

RATTLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 26 July 2022 at 7:30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall

- Present:** Cllr Kerry Burn (Chairman), Cllr Stephen Atkinson, Cllr Tony Edwards, Cllr David Goodlad, Cllr Russell Morley.
- In Attendance:** Parish Clerk Andrew Scott, Carol Williamson (Tree Warden) and two members of the public.
- 2022/040 Apologies for absence**
Cllr Brooke, Cllr Jewers.
- 2022/041 Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 2022/042 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting**
The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 June were approved.
- 2022/043 Matters arising from the minutes**
- 043.1 2022/034 Grant request**
The offer of a grant of £250 towards the cost of furniture for Rattlesden Pre-School had been made and an acknowledgement with thanks received.
- 043.2 2022/035 Maintenance of Jubilee Field**
A copy of Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) Conservation Advisor Site Visit Report 2021 had been circulated, and the Tree Warden, having had sought further advice in view of the recent untimely drought conditions, gave her views on early winter replanting and on longer term care. In particular it was noted that the Field would have value mainly as a meadow in the early years. The new saplings should ideally be mulched, but otherwise a policy of minimal intervention was advised. It was agreed that the Tree Warden would work with Cllr Atkinson, as the Wildlife Friendly Village councillor, and Cllr Goodlad, the former Wildlife Friendly Village councillor, on planning the next steps. As regards information boards, it was agreed to put these on hold for the time being.
- 043.3 2022/036 CIL Funds**
- a. Web site survey questionnaire
Cllr Burn and Cllr Goodlad would work together with a view to circulating a draft before the next meeting in September.
- b. Purchase of third speed indicator device.
An order had now been placed.
- 043.4 2022/037.3 Health and Safety Policy**
Cllr Edwards had drafted a Speed Indicator Device charging risk assessment, and would discuss this with Cllr Goodlad.
- 043.5 2022/037.6 Cemetery fees**
The Clerk reported that there was no national guidance on cemetery fees, which were a matter for local decision.
- 2022/044 District and County Councillor Report**
Cllr Otton presented her report, as previously circulated. She highlighted a number of matters, in particular funds now available for community development, tree planting, highways and action on climate change.

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Cllr Goodlad suggested that one or more of these funds might pay for solar panel upgrades for the speed indicator devices, and the Clerk agreed to investigate this. Much disappointment was expressed at the outcome of the Lorry Routes Review, which did not address the Parish's lorry problem.

2022/045 Public Comment and Questions on Agenda Items

None.

2022/046 Planning

046.1 New applications received: None

046.2 applications considered by email in view of the consultation deadline:

DC/22/03296 Rose Cottage, Top Road - erection of Garden Room following demolition of garage/shed: Councillors had no objection.

046.3 Decisions notified: DC/22/01864: None.

2022/047 Finance

047.1 Financial Report: The report to 30 June was received. The TSB current account stood at £4,624 and the deposit account at £78,117, and it was agreed that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed.

047.2 Payments Schedule: The schedule of payments for July was approved, as follows:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Payment</u>
			£
Parish Clerk	FPO	Salary (net)	361.15
HMRC	FPO	PAYE	83.80
Village Warden	FPO	Salary	250.00
PP Garden Services	FPO	Grass cutting	24.00
The Felsham Gardeners	FPO	Cemetery and village maintenance	275.00
L Patterson Builder	FPO	Bench installation, Bottlebank repairs	405.00
SALC	FPO	Training course fees	187.20
Cllr Goodlad	FPO	Q1 expenses - SID battery charges, Postcrete	40.10
Parish Clerk	FPO	Q1 expenses - printing, mileage	32.63
TOTAL			<u>£ 1,658.88</u>

2022/048 Internal Audit Report 2021-22

The internal audit report for 2021-22 was received, and it was agreed to adopt the recommendations contained therein. The Clerk would report in due course on progress with the implementation of the recommendations.

2022/049 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Cllr Edwards reported that the Village Hall Committee had now received legal advice about the potential transfer of the Hall to the Rattlesden Pre-School (a registered charity). Discussions were now taking place with the Parochial Church Council, as the managing trustee for the property. The legal position was complicated, and the process would take some time. There was no intention to stop the use of the Hall by the Badminton Club, although insulation upgrades might require the lowering of the ceiling height.

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Cllr Goodland reported that a farm trailer had knocked over the white safety railing near the Moot House. A temporary barrier had been put in place, but there was concern about how long it might take Suffolk Highways to make the repair.

Cllr Goodlad was also concerned about the overgrown state of the grass between the Village Hall and the shop. This was Mid Suffolk District Council property, and there was a discussion about the possibility of the grass being cut at the expense of the Parish.

The re-siting of the telephone kiosk was noted with approval, and it was agreed that the Clerk should convey the Council's thanks to Rob Day, Chard Wadley and Steve Jarrett for undertaking this.

2022/050 **Next Meeting**
27 September, 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.