/ARM – (Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/15/3288/OUT – Outline application to enable improvements to Saint Felix School to include residential development, public open space and associated infrastructure on the former playing field at Saint Felix School. Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to outline permission DC/15/3288/OUT for the development of 55 dwellings). Detailed specification for the Locally Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) and the Local Area for Play (LAP) – Land south of Halesworth Road, Reydon. Permitted

Electricity Company Consultation – Proposal on behalf of Eastern Power Networks (EPN) to improve and reinforce the existing local electricity network at Bridge Marshes, Reydon, Southwold to facilitate the installation of a new single pole and replace the existing ‘D’ poles on a like for like basis to support and maintain the existing overhead line – Bridge Marshes, Mights Road, Reydon.

No objections

DC/23/3921/CLP Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed) – Extension to the rear of 30 Kingfisher Crescent, not exceeding 50% of the curtilage. Not extending beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by more than 4 metres. Not exceeding 4 metres in height. Not wider than the original house, with an eaves height below 3m – 30 Kingfisher Crescent, Reydon IP18 6XL Permitted Development

New Application for Consultation:

DC/23/4219/FUL

To divide site into two and build a new two-bedroom bungalow. 14 Windsor Road, Reydon IP18 6PQ
Reydon Parish Council to recommend refusal due to inadequate off-street parking for the existing house.

DC/23/4490/FUL

Single storey side extension to kitchen, 3 Winston Road, Reydon IP18 6RA
Reydon Parish Council to recommend approval.

Green Lane Social Housing Proposal

The proposal was made to the Councillors to invite the representatives from Northland Reydon to the January Meeting of the Parish Council.

All the above points were approved unanimously by the Councillors.

ACTION: Cllr O’Hear to contact Northland Reydon and invite them to the January meeting.

20 Finance –

a) Invoices paid

Clerk Salary and Expenses November	£559.26
Clerk Back Pay - NALC increase – July to Oct 23	£168.00
E-On D/D November	£23.53

b) Invoices to be paid

The Hygiene Bank	£500.00
Gillian Graham – Litter Picking	£104.20
Natural Ranks – website domain	£24.00
Village Hall Hire 23.11.23	£25.00
Councillor Vulliamy Expenses (Tech Support)	£82.50
Stationery – notebooks x 5 and ring binders x 2	£10.85
E-ON – D/D on 22 nd Dec Lights Jubilee Green	£24.01
Southwold Press – Reydon Robin	£580.00
Clerk’s Salary and Expenses – end of December	

c) Receipts

There were no receipts.

d) Bank Balances as at 1st Dec 2023

Treasurers Account	£601.00
Business Bank Instant	£86,716.72

e) CIL Money

CIL Money - £30,323.23 - £2,248.25 to be used by Oct 24

f) Bank Reconciliation and Working Budget (already circulated)

All the above financial information was approved unanimously by the councillors.

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Any Other Business

LionLink and Sea Link Projects

Cllr Panther said that two ecologists had been working in the area and it was important to share with the ecologists as much information as possible about wintering birds including bitterns and curlews. Cllr Panther said he would send a draft document to Cllr O’Hear for forwarding on to an expert that he knew to gather more information.

Cllr O’Hear said that the Sea Link Consultation document had been sent in on time and had already been approved by SEAS.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next monthly Parish Council Meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.30 pm.

The Chair, Cllr Cyprien, closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.