

Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on 25th January at 7.30 pm.

1 Present and Opening

Present:

Chair, Cllr Pam Cyprien, Acting Vice-Chair Cllr David Panther, Cllr Philip O’Hear, Cllr Laurence Vulliamy, Cllr Kalvyn Friend, Cllr Dexter Kirk, Cllr Dominic Knight, Cllr Sarah Jerman, Cllr Linda Coe. East Suffolk Cllr David Beavan. Suffolk County Councillor Michael Ladd. 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 Fiona Taylor.

3 Public Forum

There was a presentation made by Mike North of Northland Chiltern, and Leslie Short of Artisan Planning and Property Services regarding the proposed development at Green Lane. The Councillors and members of the public were told that Flagship Homes were to be the developers and there would be 25 100% affordable social rent homes and that funding by Central Government was fully secured. It was suggested that a working group be formed for this project with two Councillors to work with Northland and Flagship. Various discussions took place on whether this further number of affordable housing was necessary with the plans already in place at Copperwheat and St Felix and whether there was the infrastructure in place to take this additional housing stock. The Councillors felt this was a matter for further discussion and Mr North and Mr Short were thanked for their presentation.

A local resident read out a report concerning the Traffic Assessments for the Copperwheat development. She stated that these were now over four years old and it was felt they should be repeated, especially with the flooding at Potters Bridge causing far more traffic to use the Wangford Road which was not holding out well. Cllr O’Hear pointed out that the Copperwheat development was going to happen and all the Parish Council could do was make sure that the surrounding infrastructure in respect of traffic, drainage, amenities etc were all taken into consideration and a solution found to deal with these issues. A petition had been set up by local residents and had gained well over 2,500 signatures both online and in paper form to keep Potters Bridge open, and the multi-agency meetings were working to this end too. Cllr Vulliamy proposed a vote of thanks to everyone involved in keeping the bridge open and the other Councillors unanimously agreed.

ES Councillor Beavan said that a flood resilience group had been formed and he fully understood that access to Reydon was really important to sort out now and the multi-agency groups would be meeting to this end. He said there were also currently consultations on the vision for Southwold Harbour – what the public wanted to see - and a plan for the estuary walls, and that ESC wanted to think ahead rather than just reacting to emergencies when they happened. He understood the anger and concern of local residents but everything had got to be done in the right way. Cllr O’Hear said that he would join the flood group.

SCC Councillor Ladd reiterated that SCC were taking the Potters Bridge situation very seriously and were putting in place a short to medium term plan. To this end a detailed inspection would be taking place this year.

Cllr Ladd went on to say that the Budget showed the worst financial situation he had ever known, although Suffolk was better off than some other Councils as it did have reserves to draw on. He said an increasing amount was going on adult social care and children and young people services. With regard to the winter season, Cllr Ladd reported that all A and B roads in Suffolk were being gritted whenever this was necessary.

Cllr O'Hear commented on the proposed arts funding cuts and said this was a short-sighted decision and would mean a significant cut to Southwold Arts Centre which was very disappointing. Cllr Ladd replied that the funds were guaranteed for 24/25 and any possible cuts wouldn't be until 25/26.

The Chair, Cllr Cyprien, thanked everyone for their reports.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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 – November 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 said that she was happy to maintain the Council's Facebook page and Cllr Vulliamy said that he would contact the previous administrator for the log in details.

The Clerk said that some of the reports from working groups (if these were documented) were not currently routinely added to the website and it was unanimously agreed by the Councillors that this would happen in the future.

8 Councillor Vacancies

Cllr Cyprien began by saying that Cllr Taylor had reluctantly tendered her resignation from the Council due to personal family issues and this was of great regret to all as Cllr Taylor had been of enormous benefit to the Council and the Community during her time as Councillor and Vice-Chair. This vacancy would be advertised in the usual way.

There were currently two vacancies for co-opted Councillors and all three candidates were present at the meeting. Cllr O'Hear asked if each of them could say a few words in support of their application to help the Councillors to decide. After this, all three candidates left the room and a vote took place. It was decided by a majority vote that Mell Birch and Kim Harvey should be appointed as Councillors and they were asked to take up their position at one of the Councillor tables.

ACTION: Clerk to register the two new Councillors on the East Suffolk Website, and to send them the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and details of the various working groups they could join.

9 Charging Point Contract

Councillor Vulliamy gave a report on this. He said that there was a proposal for Reydon Parish Council to take over the contract for the Electric Vehicle Chargers at the Village Hall. These were highly welcomed when they were set up via grants through SCC Plug in Suffolk scheme but they had been very poorly managed by Suffolk's nominated operator Anglia Car Charging and this had caused a lot of headaches across the county. However, Cllr Vulliamy said that Plug in Suffolk had now proposed that a new Contract would be issued in July 2024 and that until that time the costs of running the EV points at village sites would be waived. Reydon Village Hall's Management Committee voted at their last meeting to be included in a new inclusive contract

with Plug in Suffolk but only until the terms of the contract were revealed. It was therefore thought that this should be followed up again at a later meeting.

10 Potters Bridge

This had been discussed at some length earlier in the meeting during the Public Forum but Cllr Cyprien reported that she and other Councillors had met with a representative from the Environment Agency when Potters Bridge had been the main topic of conversation. The Notes from this meeting were on the Parish Council website. There had also been a meeting between Suffolk County Council and the Environment Agency and it had been agreed that the Environment Agency would keep the outflow clear to manage the water level of the marshes on behalf of Natural England. A more recent development was that the Landowner had applied for a permit to manage this themselves with smaller machinery as it was felt by the Landowner that the larger machinery currently being used by EA could potentially contribute to the erosion of the coast. If the landowner met the criteria it was felt that this permit would not be refused. It was felt by the Councillors that although a Public Meeting had been considered for February, organised by the Parish Council, this would not help at this stage as the multi-agency meetings were still taking place. It was thought to be a good idea to write to Therese Coffey, or to write to the Environment Agency and Highways at Suffolk County Council and copy in Therese Coffey to stress the importance of keeping the B1127 viable as a transport link and to support the intentions of the petition organised by local residents. All Councillors agreed with this.

ACTION: Cllr Panther to put together a letter and circulate to all parish councillors for approval.

11 Update from Wangford Quarry Community Liaison Group (DP)

Cllr Panther said that the application for the southern extension had been withdrawn and the quarry was being closed. The owners had asked for an extension to get it all cleared etc but it would be closed by the end of the current year. It was not known yet what would happen to the site but it was thought a wildlife option such as Suffolk Wildlife Trust maintaining it could be an option. It was of no use for agriculture.

12 Highways Working Group (DP)

Cllr Panther said that the Nightingale Avenue scheme was progressing. Quay Lane, however, was still a major problem and Cllr Ladd was asked about this. Cllr Ladd said it was certainly on the list to be sorted out but priority was still being given to homes that had been flooded over the last few months.

13 Finance Working Group (DxK)

Cllr Kirk gave a summary of the main budget points for 2024/25 and this was all agreed unanimously as a good starting document. The Clerk had brought the current budget figures up to date to the end of December and this showed a more positive picture than the previous quarter. The allocation of CIL money was still under discussion. It was agreed that the Council infrastructure costs need to be reviewed as does the Vision & Strategy Plan and Cllr Cyprien said she would be arranging a meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Cyprien to arrange a meeting of the Vision & Strategy Working Group.

14 Green Spaces Working Group (DP and PC)

It was reported that a letter had been received from Suffolk Police regarding a damaged gate at the allotment and also the condition of the fence etc. Work was now being carried out to bring the whole site up to standard. A letter had also been received from a local resident asking for a second baby swing to be reinstated at the Rec, and Cllr Friend said he would speak to Geoff Cooper to see if this could be arranged. Cllr Friend further reported that the dog bin had finally been installed in Elliott Avenue and the Clerk had notified the resident who requested the bin in the first place.

ACTION: Councillor Friend to try and action the baby swing being reinstated and the Clerk to notify ESC to get the new dog bin added to their list for emptying.

15 COLC Working Group (LC)

Southwold Food Bank – This now had 30 families registered as well as elderly and young single people to support with both food and hygiene products. At Christmas 10 local families were given Christmas dinner in a

bag with food also donated by Cleverllys and Mills Butchers. Cllr Coe said that it was felt that it would be good to continue this and possibly support up to 30 families with fresh ingredients for 2 meals in a bag. Reydon Parish Council was being asked for £500 to help support this along with Southwold Town Council and local trusts. It was agreed that Cllr Birch would ask at the school to see what the interest would be before deciding on a donation.

Feed all Children – It was reported that In conjunction with the SBCF, RPC and local volunteers, 141 KS2 and nursery children in Reydon, Southwold and Wenhasston were receiving free school meals and feedback was very positive with increased attendance and happier children. Funding was secured up to the end of the Spring term in 2024 and Reydon Parish Council were being asked to consider donating again during the next financial year – the suggested figure was £3,000.

Community Pantry. Cllr Coe said that The Pantry continued to work well within the new opening times, supporting a range of people from the elderly, through to young families with children and babies. A good relationship had been developed with the Foodbank, the Hygiene Bank and, more recently, Saxmundham Pantry. The staff there had connected The Pantry with Tesco, Waitrose and The Salvation Army.... All working together through these difficult times. This had a knock on effect with driving costs but everyone was conscious of this and tried to limit journeys where possible.

Finally, Cllr Coe said that the working group were grateful to the Reydon Robin for advertising the need for volunteers which had resulted in 3 additional drivers on the list and she asked all Councillors to continue to publicise the Pantry whenever possible.

ACTION: Councillors to consider the requested donations for the Food Bank and Feed all Children and Clerk to add to next Agenda.

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

There were no reports from other Councillors.

17 Village Hall (LV)

Cllr Vulliamy reported that the infra-red heaters were in and working but that there had been a problem finding the token meters to control when the heating came on and off. He said that, thanks to Cllr O’Hear good progress was being made in tracking down the original 1970s building plans which were needed to see how the roof was constructed. Cllr Vulliamy said that the Quiz held as a fundraiser on 13th Jan had raised £698.61 after expenses, and that the next event would be a Beetle Drive on 17th February at 7.00 pm. Finally he said that the new Management Committee were still three members short and he asked everyone to spread the word and tell anyone interested to get in touch.

18 Reydon Robin (LV and DomK)

There was nothing to report on the Reydon Robin this month.

19 Website (DomK)

Cllr Knight said that the website had been officially ‘launched’ on 8th January with good publicity beforehand and that he would be able to report on the traffic data at the next meeting.

20 Correspondence

Cllr Cyprien said that she had received a letter from National Grid regarding Geophysical Surveys that would be taking place under licence as part of the LionLink proposal. She had signed the accompanying Agreement and, as they needed some storage on site, had offered them the use of the locked shed on the Recreation Ground at a rent of £100 for every week used. The Ecologist had also visited the site and was accompanied by Bill Hancock.

21 Planning

The updated report and the original report from the Planning Group had already been circulated. All the comments on the report were unanimously accepted by the Councillors.

Cllr O'Hear asked if the Council would support the Green Lane proposal in principle but it was agreed that this would need further discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to Agenda for next meeting.

Planning Decisions:

Discharge of condition 4 of DC/23/0192/FUL – Demolition of the existing bungalow dwelling house and replacement with 2no. new 2 storey dwelling houses and garages (re-submission of DC/22/2018/FUL) – Proposed Fencing – Beulah, 47 Wangford Road, Reydon. Application Permitted

Discharge of condition 7 of DC/20/2191/FUL – Creation of two sports pitches – St Felix School, Halesworth Road, Reydon IP18 6SD Application Permitted

Discharge of condition 17 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 – Construction Environmental Management Plan – Saint Felix School, Halesworth Road, Reydon. Application Permitted

Discharge of condition 10 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 – Landscape and ecological management plan (LEMP) – Land South of Halesworth Road, Reydon. Application Permitted

Discharge of condition 2 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 improvement, 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 – details of the materials to be used in the external surfaces – Land South of Halesworth Road, Reydon. Application Permitted

TPO 9 T1 located behind 26 Kingfisher Crescent – Oak dead. Remove to ground level. T2 located behind 18 Kingfisher Crescent – Oak Remove large limb over footpath as general maintenance – Hemmant Ash, Keens Lane, Reydon. Application Permitted

Discharge of Condition 15 of DC/22/0462/ARM – (Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/15/32188/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) – Land South of Halesworth Road, Reydon. Application Permitted

Variation of Legal Agreement 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 – Please see appended document setting out the proposed changes and the justification – Saint Felix School, Reydon. Application Permitted

DC/23/4490/FUL – single storey side extension to kitchen – 3 Winston Road, Reydon, IP18 6RA Application Permitted

New Applications for Consultation:

DC/23/4736/FUL – 4 residential properties to be built to replace 3 cottages already lost to erosion and 1 house due to be lost in next 20 years. Replacement properties to be highly sustainable and demountable. No additional access required onto public highway. High quality design, low impact and sympathetic to AONB with landscaping to enhance the area and biodiversity. Properties will be closer to amenities than those they are replacing.

Larks Rising, Easton Lane, Reydon, IP18 6SS

DC/24/0087/FUL – Single storey rear extension to provide an open-plan sitting/dining/kitchen area, a utility room and a study.

16 Nicholas Drive, Reydon, IP18 6RE

DC/23/4219/FUL – To divide site into two and build a new two-bedroom bungalow.

14 Windsor Road, Reydon, IP18 6PQ

DC/24/0170/FUL – Formation of a new garden room and conversion of existing garage to a kitchen/dining room incorporating a small extension to the rear, together with reordering of existing roof structure.

22 Nicholas Drive, Reydon, IP18 6RE

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Finance –

a) Invoices paid

Clerk's Salary and Expenses – December	£615.12
Cooper & Denny – Noticeboard Repair	£75.84
Pantry Driving	£128.70
Reydon Village Hall Meeting December	£25.00
Wave – Water at Reydon Corner	£83.75
Wave – Water at Recreation Ground/Allotment	£374.47
E-On D/D Electricity at Jubilee Green Dec	£24.01
E-On D/D Electricity at Jubilee Green Jan	£28.35
Randolph Room Hire from Feb 23	£31.80
G Graham Litter Picking	£104.20

b) Invoices to be paid

Pantry Driving	£157.95
Stamps – A Dobson	£26.60
Clerk's Salary and Expenses – end of January	£615.12
Reydon Primary School Uniforms	£280.00

c) Receipts

£800 from ESC for Community Pantry

d) Bank Balances as at 31st Dec 2023

Treasurers Account	£601.00
Business Bank Instant	£84,817.90

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

Cllr Cyprien thanked Cllr Vulliamy for putting Reydon on the BBC Radio PM map with the recent broadcast.

Cllr Vulliamy said that the Reydon Stars were due to be presented soon, and that if there were any other potential recipients the Council felt worthy of consideration to please let the Clerk know. He also proposed that Rev Alan Perry be asked to present the awards with Cllr Cyprien, and this was unanimously agreed.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next monthly Parish Council Meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 7.30 pm.

The Chair, Cllr Cyprien, closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

