

# RATTLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 18:15 in Rattlesden Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr. Tony Edwards (Chair), Cllr. Sarah Osborne (Deputy), Cllr. Dave Goodlad, Cllr. Steve Atkinson, Cllr. Paul Bradnam.

**In Attendance:** County Cllr. Penny Otton and Parish Clerk Nick Skelhorn.

**Absences:** **Apologies for absence**  
Cllr. Russell Morley, Cllr. Dan Jewers.

**2024/063** **Declarations of interest**  
None.

**2024/064** **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**  
It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 30th April 2024 be approved.

**2024/065** **Public comment and questions on agenda items**  
No members of the public present.

**2024/066** **County Councillor's report**  
Cllr. Otton's report was received, but comments reserved in lieu of her annual update in the succeeding Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

**2024/067** **District Councillor's report**  
No report was received from Cllr. Willshere and she was not present at the meeting.

**2024/068** **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

**068.1 'Minute 055 Tree Works':** The Clerk is still to obtain quotations for works to PC trees.

**068.2 'Minute 056 Parish Website':** The Clerk is to engage with the administrator of Suffolk Cloud and village interest groups to implement a website overhaul.

**068.3 'Minute 061.1 Village Charity':** The Clerk, following emails and calls to the Trustee of the Village Charity calling for a report for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, did not receive a response.

**068.4 'Minute 061.2 Email Accounts':** The Clerk is still to review options / costs for Microsoft Outlook accounts for all members.

**2024/069** **Planning**

**069.1 May Applications:** None received.

**053.2 Applications approved/rejected:** Application DC/24/01185 (3 Wheelwright Green, Erection of shed, pergola and 3 separate garden trellises) was granted on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

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2024/070

## Finance

**070.1 Financial report:** The Clerk's financial report to 30<sup>st</sup> April 2024 was received. The current account balance stood at £12,316.05 and the deposit account at £107,768.43, of which £70,311.35 represented CIL funds. The Clerk confirmed that the new deposit account with Dudley Building Society was now open and would form part of his report from June 2024.

**070.2 Payments schedule:** The schedule of payments for May 2024 was approved totalling £2,733.42.

**070.3 Annual CIL Report:** The clerk presented the draft 2023-2024 CIL reconciliation report (grants totalling £6,025.95 in the period) which was duly approved and signed.

2024/071

## Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

### 71.1 Rattlesden Primary Ofsted Report

Cllr. Atkinson gave an update following the recent Ofsted report at Rattlesden Primary Academy, suggesting the visits had gone well and that publication of the full report would be received in the coming months.

### 71.2 Call for Sites (Local Plan)

Cllr. Atkinson raised for the Council's attention the two sites put forward for potential development (one adjacent to the Council cemetery and the other the Primary School).

### 71.3 Antisocial Behaviour Camera

Cllr. Goodlad gave feedback on his research into placing antisocial behaviour cameras which he suggested would be challenging due to various legislative restrictions of capturing images of the public (i.e. RIPA 2000). Cllr. Bradnam raised the possibility of using dummy camera as a workaround.

### 71.4 Flooding

Cllr. Goodlad provided an update on the FRAP application with the Environment Agency to afford dredging works and how he had spoken to the District Cllr. Willshire about the potential for utilising locality funds to support the works.

### 71.5 Speed Indicator Devices

Cllr. Goodlad confirmed the first SID had been sent for conversion to solar and that the current SID location on Top Road needed to be moved (if converted to solar) due to interaction with overhead power lines. Possible other locations were discussed, with a desire noted to retain the SID within the 20MPH school zone.

### 71.6 Commutative Oak

Cllr. Edwards provided options and costs for obtaining a commemorative oak to recognise the gifting of Jubilee Field. Funds upto £200 for a larger (c.18ft) tree and materials/plaque were approved in principal.

### 71.7 Maintenance Work

Following recommendations by the Clerk via email, the Council collectively approved works and costs for 1) weeding around the bottle banks 2) a quote of £450 to remove two old benches and damaged concrete plinths and install new plinths and benches at Cemetery

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Green / Whale Bones Green. The Council also a) reviewed potential new bus shelter designs, favouring a brick bottom / decorative oak top, b) potential new village signs at the Parish boundaries and c) considered options for a new bottle bank enclosure.

## **71.8 Dog Waste Bins**

Cllr. Debnam reported a parishioner request for additional dog waste bins. This led to general conversations about the wider issue, and the limitations on placement (a need to be close to highways to afford collection and difficulty in placing close to any dwellings due to the sight/smell).

## **71.9 Water leak, Lower Road**

Cllr. Goodlad reported the ongoing issue of a water leak across Lower Road from within the yard of the Brewers Public House. The Clerk noted how two people had approached him also noting the issue, and occasional smell. It was resolved that conversations were to be had with managers of the Brewers to try and resolve the issue, especially before winter when the leak could cause icy road conditions.

**2024/072**

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7:30pm.

**The meeting closed at 19:21.**

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