

RATTLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the full Council held on-line
(via the Zoom video conferencing facility)
on 24 November 2020 at 7.00pm in the absence of a public Ordinary Meeting which
could not be convened due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.**

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

In Attendance: County and District Cllr Penny Otton; and
Parish Clerk: Doug Reed.

2020/054 Apologies for Absence

Accepted from Cllr Dan Jewers who was absent due to urgent work commitments and Cllr Julie Rayner who was absent due to an unavoidable personal commitment.

2020/055 Declarations of Interest

None.

2020/056 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Brooke, seconded by Cllr Morley, that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 27 October, be signed as a true record. The proposal was carried.

2020/057 District and County Councillor Report

Cllr Otton presented her report, as circulated previously. In her briefing to councillors she highlighted the current Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) consultation on the Joint Local Plan, the review of the charging regime relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and voiced her concerns about building works being carried out on Sundays which had caused some serious disquiet amongst local residents and had resulted in formal complaints to MSDC.

2020/058 Public Comment and Questions

None.

2020/059 Planning

059.1 Applications: There were no new planning applications for the Council to consider.

059.2 Applications - Responses: There were no applications which had had to be considered by e-mail due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic precluding discussion in a public meeting.

059.3 Decisions: It was noted that application DC/20/03872 Blackthorn Farmhouse, High Town Farm, High Town Green had been granted.

059.4 "Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan" Pre-Submission Consultation: Cllr Brooke had reviewed the document on behalf of the Council and updated councillors on its content affecting Rattlesden. He advised that there were no significant changes from the Plan presented in

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2019 and that, as a consequence, no further comment was needed as the original Council response should stand. His view found agreement with councillors who thanked Cllr Brooke for his commitment and informed judgement on the subject.

2020/060 Finance

060.1 Financial Report: The report to 31 October was received. It was noted that the TSB current account stood at £15,088.29 and the deposit account at £25,205.11 further to which it was proposed by Cllr Burn, seconded by Cllr Morley, that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed. The proposal was carried.

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

- ◆ Litter-picker: salary (November) - £168.56;
- ◆ Clerk: salary (November) - £393.35;
- ◆ HMRC: PAYE (November) - £98.40;
- ◆ Litter-picker: salary (December) - £168.56;
- ◆ Clerk: salary (December) - £393.55;
- ◆ HMRC: PAYE (December) - £98.20;
- ◆ Mr Roger Heard: 447th Bomb Group Memorial grass-cutting - £62.00 (Section 137 expenditure);
- ◆ The Felsham Gardeners: Cemetery wildflower area cutting - £100.00;
- ◆ The Felsham Gardeners: Cemetery grass-cutting - £200.00;
- ◆ Mr Neil Cole: reimbursement of bulb costs - £49.89 (Section 137 expenditure);
- ◆ Lee Patterson (Builders): asset repairs - £1,349.00;
- ◆ Cllr Goodlad - reimbursement of Remembrance Day commemoration expenses - £30.00; and
- ◆ Clerk: reimbursement of costs of voucher for internal auditor - £50.00 (Chairman's allowance).

Income received was duly noted as follows:

- ◆ TSB: business (deposit) account interest (November) - £10.65;
- ◆ Allotment Association: annual rent 2020-2021 - £68.04; and
- ◆ Mid Suffolk District Council: cleansing grant (July-September) - £226.72.

2020/061 Speeding Device

The Clerk reported that he had requested information and advice from other parish councils via SALC but that none had been forthcoming. Accordingly, he had gone back to the potential suppliers to seek further details about their products and costs. In the circumstances, it was agreed that a decision be deferred and the matter discussed at the next meeting.

2020/062 Matters to be Brought to the Attention of the Council

Cllr Burn and Cllr Edwards updated councillors on a meeting held with a representative from Hartog Hutton Ltd regarding the housing development on land adjacent to Roman Rise. The focus was on the community benefits to be derived from the scheme most of which would not materialise until the

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houses had been completed. It was suggested that the company be asked to erect display boards on the site to enable residents to gain a better understanding of what was being planned and built. The Clerk would contact the company accordingly. Regarding a request for financial support from the Community Council it was agreed that the Clerk should seek further information before a decision was taken.

2020/063 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on-line (via the Zoom video conferencing facility) on Tuesday 26 January at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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