

RATTLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the full Council held on 17 September 2019 at 7.30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall

Approved 29.10.19 (Minute 2019/073 refers)

Present: Cllr Kerry Burn (Chairman), Cllr Peter Brooke, Cllr Tony Edwards, Cllr David Goodlad and Cllr Dan Jewers.

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

2019/059 Apologies for Absence

Accepted from Cllr Russell Morley and Cllr Julie Rayner each of whom was absent due to prior a and unavoidable personal commitment.

2019/060 Declarations of Interest

None.

2019/061 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting

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

2019/062 District and County Councillor Report

Cllr Otton presented her report, as circulated previously. She focused on her continued concerns about the removal, by the County Council, of the public subsidy from a range of bus services in Suffolk which included those through Rattlesden. Moreover, it was noted that the Galloway Travel Group had confirmed that it would cease running services as of 21 September. Members of the public spoke to voice their worries whilst indicating that there was a very evident need for such services to provide access to Stowmarket, Bury St Edmunds and local health facilities. It was acknowledged that funding was the key but that there were no easy answers. Cllr Goodlad offered to lead on this for the Council and to both investigate options and to be a focal point for co-ordinating and gathering information. The potential availability of community transport was noted. Further information would be put on the Website and in "Revelations".

2019/063 Public Comment and Questions

Comments and questions related to the concerns about the cessation of bus services and were taken as part of the report of the County and District Councillor. Funding for bulbs at Cemetery Green was also raised by a resident with the Council resolving that £150.00 be made available.

2019/064 Planning

064.1 Applications:

DC/19/03840 land east of Rising Sun Hill - approval of reserved matters (following grant of outline planning application DC/18/00229) - erection of 22 dwellings (including 8 affordable homes). It was resolved that the Council would not only maintain its objection on the same grounds as those

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submitted in response to the outline planning application but also emphasise that further developments had only served to compound matters regarding traffic movements whilst serious concerns remained about the proposed management of drainage, surface water, flooding and sewerage.

DC/19/04173 land adjacent to 12 and 13 St Nicholas Close - variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) on planning permission DC/19/02138 - erection of six dwellings. The Council resolved to maintain its objection.

064.2 Applications - Responses: Given a deadline in advance of the meeting, councillors had necessarily considered application DC/19/03802 Hall Cottage, High Street - rebuild boundary walls and resurface driveway. The Council had no objection.

064.3 Decisions: It was noted that application DC/19/03223 1A Top Road had been granted.

064.4 "Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan: Preferred Options" Consultation: The proposed updated Council response, as compiled by Cllr Brooke, was duly considered. Subject to the removal of the small paragraph relating to functional clusters, it was resolved that the comments be submitted formally. Cllr Brooke was thanked for his excellent work on this matter.

2019/065 Finance

065.1 Financial Report: The report to 31 August was received. It was noted that the TSB current account stood at £17,514.36 and the deposit account at £13,618.52 further to which it was proposed by Cllr Burn, seconded by Cllr Edwards, that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed. The proposal was carried.

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

- ◆ Litter-picker: salary (September) - £158.70;
- ◆ Clerk: salary (September) - £368.25;
- ◆ HMRC: PAYE (September) - £92.00;
- ◆ Mr Roger Heard: 447th Bomb Group Memorial grass-cutting - £124.00 (Section 137 expenditure);
- ◆ The Felsham Gardeners: Cemetery grass-cutting - £400.00;
- ◆ The Felsham Gardeners: Cemetery hedge-cutting - £200.00;
- ◆ The Sign Maker: replacement granite wedge for Cemetery memorial plaque - £99.75;
- ◆ Mr David Peachey: bin and sign installations - £165.82; and
- ◆ Rattlesden Village Hall Management Committee: venue hire - £24.00.

Income received was duly noted as follows:

- ◆ TSB: business (deposit) account interest (August) - £11.51;
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- ◆ Mid Suffolk District Council: precept (part 2) - £7,300.00; and
- ◆ Mid Suffolk District Council: recycling grant (February-July) - £241.74;

065.3 Cemetery Green: This matter had been resolved during public comment and questions.

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2019/066 Working Group Reports

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

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

2019/067 Council Governance

067.1 New Legislation, Codes or Regulatory Issues: None.

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

067.3 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: The Clerk had taken the opportunity to review both key documents. It was confirmed that the former was up-to-date and that the latter needed revising for some minor technical details as circulated to councillors. It was resolved that the financial regulations be updated consistent with the model regulations published by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

2019/068 Correspondence

The only issue to arise from the list of correspondence was that of the alleged speeding in Birds Green especially by those said to be using the Playing Field on a Sunday morning. The allegation was supported by a councillor and the Clerk was asked to forward the matter for the attention of the Community Council.

2019/069 Matters to be Brought to the Attention of the Council

It was noted that the Gliding Club, with no objections from the Airfield Liaison Group, wished to make some minor changes to flying times primarily to maximise opportunities during winter daylight hours. It was hoped that, when the formal planning application was submitted, the Council would feel able to support the application.

2019/070 Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.