

# RATTLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 October 2022 at 7:30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Tony Edwards (Vice Chairman), Cllr Stephen Atkinson, Cllr Goodlad

**In Attendance:** Parish Clerk Andrew Scott, and two members of the public.

**2022/061 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kerry Burn, Cllr Dan Jewers, and Cllr Russell Morley due to illness, and from Cllr Peter Brooke due to a prior commitment. In the absence of Cllr Burn, Cllr Edwards took the chair.

**2022/062 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**2022/063 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Goodlad, and agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 September be approved.

**2022/064 Matters arising from the minutes**

**064.1 2022/042.3 CIL Funds**

Cllrs Burn and Goodland had yet to complete work on the village consultation web page. It was noted that a further £15,655 had been received in October, bringing the total now available to £74,186.

**064.2 2022/043.4 Health and Safety Policy**

Cllrs Edwards and Goodlad had agreed the risk assessment for Speed Indicator Device charging and a signed copy would be lodged with the Clerk.

**064.3 2022/059.1 School Governorship**

Cllr Atkinson was to meet the Head Teacher next week. It was hoped that closer ties between the Council and the school could be fostered in future.

**2022/065 District and County Councillor Report**

Cllr Otton introduced her report, which had been circulated with the meeting papers, and would be appended to the minutes. Since sending her report she had been informed by Suffolk Highways that the safety railing repair would be completed by the end of the week.

**2022/066 Public Comment and Questions on Agenda Items**

None.

**2022/067 Planning**

**067.1 New applications received:** None

**067.2 Applications considered by email in view of the consultation deadline:** None.

**067.3 To note any planning applications granted/refused including: DC/22/03745**  
Former Half Moon Inn, Half Moon Street, Rattlesden, IP30 0RH - Half Moon Inn to 2 separate dwellings: application approved.

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2022/068

## Finance

**068.1 Financial Report:** The report to 30 September was received. The TSB current account stood at £3,139.88 and the deposit account at £78,137.19, and it was agreed that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed.

**068.2 Payments Schedule:** The schedule of payments for October was approved, as appended to the minutes.

## 068.3 Asset Check

The completion of the asset check was noted, and it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain tenders for repainting the Rising Sun Hill bus shelter. The condition of the bench on Cemetery Green bench was discussed and it was agreed that consideration should be given to replacing this with a forged metal bench in keeping with the Millennium Arbour and Jubilee Wood benches at a future meeting.

## 068.4 Asset Register

The updated asset register was noted, and the Clerk was authorised to update the insurance values and renew the insurance policy from 1 November 2022.

## 068.5 Grant requests

Further details having been provided for the proposed planting on Cemetery Green it was proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Atkinson and agreed that the £45 requested for the purchase of the plants be paid to Di Balaam.

2022/069

## Hanging Hill Allotments

**069.1** The draft 10 year lease for the occupation of the Hanging Hill Allotments land, as drawn up by the County Council's solicitor was approved, subject to clarification of the right of the Council to enter into a 10 year sub-agreement with the Allotments Association.

**069.2** It was noted that a meeting with the Hanging Hill Allotments Association to discuss the sub-letting agreement was to take place on 2 November.

2022/070

## Replanting and maintenance of Jubilee Wood

Cllr Atkinson reported on progress with planning for the replanting and maintenance of the wood. He had met with the Tree Warden and Cllr Goodlad at the site, and it was proposed that the replanting should take place more gradually in stages, starting this Autumn, taking advantage of offers from the Woodland Trust and other sources. It was hoped that the school could become involved, so that the wood could be used as a learning resource. Confirmation had been received from the Forestry Commission that no environmental impact assessment was required for the site, due to its size. As regards maintenance it was agreed that this should be light touch in order to allow a degree of wildness, and that competitive quotations should be obtained for this.

2022/071

## Next Meeting

29 November, 7:30pm

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.**