

RATTLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 7:30pm in Rattlesden Village Hall

Present: Cllr Kerry Burn (Chairman), Cllr Tony Edwards (Vice Chairman), Cllr Stephen Atkinson, Cllr Peter Brooke, Cllr Dave Goodlad, Cllr Dan Jewers, Cllr Russell Morley.

In Attendance: District and County Cllr Penny Otton, Parish Clerk Andrew Scott

2023/013 Apologies for absence
None.

2023/014 Declarations of Interest
None.

2023/015 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting
It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 30 January 2023 be approved.

2023/016 Matters arising from the minutes
016.1 Precept 2023-24 (2022/090.4)
The precept had been confirmed by Mid Suffolk District Council.

2023/017 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. She highlighted Council tax proposals, the A14 surface replacement works, the Rising Sun Hill potholes, the Council house review and the funds currently available for Council house adaptations.

2023/018 Public Comment and Questions on Agenda Items
None.

2023/019 Planning
019.1 New applications received: None received.
019.2 Applications considered by email in view of the consultation deadline: None received.
019.3 Planning applications granted/refused: **DC/22/06392** 2 Pightle Grove Erection of pergola in corner of garden – approved. **DC/23/00005** 4 Rectory Meadow Installation of 10 solar panels to roof slope – approved.

2023/020 Finance
020.1 Financial Report: The Clerk's financial report to 31 January was received. The current account balance stood at £170.96 and the deposit account at £100,125.31, and it was agreed that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed.
020.2 Payments Schedule: The schedules of payments for February was approved, as appended to the minutes.
020.3 Village Warden Salary review: It was agreed that the hourly rate of pay of the Village Warden be increased to £10.90 with effect from 1 April 2023.

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2023/021

Jubilee Field wood replanting

Cllr Atkinson reported on progress with the replanting of the Jubilee Field wood. With 100 whips already received and a further 100 expected mid March it had been agreed by email to accept the tender of PP Garden Services to undertake the replanting at a cost of £325, and this decision was formally endorsed by the meeting. There was a discussion about the overall plan for the wood, in particular open areas and viewpoints, and it was noted that the proposed replanting locations would not interfere with these.

2023/022

Consultation on uses for CIL funding

Councillors shared views on possible uses for the available CIL funding, and the best form of consultation. It was agreed that the consultation should go out after May elections, and Cllr Goodlad agreed to draft a questionnaire for councillors to consider. This would be online via the village website and publicised with appropriate notices. Paper forms would also be made available.

2023/023

2023 Elections

The timetable for the 4 May elections was noted, and it was agreed that there was a need for publicity about the new requirement for photo ID. Cllr Brooke gave notice of his intention not to stand for re-election, and it was agreed that the task of checking the defibrillator could be passed to the Clerk.

2023/024

Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Cllr Edwards had arranged to meet with Hartog Hutton on 2 March to discuss the handover of the new allotment area at Roman Rise, and had received renewed offer of informal legal advice from a parishioner. Cllr Jewers raised the continuing problem of fast-food containers being thrown from a vehicle along the Stowmarket Road, while noting that an unidentified volunteer group had kindly carried out a Sunday litter pick there. Cllr Goodlad reported that in future the SIDs would be recharged on a fixed period basis, rather than as and when required, as this was more efficient. The Council reiterated its gratitude to him for voluntarily undertaking this work. The Clerk had received an enquiry from the Community Council as to whether the Parish Council was intending to promote any celebrations for the forthcoming coronation. It was generously offering use of the pavilion and playing field free of charge for any events open to the whole village. The Footpaths Officer had reported that three new bridges had been installed, allowing footpaths 9 and 10 to be cut and maintained again. A letter from Lesley Edwards offering to run the new allotments was tabled, and was gratefully received by the Council.

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Next Meeting

Tuesday 28 March 2023, 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.