

Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on 18th July 2024 at 6.30 pm.

1 Present and Opening

Present:

Chair, Cllr Pam Cyprien, Vice-Chair Cllr David Panther, Cllr Dominic Knight, Cllr Sarah Jerman, Cllr Linda Coe, Cllr Mell Birch, Cllr Laurence Vulliamy, Cllr Mike Medland, District Cllr David Beavan, Suffolk County Councillor Michael Ladd.

Clerk – Ann Dobson.

There were no members of the public present.

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, Cllr Kim Harvey and Cllr Kalvyn Friend, and these were duly accepted.

3 Public Forum

East Suffolk Councillor David Beavan gave his report and mentioned that with regard to Potters Bridge and the surrounding area it was important to protect the upper reed beds. He also said that as far as he knew the structural inspection was still planned to go ahead this year. He touched on Copperwheat but there was nothing new to add and he also said that there had been a Harbour meeting and that the Vision for the harbour was now beginning.

Suffolk County Councillor Michael Ladd gave his report. He started by saying it was 'all change' in politics following the election and the same in Suffolk County Council with the formation of the Suffolk Business Board, set up to integrate the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) functions into Suffolk County Council. The Chair of this new Board was Mark Pendlington and the Deputy Chair was Matthew Hicks.

Cllr Ladd went on to say that the Council Cabinet were meeting next week to approve spending 9.1 million pounds on SEND services.

He said he would be attending the Scrutiny Meeting, also next week, which was focussing on the state of Suffolk's roads and he would then be able to report back on this.

Finally Cllr Ladd said that the Nautilus Interconnector linking Belgium with the UK was back in the news again which would also mean a substation in Friston. Following opposition, it had been hoped to move this to Kent but the energy regulator did not approve of this.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Vulliamy declared an interest in the Request for payment for curtains and blinds for Reydon Village Hall.

5 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on 20th June 24 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.

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Clerk's Report

Crimes – There were no updates on the Crime Map, so still the same as for April 24.

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit papers were displayed and the External Audit was currently being processed.

For best practice and as a result of the Internal Audit, two signatories had now been implemented for payment of invoices, and these invoices were brought to every meeting by the Clerk for Councillor inspection.

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Clerk Appraisal (PC)

As an extra item to the Agenda Cllr Cyprien said that the Clerk's first annual appraisal had taken place and beforehand the anonymous views of the councillors had been sought. These were all positive and a Vote of Thanks to the Clerk was proposed by Cllr Cyprien, seconded by Cllr Panther and agreed unanimously by all the Councillors. It was also unanimously agreed that the Clerk's salary should increase by one point on the scale.

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Highways Committee (DP)

Cllr Panther began by saying there had been a Highways Committee Meeting that week when various topics were discussed (the Minutes would be circulated separately when available).

With regard to Quay Lane and the recent flooding he said that this was all being cleared out but it was important to know whether this was caused by silt or the system itself so that the correct action could be taken. A report would be prepared on this following the full inspection.

With regard to Potters Bridge, he confirmed he had been promised the structural inspection would still be taking place this year.

Both the new SID locations on the Wangford Road were considered unsuitable by SCC, but Cllr Panther said he was going to challenge this, as well as take another walk to check if there were further possibilities.

Cllr Panther said that the Dental Surgery were concerned that the extra parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue would make it difficult for their patients but there would only be two less spaces and there were no other viable solutions.

Finally, Cllr Panther said that the issue of street lights had been raised, some had been renewed and others hadn't. Some belonged to East Suffolk and some to Suffolk County, so the first step was to sort out who owned what. This was starting with the Halesworth Road where it had been reported that some of the lights were currently taped up.

ACTION: Clerk to ask for a list of all SCC owned lights and then by a process of elimination a complete list could be produced. This would be discussed again at the next RPC Highways Committee Meeting.

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Finance Working Group (DomK and Dexter K)

There had been three requests for donations during the month. The Clerk said that the Feed all Children campaign for the next school year was underway and £5,000 had been requested towards this. There was also a request from Reydon Village Hall to pay for curtains and blinds totalling £5,033.75 and finally New Leaf had asked for a donation towards their work.

The Councillors agreed on the budgeted amount of £3,000 to be donated for Feed all Children with a further £2,000 to be discussed next month, to defer the decision on the curtains and blinds until next month, and to say that regrettably there was no money available at present for New Leaf.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the relevant people and inform them of the Council's decision.

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Green Spaces Working Group (PC)

A long discussion took place once more on what equipment would best serve children of all ages at the Rec. Three quotes were currently being obtained for the new equipment but one of these, Playdale, had their representative coming to talk to the Council in August with their vision on how it could all work, costings etc. Their representative had already met Councillors at the Rec, but since then the equipment choices had changed so a new quote was being prepared by Playdale, for discussion. Cllr Birch and Cllr

Jerman said they would sound out the local community during the summer to see what they thought about the choices on offer. Whatever was chosen, funding would need to be obtained and the Clerk was asked by the Chair to take a lead on this. Cllr Jerman said she would send a list to the Clerk of funding opportunities that she had researched. Cllr Vulliamy questioned whether the equipment would be better at Jubilee Green than the Rec, but this was not thought by the other Councillors to be the case.

ACTION: Cllr Jerman to let the Clerk have her funding list.

Cllr Birch said that it had been mentioned previously that a skip could be placed on the allotments for a short time so that allotment holders could clear out any rubbish etc to make their plots tidier. The Councillors all agreed that this was a good idea and Cllr Birch said she would sound out the other allotment holders and come up with a date in September or October when this could be delivered and collected.

ACTION: Cllr Birch to let the Clerk know a date to book this for.

12 **Copperwheat Development (PC)**

Cllr Coe said she had sent pictures of the recent flooding in Quay Lane to Joe Blackmore at East Suffolk Council and it was agreed that there would need to be significant work carried out by the developers if this route were to be used.

Cllr Vulliamy asked that the Council keep the pressure on for a shop and fuelling station on Copperwheat. He said this would be a valuable social hub as the two shops currently in Reydon have proved to be. He said social isolation could be a problem on a new estate with many people moving to the area for the first time.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Joe Blackmore in the first instance to get the Council's Planning Department view on whether this would be looked on favourably.

13 **Cost of Living and Community Pantry (LC)**

Cllr Linda Coe had circulated her report as follows:

COLC Report July 2024

"We have continued our regular Friday opening and see approximately 50 – 60 people through the door. There are many clients who come every Friday but we are still seeing new clients who are making their first visit to The Pantry. We have also had some new volunteers to help expand Sarah's pool of drivers and two new volunteers working in the Pantry itself.

Allotment holders are beginning to bring in their surplus produce and it is good to see how the freshness of these vegetables is appreciated by our clients.

I have applied to the Rope Trust for a grant to help towards paying the outstanding electricity invoice and have also had verbal agreement from the Sole Bay Care Fund to give us a donation. I await the information as to how much they have been kind enough to allocate to the Pantry.

Sarah continues to do a sterling job sorting her rota of drivers and Kim is now in charge of rotas of volunteers running the Pantry on Fridays. I thank them both."

Cllr Coe then added that the £700 Rope Trust and a further £500 from the Sole Bay Care Fund had now been confirmed. Cllr Jerman commented that the amount of electricity being used was very high and the Councillors felt this was due to poor insulation and lack of ventilation given the location of The Pantry.

14 **Village Hall (LV)**

Cllr Vulliamy gave his report as follows:

"As reported at the last meeting we have shut down the rear EV charging tower due to the withdrawal of funding by Suffolk County Council. Sadly this change is affecting many Village Halls and Community Buildings all over Suffolk.

I am very pleased to report that the Village Hall hosted a very successful fundraising event last Saturday 13 th July. At the Ceilidh and BBQ we took approx. £500 after expenses. Many of the Management Committee took part, to great effect, and there was a full house of guests. It was a success too in showing that Reydon Village Hall is able to put on a very big music event, with no vindictive

complaints from neighbours, and the ability to pull together extra volunteers to help.

Thanks must go to Dorcas and Ray Rogers for organising the event, buying the provisions, borrowing the BBQs and the gazebo from friends, and mobilising the additional volunteers. Particular thanks to Mills Butchers for providing the meat products at a discounted price, and the superb Once Bittern Ceilidh Band - their second appearance at R V H, who gave us a special price for the evening.

The management committee is also making good progress meeting different firms of Structural Surveyors to provide quotes for their advice about the integrity of the roof for the next 30 years, and their calculations to see whether this existing roof can support solar panels.

We are also meeting local decorators to get different quotations to re-decorate and re-fresh the main Hall here.

The Village Hall management committee is still 5 members short, if anyone would like to join us, to help with the ongoing projects to re-vitalise and re-equip the Hall, in time for its Golden Anniversary in 2027."

15 Reydon Robin (DomK)

Cllr Knight said that work was starting on the next Robin and that Cllr Vulliamy had said he would help on this one. Sponsorship for this edition was also being sought.

16 Website (DomK)

There was nothing new to discuss.

17 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

18 Planning (DomK)

Planning Report and Minutes (already circulated) by the Planning Committee

Planning Decisions:

DC/24/1328/FUL: Front extensions and alterations – 35 Halesworth Road, Reydon IP18 6NR.

Application Permitted.

DC/24/2280/CON: Temporary Holiday Site No: THS1088/2025 at Reydon Playing Fields, Wangford Road, Reydon IP18 6PA.

Objections.

DC/24/1607/DRC: Discharge of Condition Nos. 21, 22 and 27 of DC/19/1141/OUT – Outline Application – Development of up to 220 dwellings with associated open space – Site Investigation – Remediation Method Statement – Mineral Safeguarding Assessment and Minerals Management Plan – Land to the west of Copperwheat Drive, Reydon.

Application Permitted.

DC/24/1286/FUL: Retrospective application – change in roof coverings, a small increase in the agricultural buildings footprint and change of use of part of agricultural building – Woodlands, Rissemere Lane East, Reydon IP18 6SP.

Application Permitted.

New Applications during last month:

DC/24/2390/FUL: Single-storey rear extension. Demolish garage and build new two-storey side extension. New front and rear dormers. 10 Evans Close, Reydon IP18 6PU.

The Planning Committee recommended the Council recommended refusal of the application on the grounds of overdevelopment of a small site, being out of character with the rest of the neighbourhood, potential loss of amenity, namely neighbours' privacy and possible loss of light, and failing to meet Policy RNP10(a) of the Reydon Neighbourhood Plan: "The location, scale and design standard of all new development should retain or enhance the character and setting of the village."

This was agreed by all the Councillors, with the proviso that 'possible loss of light' was removed from the recommendation.

19 Finance

a) Invoices already paid

HMRC (Apr/May PAYE – A Dobson)	£149.37
E-on D/D Electricity Jubilee Green	£19.20

b) Invoices to be paid

Gillian Graham Litter Picking June	£114.40
Hire of Hall 20.6.24	£20.00
Elec for Pantry June	£127.29
Pantry Driving – June	
Wills Reydon Corner 1 st and 18 th July	£240.00
Ann Dobson Stationery	£12.49
Ann Dobson – Blyth Hotel Meeting	£5.00
Southwold Press Reydon Robin June	£580.00
Cooper & Denny Asbestos at Allotments	£273.11
Linda Coe Lanyards for Pantry	£11.98
Planning Committee Blyth Hotel 10 July	£5.00
K Seaman Various Jubilee and Rec	£290.00
Ann Dobson Clerk July Salary	£743.80

c) Bank Balances and Reconciliation as at 30th June 2024

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
Business Account as at 30 th June 2024	£96,534.32
Treasurers Account as at 30 th June 2024	£601.00
TOTAL	£97,135.32
Receipts June 2024	£1,269.45
Expenditure June 2024	£8,689.96
TOTAL MAY PLUS JUNE RECEIPTS	
MINUS JUNE PAYMENTS	£97,135.32

d) CIL Money

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

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Any Other Business**Reydon Leisure Map**

Cllr Cyprien said that the Councillors had received a draft copy of this but were finding it difficult to read. It was also apparent it would need quite a lot of updating. The Clerk was asked to go back to Philip O’Hear to see if a more readable copy could be sent. This would then be re-visited in September.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Philip O’Hear.

Sole Bay Bowls Club Site – Proposed Name

A letter had been received suggesting Swan Green for the new houses on this development. It was felt by the Councillors that a ‘green’ suggested an open space, and that ‘Close’ or ‘Place’ would be more appropriate.

ACTION: Clerk to go back to East Suffolk with these alternative suggestions.

Safety of Lithium Iron Batteries Support Campaign

The Parish Council had been asked to support this campaign and all the Councillors agreed with this. It was suggested that any publicity could be shown on the website and social media.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to the Campaign Organiser.

Propose Meeting with Anglian Water (PC)

Cllr Cyprien said that historically the Parish Council had periodic meetings with Anglian Water on Zoom and she felt it was time for another one to discuss the work in Reydon generally, and to speak with them on preparation for Copperwheat. All the Councillors thought this was a good idea and Cllr Cyprien said she would speak to the Clerk about this.

ACTION: Cllr Cyprien to speak with the Clerk about the best way to go about this.

Feedback from SALC AGM (PC)

Cllr Cyprien said a couple of important points had come out of this meeting. Firstly, SALC were going to be offering a service to manage CIL money on behalf of Councils. Secondly, they were suggesting a Government domain email address being set up for Councillors to keep their Council account separate to their private one. There was a fee for this though and many of the Councillors said they already had a separate account so no action was thought to be necessary at the current time.

On the subject of communication, Cllr Jerman said she would set up a WhatsApp Group for all the Councillors just for messaging backwards and forwards.

ACTION: Cllr Jerman to get this set up.

WW1 Pillbox – (LV)

Cllr Vulliamy reported that The Land Registry plan had finally been approved by the other party – after an inordinate delay, with no explanation given. The Parish Council's solicitor, Peter Britten was now in the process of drafting the transfer document. He was also asking how Reydon Parish Council executed Deeds, and the Clerk was taking advice from ESC and SALC on that.

Cllr Vulliamy went on to ask whether there were several Parish Councillors who were prepared to join the working group as there would be some interesting things to get to grips with, once Reydon Parish Council's ownership had been confirmed. It was said that Cllr Harvey had already volunteered and other Councillors were asked to let Cllr Vulliamy or Cllr Cyprien know if they were interested.

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Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be on Thursday 15th August at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 8.15 pm.

Handwritten signature: Cyprien