

RATTLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the full Council held on 27 November 2018 at 7.30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk: Doug Reed.

2018/083 Apologies for Absence

Accepted from Cllr Russell Morley who was absent due to business commitments.

2018/084 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Burn declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6.1 (minute 2018/088.1) as a resident of the road affected by application DC/18/02258.

2018/085 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Brooke, seconded by Cllr Burn, that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 30 October, be signed as a true record. The proposal was carried.

2018/086 District and County Councillor Report

Cllr Otton had sent apologies for absence. Her report had been circulated previously.

2018/087 Public Comment and Questions

None.

2018/088 Planning

088.1 Applications:

DC/18/02258 land to the west of 10 Top Road - erection of eight dwellings, garaging and new access. Councillors considered this revised/updated application and, whilst acknowledging that there had been some positive changes, deemed that vital concerns raised previously still applied. In addition, it was noted that possible water/drainage issues needed to be addressed and that, further to comments already submitted by the Housing Enabler Officer for Mid Suffolk District Council, it was important to provide for affordable dwellings as part of the development. Accordingly, the Council resolved to object to the application.

088.2 Applications - Responses: There were no applications which had had to be considered in advance of the meeting because of their deadlines.

088.3 Decisions: None.

2018/089 Finance

089.1 Financial Report: The report to 31 October was received. It was noted that the TSB current account stood at £16,774.39 and the deposit account at £13,513.28 further to which it was proposed by Cllr Burn, seconded by Cllr Goodchild, that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed. The proposal was carried.

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

- ◆ Litter-picker: salary (November) - £151.35;
- ◆ Clerk: salary (November) - £336.22;
- ◆ HMRC: PAYE (November) - £84.20;
- ◆ Litter-picker: salary (December) - £151.35;
- ◆ Clerk: salary (December) - £336.42;
- ◆ HMRC: PAYE (November) - £84.00;
- ◆ Mr Roger Heard: 447th Bomb Group Memorial grass-cutting - £60.00 (Section 137 expenditure);
- ◆ The Felsham Gardeners: Cemetery grass-cutting - £200.00;
- ◆ Mr Richard Mahony: reimbursement of village Christmas tree cost - £55.00 (Section 137 expenditure); and
- ◆ Rattlesden Parochial Church Council: grant towards the village World War I remembrance/commemoration lunch - £100.00.

Income received was duly noted as follows:

- ◆ TSB: business (deposit) account interest (November) - £4.23;
- ◆ East of England Co-operative Society Funeral Services: Cemetery fees - £75.00; and
- ◆ Mid Suffolk District Council: cleansing grant (July-September) - £204.10.

2018/090 Working Group Reports

090.1 Housing Development: The Group had not met since the last Council meeting.

090.2 Finance and Development: The Group had not met since the last Council meeting.

2018/091 Kerbing

It was confirmed that work to undertake the kerbing of Cemetery Green should go ahead based upon the updated quotation from A.E.White Surfacing Limited in the sum of £3,087 plus VAT. The suggestion of a lay-by would not be pursued. With an adjustment to the specification to stipulate vertical kerbing (sufficient to deter vehicle incursion on to the Green) it was proposed by Cllr Jewers, seconded by Cllr Burn, that the contract be awarded. The proposal was carried.

2018/092 Council Governance

092.1 New Legislation, Codes or Regulatory Issues: None.

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

2018/093 Correspondence

There were no issues arising from the list of correspondence.

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2018/094 Matters to be Brought to the Attention of the Council

A concern was raised about renewed work on a bridge access across the common land in Lower Road. It was agreed that, in the first instance, the Clerk should contact the owners for an explanation of what was happening.

2018/095 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 29 January at 7.30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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