

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 2 April 2015  
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland                      Cllr Rosemary Jones  
              Cllr David Lister                                        Cllr Sally Smith  
              Cllr Geoff Short

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve  
District Councillor Sara Michell  
County Councillor Jessica Fleming  
15 Members of the public

7.30pm        The Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

1.    **Apologies for absence.** None
2.    **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 5 March 2015.** The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.
3.    **Magazine Input:** Cllr Short.
4.    **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.**
  - 4.1    Cllr Crossley-Holland                      Non-Pecuniary Interest                      Item 6.2.1
5.    **Public Forum:** 7.38pm    RESOLVED, with all in favour, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.04pm.
6.    **Planning:**
  - 6.1    **Planning Applications:**
    - 6.1.1    **Burfields, Finningham Road (Rickinghall Superior), Botesdale, IP22 1LR (in the parish of Burgate).** Ref: 0831/15. Change of use of land to site one Shepherds Hut as a holiday let. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection to the application.
    - 6.2    **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
      - 6.2.1    **Church Farm Barn, The Street, Rickinghall Superior.** Ref: 1033/15. Eucalyptus - Pollard back to base of lower branches. Weeping Willow - Removal due to falling branch from last Summer. Dead Willow - to be cut back but maintained as a screen. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with all in favour, to have no objection to the application.
    - 6.3    **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.
7.    **Progress Reports:**
  - 7.1    **Chairman:** None.
  - 7.2    **Clerk:** The Clerk reported that a meeting with Highways would take place on 15 April to discuss outstanding issues.
8.    **Correspondence:**
  - 8.1    **West Hall Road Residents:** The PC had received information regarding a Caravan site application in West Hall Road and letters of objection from local residents. The comments from residents during the public forum were also taken on board. It was noted that the site was close to an SSSI and a successful Barn Owl habitat for the Suffolk Barn Owl project. It was also noted that the access road, New Delight Road was about a mile long and largely single track with no passing places. As such it was unsuitable for caravans and would require the use of residents drives if vehicles met. There were understandably objections to this from residents due to the possible damage from large vehicles. The PC did not object in principle to a caravan park in the parish but felt that this was not the

right place for it. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to the Caravan Club.

- 8.2 **MSDC:** It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee would be meeting MSDC later in the month to discuss the relocation of the Snape Hill Bottle Banks.
- 8.3 **MSDC:** The Town/Parish Newsletter was noted.
- 8.4 **BT:** The Adopt a Phone Kiosk information was noted.
- 8.5 **Hastoe Housing Association:** The information about homes in the area would go in the parish magazine report.

9. **General Items:**

9.1 **Street Light Replacement:** The PC considered the damage report for Unit 59 The Street, Rickinghall Superior and the options: Removal at a cost of £206.62 or Supply new bracket and new lantern at a cost of £982.28 (as long as can replace on existing pole). It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to maintain a light at that location and accept the second option at a cost of £982.28.

9.2 **Payment of Grant funding:** The Council RESOLVED, with 4 for and 1 against, to make the following payments from its 2015/16 budget, leaving a balance of £250:

Rickinghall PCC	£ 600	Churchyard Maint s214(6) LGA 1972
Rickinghall Day Centre	£ 300	s137 LGA 1972
Botesdale & Rickinghall NHW	£ 30	s137 LGA 1972
Royal British Legion	£ 20	s137 LGA 1972 (wreath)

It was noted that the Royal British Legion would make a request for the Remembrance Ceremony closer to the date.

9.3 **Street Sweeping and Grass Cutting Contract:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour to increase the level of hourly rate in 2015/16 (currently £7.73/hour) by 2.5% increase to £7.92/hour.

10. **Finance:**

10.1 **Account Balances:**

Current Account	£ 2,146.42
Deposit Account	£17,908.91

10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£ 1,144.90	Sal/Exps Mar 15 / Holiday OT 2014/15
T Gaddis	£ 133.99	St Clean Mar 15
HMRC	£ 16.00	PAYE for LJE
RBR PCC	£ 130.00	Magazine fees 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2015 for 12 mths
Community Action Suff	£ 30.00	Annual Subscription 2015-16
SLCC	£ 49.67	Annual Subscription 2015-16
Rickinghall VHMC	£ 150.00	s137 Grant for tennis nets (agreed 3/15)
SALC	£ 12.25	Copies of Good Councillors Guide
SALC	£ 10.00	Training – External Audit Briefing
SALC	£ 4.00	Training – Sustainable Communities Act Briefing

RESOLVED, with all in favour, to approve payment of the accounts above.

11. **Highways Issues:** It was noted that the pavers near the Old Post Office were deteriorating further and SCC had not yet arranged for their removal. The Clerk to follow up in the upcoming meeting with Highways.

12. **Councillors' Reports:**

- **Allotments:** The refurbishment materials, which the PC had agreed last year to purchase for the allotments, were now needed. The Clerk had details of the materials needed and would place an order.
- **PC Surgery:** Another request had been made to do something about the amenity area in front of Maypole Meadow. The Clerk would try to get more quotes. Cllr Short agreed to do the Surgery in May and Cllr Jones would do June.
- **Footpaths:** There was a branch partially blocking the footpath at the end of Water Lane. The Clerk to report.

13. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council / Matters for the next meeting:**

14. **Next Meeting:** 14 May 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.09pm.