

Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on 20th June 2024 at 6.30 pm.

1 Present and Opening

Present:

Chair, Cllr Pam Cyprien, Vice-Chair Cllr David Panther, Cllr Kalvyn Friend, Cllr Dominic Knight, Cllr Sarah Jerman, Cllr Linda Coe, Cllr Mell Birch, Cllr Kim Harvey, Cllr Laurence Vulliamy, District Cllr David Beavan. Clerk – Ann Dobson. Three members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which began at 6.30 pm.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Dexter Kirk and County Cllr Michael Ladd and these were duly accepted.

3 Public Forum

A member of the public asked whether the Copperwheat Reserved Matters Applications would go back to the ES Planning Committee as there were a number of objections and Cllr Beavan said he would have thought so.

Cllr Beavan then gave his report. He said that Potters Bridge was okay at the moment but that this was, of course, only a temporary situation. He said that the Harbour Consultation was over and by July some proposals should be formulated with a proper plan in place by the Autumn. There was to be a Festival and Classic Boat Rally at Blackshore Quay on the weekend of 28th June and the Lowestoft First Light Festival was 22nd and 23rd June.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on 23rd May were 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 – April 24. Reydon – 3, Violence and Sexual Offences. Southwold – 24 – 7, Violence and Sexual Offences, 6, Burglary, 4, Drugs and 7 All Other.

The Clerk reported that the Exercise of Public Rights for Audit had formally started.

8 Councillor Vacancy (PC)

There had been an application for Co-Option as a Parish Councillor from Michael Medland and this had been previously circulated. Mr Medland was asked to leave the room whilst his application was considered. Cllr Panther said that it seemed Mr Medland would bring a lot of past experience to the Council and he proposed the Co-option of Mr Medland with Cllr Cyprien seconding it. All the remaining Councillors were in favour and Mr Medland was duly elected and invited to sit with the other Councillors at the Councillor tables.

9 **Council's Vision and Strategy (PC)**

Cllr Cyprien said that this was a formal working document and the latest version had been previously circulated to all the Councillors. Cllr Panther proposed this be adopted and this was unanimously agreed.

ACTION: The latest adopted version of this document to be added to the website.

10 **Planning Committee – To discuss frequency of meetings and appoint a Chair**

It was reported that the first Meeting of the new Planning Committee had taken place on Wednesday 19th June and the Minutes had been circulated. In future they would meet every month but more frequently whenever necessary. The next Meeting would take place on Wednesday 10th July 2024. Cllr Knight was asked to Chair the Committee and he agreed. All the Councillors were in favour of this.

11 **Highways Committee (DP)**

Cllr Panther said that the minutes of the Highways Committee had already been circulated. He went on to summarise the outstanding matters.

He said that Quay Lane was okay at the moment but would need to be monitored carefully. At Potters Bridge the grips had been dug but at this time of year it was difficult to judge the effectiveness and it was a 'wait and see' situation. The recent flood on the B1127 had been a burst main and not the bridge. Any low cost measures to ensure the 40 mph limit on part of the A1095 were not going to happen but Cllr Panther said that it would be worth reapplying for this limit in a couple of years' time as most of the criteria had been met.

He went on to say that the Nightingale Avenue project was going ahead and that the Highways Committee were progressing an application for two more SID poles on the Wangford Road. He said we didn't meet all the criteria but most didn't seem to so it was hoped they would be allowed.

With regard to the access to the Copperwheat development, Suffolk County Council had also objected to the proposed traffic management plan. It was thought that the developers needed to re-think the application.

The PC had been asked whether it was possible to have a 'children playing' sign at Mount Pleasant. At the Highways meeting it was suggested that Cllr Panther and Cllr Birch visit the area to determine the best location for a sign and the PC could then apply to SCC Highways for permission and costings.

The Payback team had done a really good job at cutting back along the Lowestoft Road and the Clerk was asked to thank them for this.

ACTION: Clerk to thank the Co-ordinator of the Payback team.

With regard to Wangford Quarry, Cllr Panther said that extraction had now stopped, and everything was on track for the gates to be locked by December. Restoration of the worked area was progressing well, with heather and other plants establishing effectively in the conducive weather conditions. It had been hoped that the quarry could be gifted to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust for a nominal fee. Because the southern extension had not been permitted by the planning authority that portion of land remains in ownership of the landowner and not Breedon (the quarry operator), that area could not be offered to SWT. The area that had been quarried may still be offered to SWT. At present Suffolk Wildlife Trust were investing heavily in the Worlingham Nature Reserve. This was a much larger area adjoining the existing Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve. The Trust are raising around £750,000 for that project and may not be able to take on the extinct quarry at this time. Cllr Panther finished by saying the next meeting of the Wangford Quarry Liaison Group would probably be the last and that was planned for November. By then it was hoped that the future for the site may be clearer.

12 **Finance Working Group (DomK and Dexter K)**

There was nothing to report this month and the quarter end figures would be reported on in the July Meeting.

13 **Green Spaces Working Group (PC)**

The Clerk reported that what was going to be the Community Allotment which had not gone ahead due to lack of interest, had now been divided up between the two couples who had already been working on it. They were both very happy to take this on with the normal lease and conditions that applies to all the

plot holders but as they had put in so much hard work already, it was agreed that this should be free to them for a period of one year.

Several Councillors had met with a representative of Playdale Playgrounds Ltd at the Recreation Ground to discuss possibilities for the new play equipment there. It had been a very useful meeting and, subject to two other quotes, it was thought that the Playdale suggestions would probably be the best to adopt. However, it was discussed that everyone had to decide exactly what equipment was needed and then see the best way to fund this. Some could come from CIL but fundraising would also be necessary and Cllr Jerman said that it would be best to fundraise for it all at once, rather than bit by bit, which was generally agreed amongst the Councillors. It was decided to explore all funding possibilities, ie, whether it was possible to get an advance on expected CIL money, whether Sizewell could be asked etc. To formalise plans it was agreed to hold the next Green Spaces Meeting very soon and then to invite the Playdale representative to the next Parish Council Meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the representative at Playdale and ask him to attend the Council Meeting in July.

Emails had been received about the Winston Road and Barn Close Play areas and the Clerk had been liaising with Asset Management and Housing at ESC regarding the grass and weeds etc. Also, Barn Close was on ESCs list for refurbishment in the next two years. The Mount Pleasant playground was also being looked at.

Wicksteed had contacted the Council regarding the annual inspection of the play equipment at the Recreation Ground and all Councillors were in favour of getting this booked in for August 2024.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Wicksteed.

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WW1 Pillbox (LV)

Cllr Vulliamy said that, disappointingly there was nothing to report. He said he had spoken with our solicitor a couple of times since the last meeting and that he had also tried to contact the owner's solicitor but had no response. They had been in receipt of the amended Land Registry plan for 10 weeks now.

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Copperwheat Development (PC)

It was reported by the Clerk that Orbit had asked to attend the Council's September Meeting to give an update.

There was to be a meeting regarding the Copperwheat Development next Wednesday between 7 pm and 9 pm, organised by local residents.

Cllr Friend said that he thought the Council should press Orbit to contact the landowner of the field opposite St Felix to see if they could lease it during the development so that a temporary road could be built. A discussion took place as to whether it should be Orbit or the Council who asked the landowner and it was decided to wait and see what happened at the meeting next week and with the Reserved Matters applications.

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Cost of Living and Community Pantry (LC)

Cllr Linda Coe presented her report as follows:

"There have been changes in the actual Pantry this month, following on from a meeting with Laurence in his role as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee and Ray Rogers, the Treasurer. It was agreed that the old curtains could be replaced with new blinds, which Ray sourced and fitted in two days. The change they have made is amazing, making the Pantry much lighter and brighter. We also discussed the possibility of the windows being changed so that they have openings, which will counteract the heat which builds up in the summer months. These are being priced at the moment.

Following the offer from Sole Bay Care Fund to pay for our new freezer, Patrick Huggins approached a contact he has and we now have a new commercial style freezer in the Pantry, which was given to us free of charge. Huge thanks go to Patrick and to Foster Refrigeration for their donation.

The additional freezer has made a considerable difference to the way in which we can store items received during the week, and the amount we can store too. We are waiting to see what difference it makes to our monthly electricity usage.

We have had some new volunteers join Sarahs drivers, collecting on a daily basis and one new member of the team working in the Pantry itself. Thanks to Kim who has now taken over the job of working out the monthly rotas.

On 14th June, I was interviewed on Suffolk Sounds Radio where I was asked about the Pantry amongst other things and, hopefully, gave a good report of what we have achieved."

17 Village Hall (LV)

Cllr Vulliamy gave his report as follows:

"At the last Management Meeting we welcomed Mell Birch on to the Committee. We are still 5 members short so if anyone knows someone who would like to join the Committee, they would be most welcome. Due to increased operating costs, we are shutting down one of the two Electric Vehicle Charging towers, leaving just the front one operational. There are two connectors there.

Sadly, we have had to cancel a Wine Tasting Event this coming weekend, due to poor ticket sales. Our next fundraising event is a Ceilidh and BBQ on Saturday 13th July. Please do come along. The last Ceilidh was very successful and was sold out. Tickets can be booked through Charlotte Clark at the Library. Finally, we have switched banks to The Co-operative Bank, as Barclays were dysfunctional and obstructive."

18 Reydon Robin (DomK)

Cllr Knight reported that the summer edition of the Reydon Robin was now published and being distributed and he thanked everyone involved.

Cllr Friend said there was still more help needed with the distribution from Councillors and Cllr Birch said that she would help. Cllr Jerman said she had spoken with the Scouts and they would also be willing to help but not until the December or January issue.

19 Website (DomK)

Cllr Knight reported that the website had suffered a problem whereby it had stopped registering for a few days but this was now sorted.

The Accessibility Statement for the website had been previously circulated and was unanimously agreed to be adopted.

20 Correspondence

There was an email from the local Citizens Advice Bureau asking for a donation and it was agreed by all the Councillors to give a donation of £200. Further it was requested that the CAB keep RPC informed of how many Reydon people were using the Southwold outreach branch.

ACTION: Clerk to ask the contact at CAB to send in an invoice so the donation could be made.

21 Brass on the Grass – 8th July 2024

Cllr Cyprien said that so far there had not been enough interest from other Councillors for this to go ahead but at the meeting several more Councillors agreed to help so it was agreed to meet at 10.00 am for set up with a 12.30 pm start. What the stall would consist of was also discussed. Cllr Cyprien said it would be good to know the position of the RPC stand.

ACTION: Clerk to ask the organisers where the stand would be situated.

22 Planning (KF, LC DomK)

A report from the Planning Group on the first two Copperwheat applications had already been circulated and subsequently submitted on the Planning Portal. The minutes from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 19th June had also been circulated with recommended decisions on the new applications.

Planning Decisions:

DC/24/1388/DRC – Discharge of condition 7 of DC/21/3397/FUL – The proposed development of a single new build dwelling house – EV and Cycle Storage Details – Beulah, 47 Wangford Road, Reydon IP18 6PZ
Application Permitted.

DC/24/1316/DRC – Discharge of condition No 5 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) – Secure cycle storage details and electric vehicle infrastructure submitted – Beulah, 47 Wangford Road, Reydon. Application Permitted.

DC/23/2454/FUL – Retrospective Application – Single storey side and rear flat roofed extension. Rear first floor pitched roof extension – Doreens Cottage, 3 Bridge Road, Reydon IP18 6RR. Application Refused.

DC/24/1920/PDN – Permitted Development Notification under Class R – The building will be used for Class E uses including: Store, Laundry and Reception – Eastopn Farm, Easton Lane, Reydon IP18 6SS Case Closed.

New Applications during last month:

DC/24/1610/ARM

Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/19/1141/OUT (Outline Application – Development of up to 220 dwellings with associated open space) – Application for the approval of reserved matters for siting, design, external appearance and landscaping for 220 dwellings and associated open space pursuant to conditions 1 and 2 of outline planning permission DC/19/1141/OUT. Land to the West of Copperwheat Avenue, Reydon.

The view of the Planning Committee was that the Council should recommend refusal the same as the two previous applications – DC/24/1598 and DC/24/1686 - as the issues raised had not yet been resolved, especially regarding the construction traffic management plan.

DC/24/1908/FUL

Construction of new single storey dwelling and four new parking spaces on land adjacent to No 32 Jermyn's Road, Reydon IP18 6QB

In November last year, the Council recommended refusal of the previous version of this application (DC/23/4317/FUL) on the grounds of "overdevelopment of a small site, loss of garden habitat and difficult vehicle access and cramped parking spaces." ESC refused this application on mainly the same grounds when it made its final decision in March. All that seems to have been done since to address these points in this new application is for the new dwelling to go from being two storey to single storey. Having inspected the site, we feel that nothing has really been done to address the Council's concerns last November, and therefore the same objections remain.

Consequently, the view of the Planning Committee is that the Parish Council recommend refusal of this application on the same grounds as before, namely overdevelopment of a small site, loss of garden habitat and difficult vehicle access and cramped parking spaces.

Both these responses were agreed by all the Councillors.

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Finance

a) Invoices agreed at the meeting to be paid:

Gillian Graham Litter Picking May	£114.40
Wills Bridge Road 23 rd May	£35.00
SALC Internal Audit	£328.80
Dorcas Rogers – Blinds for Pantry	£50.00
Debit Card (Stamps)	£26.90
Hire of Hall 23.5.24	£30.00
Elec for Pantry May	£104.57
Wills Bridge Rd 3 rd Reydon Cnr 1 st June	£150.00
SALC Planning Webinar Sessions 1-4	£168.00
EON – D/D Jubilee Green	£20.20
Back Pay Electricity for Community Pantry	£700.00
Pantry Driving – Gail Fisher	£59.40
Pantry Driving – Sarah Jerman	£29.70
Wave Water Bill for Reydon Corner	£195.75
Westotec SID Batteries	£311.40

Wills Bridge Road/Reydon Cnr 17 th June	£150.00
Flowers for D-Day (K Harvey)	£20.00
Pantry Supplies (K Harvey)	£27.40
The Blyth Planning Meeting (K Friend)	£7.50
K Seaman Jubilee Green/Rec Cutting June	£260.00
A Dobson Gross inc Sal & Exp & PAYE June	£826.37

From CIL Money:

RVH Invoice for Annual Grant	£5,000
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b) Bank Balances and Reconciliation as at 31st May 2024

Business Account as at 30 April 2024	£106,169.73
Treasurers Account as at 30 th April 2024	£601.00
TOTAL	£106,770.73
Business Account as at 31 st May 2024	£103,928.93
Treasurers Account as at 31 st May 2024	£626.90
TOTAL	£104,555.83
Receipts May 2024	£349.99
Expenditure May 2024	£2,564.89
TOTAL APRIL PLUS MAY RECEIPTS	
MINUS APRIL PAYMENTS	£104,555.83

c) CIL Money

CIL Balance as at end of May 2024	£30,178.28
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d) Working Budget (circulated prior to meeting)

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Any Other Business

Southwold Harbour Revision Plan Nominee – Cllr Vulliamy agreed to represent Reydon Parish Council and all the Councillors were in favour.

SEAS Meeting 12th July Nominee – Cllr Kim Harvey said she would attend this.

Reydon Playing Fields CIL Donation Request – It was reported that the Playing Fields Charity had applied directly to East Suffolk Council for £176,825 out of CIL money for changing rooms at the Pavilion, but this was turned down as any application needed to go through Reydon Parish Council. It was discussed amongst the Councillors that they would expect a formal approach to be made directly to the Parish Council from the Playing Fields Charity before this would be considered. It was also reported that RPC had given £5,000 for the changing rooms some time ago. Cllr Vulliamy said that he was meeting with Nick Humphrey the Chairman of the Charity the next day and he would say that if they sent in a request with a business plan and said what their other fundraising would be, this could then be considered. All the Councillors agreed with this as a first step.

Possible Meeting in August – Historically the Parish Council had not met in August but Cllr Friend said that he thought this led to a big backlog in September and surely it would be better to meet in August and keep things up to date, especially as there was currently so much going on. This was discussed amongst the Councillors and it was agreed to meet on Thursday 15th August at the usual time.

Parking Winston Road Play Area

It was reported that there had been some issues with people parking in this location, which is a dead end, and residents nearby not being happy about it. It was decided to add this to the next Highways Agenda to discuss.

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Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be on Thursday 18th July at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 8.05 pm.

