

RATTLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the full Council held on 28 June 2016 at 7.30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall

Present: Cllr Kerry Burn (Chairman), Cllr Peter Brooke,
Cllr Bridget Goodchild, Cllr Dan Jewers, Cllr Russell Morley and
Cllr Julie Rayner.

In Attendance: County and District Cllr Penny Otton;
Seven members of the public; and
Parish Clerk: Doug Reed.

2016/028 Apologies for Absence

None.

2016/029 Declarations of Interest

None.

2016/030 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Rayner, seconded by Cllr Burn, that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 24 May, be signed as a true record. The proposal was carried.

2016/031 The meeting was adjourned for reports from external bodies and for public comment and questions:

031.1 District and County Councillor: Cllr Otton presented a detailed report, which had been circulated previously, and answered questions from both councillors and members of the public.

031.2 Public Discussion: Progress with raising money to fund a defibrillator in the village was noted. The Chairman confirmed that this would be on the agenda for the next meeting such that the Parish Council might consider contributing towards any shortfall in the sum needed for the acquisition. Further to a query raised about progress with street signs to denote Church Path, an apology was offered for the delay with this work. It was confirmed that this would also be on the agenda for the next meeting to enable the matter to be brought to a conclusion. Concerns about grass-cutting at the playing field were reported but residents informed that this was an issue for the Community Council and not the Parish Council.

Meeting resumed:

2016/032 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was noted. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2016/033 Planning

033.1 Applications:

2194/16 concerned land on the west side of Rising Sun Hill - erection of two detached dwellings with garages; extension to graveyard and provision of nature garden for the Primary School. Further to councillors undertaking

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a site visit and the fact that the applicants had responded positively to comments made, the Council resolved to support the application.

033.2 Applications - Responses: Given a deadline in advance of the meeting, councillors had necessarily considered application 2280/16 concerning Fen Farm, High Town Green. The Council had no objections.

033.3 Decisions: It was noted that applications 0475/16 and 0541/16 both concerning 12 Birds Green, 1069/16 concerning 18 Windyridge Road, 0879/16 concerning Rose Cottage, Poy Street Green, 1139/19 concerning 1 Top Road and 1094/16 concerning Green Pightle, High Town Green had been granted.

033.4 Cemetery: The Clerk reported positive progress with the project in that the Council had completed the legal documents required to effect the transfer of land to enable the extension to the Cemetery to go ahead. It was very much hoped that the landowner would be able to do the same. Upon formal completion the Council would submit a 'change of use' planning application to Mid Suffolk District Council and then start to consider arrangements for how to deal with the extension in terms of access, layout and design.

2016/034 Finance

034.1 Financial Report: The report to 31 May was received. It was proposed by Cllr Morley, seconded by Cllr Burn, that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed. The proposal was carried.

034.2 Payments and Income: It was proposed by Cllr Morley, seconded by Cllr Jewers, that the schedule of payments be approved. The proposal was carried. The schedule comprised the following:

- ◆ Litter-picker salary (June) - £139.18;
- ◆ Clerk salary (June) - £290.11;
- ◆ PAYE (June) - £72.60;
- ◆ The Felsham Gardeners - cemetery grass-cutting - £380.00;
- ◆ Mr Roger Heard - 447th Bomber Group Memorial grass-cutting - £60.00;
- ◆ Clerk - administrative expenses - £66.11; and
- ◆ Mid Suffolk District Council - annual cost for bin emptying - £395.00 + £79.00 VAT.

Income received was duly noted as follows:

- ◆ Business account interest (June) - £0.85; and
- ◆ Co-op Funeral Services - memorial fee - £75.00.

2016/035 Council Governance

035.1 New Legislation, Codes or Regulatory Issues: None.

035.2 Risk Register, Policies and Internal Controls: There were no decisions or actions which impacted upon the Council risk register, policies or internal controls.

2016/036 Correspondence

There were no issues arising from the list of correspondence.

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2016/037 Common Land

Given the legal advice from Birketts LLP, received after the initial decision to pursue formal ownership of common land in the village, the Council resolved to rely upon the latest guidance. In so doing it agreed not to spend any money on what would be likely to be an unproductive process towards ownership. However, mindful that issues could arise hereafter, it also resolved that the authoritative advice now received would not only be retained but also, in due course, published on the village Website

2016/038 Appointments to External Bodies

It was proposed by Cllr Burn, seconded by Cllr Rayner, that Cllr Goodchild be the Council representative on the Rattlesden Village Hall Management Committee. The proposal was carried. It was proposed by Cllr Jewers, seconded by Cllr Morley, that Cllr Brooke be the Council representative on the Airfield Liaison Group. The proposal was carried.

2016/039 Signs - Church Path

Further to the earlier discussions when residents were present, Cllr Burn offered to bring this matter towards a conclusion by investigating the cost of potential signs ahead of a formal decision at the next Council meeting.

2016/040 Matters to be Brought to the Attention of the Council

Two particular matters were raised. Firstly, the speed and size of vehicles using Birds Green given that children were prominent in that road whilst seeking access to the playing field. It was agreed that the County Council be asked to erect signs which warned drivers of the proximity of children. Secondly, it was reported that the painting of the railings in Lower Road was close to being completed. The Council was keen to acknowledge the outstanding work carried out by group of volunteers led by Mr David Goodlad to whom a letter of thanks would be sent. Further, the Council would consider how best to show its appreciation, and that of the whole village, to Mr Goodlad and his team for their amazing work over the last four months.

2016/041 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 26 July at 7.30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.