

RATTLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the full Council held on 26 November 2019 at 7.30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall

Approved 28.01.20 (Minute 2019/099 refers)

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

In Attendance: Two members of the public; and
Parish Clerk: Doug Reed.

2019/084 Apologies for Absence

Accepted from Cllr Russell Morley who was absent due to business commitments and Cllr Julie Rayner who was absent due to an unavoidable family commitment.

2019/085 Declarations of Interest

None.

2019/086 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Burn, seconded by Cllr Edwards, that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 29 October, be signed as a true record. The proposal was carried.

2019/087 District and County Councillor Report

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

2019/088 Public Comment and Questions

Councillors were made aware of an issue regarding the legal process relating to land being gifted to the village further to which the Clerk would speak with the solicitor acting for the Council. Other matters raised focused on building contractors' vehicles which were felt to be generating safety concerns on Rising Sun Hill and other vehicles which were parking improperly on Cemetery Green. Cllr Goodlad offered to pursue the former while the latter, it was hoped, would be resolved when kerbing and extra signage had been installed.

2019/089 Planning

089.1 Applications:

DC/19/05362 land on the west side of Rising Sun Hill - submission of details under outline planning permission DC/19/01604 - appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for erection of one dwelling and garage. The Council maintained its objection to the development and stood by its comments submitted in response to the outline planning application for the site. While it did not wish to add anything further it emphasised that, assuming the application was granted, it should be a requirement that all vehicles relating to contractors should be restricted to the site and not be permitted to park (even temporarily) on the highway given the severely problematic nature of the nearby roads which already posed a significant safety risk.

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089.2 Applications - Responses: Given a deadline in advance of the meeting, councillors had necessarily considered application DC/19/05081 8 Top Road - erection of wooden shed/garage (retention of). The Council had no objection.

089.3 Decisions: None.

2019/090

Finance

090.1 Financial Report: The report to 31 October was received. It was noted that the TSB current account stood at £20,449.65 and the deposit account at £13,641.20 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.

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

- ◆ Litter-picker: salary (November) - £158.70;
- ◆ Clerk: salary (November) - £368.05;
- ◆ HMRC: PAYE (November) - £92.20;
- ◆ Litter-picker: salary (December) - £158.70;
- ◆ Clerk: salary (December) - £368.25;
- ◆ HMRC: PAYE (December) - £92.00;
- ◆ Mr Roger Heard: 447th Bomb Group Memorial grass-cutting - £62.00 (Section 137 expenditure);
- ◆ The Felsham Gardeners: Cemetery grass-cutting - £200.00;
- ◆ Anglian Water Business Ltd (National): Cemetery water - £10.39;
- ◆ Gudgeons Prentice Solicitors: further land transfer fee 'on account' - £50.00;
- ◆ Rattlesden Village Hall Management Committee: village hall hire - £25.00; and
- ◆ Clerk: reimbursement of costs of voucher for internal auditor - £40.00 (Chairman's allowance).

Income received was duly noted as follows:

- ◆ TSB: business (deposit) account interest (November) - £11.54;
- ◆ Allotment Association: annual rent 2019-2020 - £68.04;
- ◆ Mid Suffolk District Council: cleansing grant (July-September) - £213.46; and
- ◆ Non-resident: Cemetery fees - £625.00.

2019/091

Village Hall

Councillors reviewed the current lease and reiterated their concerns about the future of the Hall should there be any significant developments, not least affecting the Management Committee. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Parochial Church Council for its views and for clarification on the responsibilities of each of the bodies involved in the facility.

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2019/092 Working Group Reports

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

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

2019/093 Council Governance

093.1 New Legislation, Codes or Regulatory Issues: None.

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

2019/094 Correspondence

There were no issues arising from the list of correspondence. However, an e-mail had been received just before the meeting relating to various concerns affecting "The Brewers", Lower Road and the facilities and residents nearby. Councillors acknowledged the concerns which were felt to be reasonable and not unjustified but also recognised that each matter raised was the responsibility of another body and that the Council itself had no authority to take direct action. In the circumstances, it was agreed that the issues be forwarded to the appropriate bodies and the correspondent also be directed to those authorities.

2019/095 Matters to be Brought to the Attention of the Council

Of several matters brought to the attention of councillors by Cllr Goodlad that of the river was deemed to be most pressing. It was agreed that a formal report about the potential problem be submitted to the Environment Agency

2019/096 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on Tuesday 28 January at 7.30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.