

RATTLESDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr Kerry Burn (Chairman), Cllr Peter Brooke, Cllr Dave Goodlad, Cllr Dan Jewers, Cllr Russell Morley.

In Attendance: District and County Cllr Penny Otton, Parish Clerk Andrew Scott, and two members of the public.

2023/026 Apologies for absence
Cllr Edwards, Cllr Atkinson.

2023/027 Declarations of Interest
None.

2023/028 Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting
It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 February 2023 be approved.

2023/029 Matters arising from the minutes
None.

2023/030 District and County Councillor Report
Cllr Otton introduced her report, highlighting the new Suffolk Highways contract, the District's Household Support Fund, and the consultation on changes to the Local Plan. She had met again with the Highways Officer about Rising Sun Hill, and the officer had promised to take another look at the road. Cllr Burn agreed to signpost the Household Support Fund on the village web site.

2023/031 Public Comment and Questions on Agenda Items
Chard Wadley thanked the Council for the grant for hedge cutter for the River Rat Volunteers. A copy of the invoice for £765 was received, and it was agreed that the remaining £35 could be used for gloves. The Council reiterated its thanks to the volunteers and to Cllr Jewers for the use of his tractor.

Cllr Otton was accompanied by a prospective candidate for the District Council, and there was a discussion about that election. Cllr Otton reiterated that she was continuing as County Councillor, so would continue to attend Parish meetings, and remained contactable on her Suffolk email address and mobile phone number.

2023/032 Planning
032.1 New applications received: DC/23/01102 Red House Farm, Poy Street Green - single storey extension replacing conservatory – no objections; **DC/23/01123** Rustic Cottage, Baby Lane - one and a half storey extension, external boiler, PV panels to cart lodge – no objections; **DC/23/01444** - Hollandia, Top Road - Erection of single storey side/rear extension including garage (following demolition of existing garage) for disabled person – no objections; **DC/23/01457** - Manor Cottage, Half Moon Street - Vary approved vehicular access – no objection, although Clerk to check query on roof heights.

032.2 Applications considered by email in view of the consultation deadline: DC/23/00989 2 Wheelwright Green – single storey front extension - no objection.

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032.3 Planning applications granted/refused: None notified.

2023/033

Finance

033.1 Financial Report: The Clerk's financial report to 28 February was received. The current account balance stood at £291.66 and the deposit account at £97,202.05 (of which £71,881.23 was CIL money), and it was agreed that the reconciliation be approved and duly signed.

033.2 Payments Schedule: The schedules of payments for March, including a new subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks, was approved.

2023/034

Hanging Hill Allotments Lease

It was agreed to authorize the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to sign the lease with Suffolk County Council for the Hanging Hill Allotments, and to authorize the Clerk to sign the accompanying declaration on security of tenure.

2023/035

Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

An expression of concern had been received from two residents about bonfires on the land beyond the sewage works which appeared sometimes to be left unsupervised. After discussion It was noted that although this was not within its remit the Parish Council would always encourage best practice in terms of safety and consideration for neighbours.

2023/036

Next Meeting

Tuesday 25 April 2023, 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.