

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 1 July 2021
Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland (Vice-Chair) Cllr Stephen Pattenden
Cllr Geoff Short (Chair) Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
District/County Cllr Jessica Fleming
5 members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no candidates.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 June 2021:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Short.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** Cllr Fleming reported that a multi-agency team from Lincolnshire would carry out an independent review into Special Education Needs and Disabilities provision in Suffolk, to focus on communication protocols and family-facing elements. The review started at the end of June and would be completed in early August. About 18,000 young people were supported through SEND services, including 5,900 with Education Health and Care Plans which was about double the 2014 number. Residents could participate in the review by sharing their experiences of SEND services within Suffolk County Council at SendReview@suffolk.gov.uk. West Suffolk Hospital Trust New Build – A SCC Health Scrutiny Committee sub-group would undertake an observer role on plans and progress for the replacement of WSH by a new hospital. The preferred (adjacent) location was Harwick Manor. The Trust would be launching public engagement drop-in events beginning 5 July – 15 August and a virtual meeting would be held on 13 July 5.30pm - 7pm. A second phase will begin in the autumn. Further information about public engagement and an online feedback form could be found at www.wsh.nhs.uk/New-healthcare-facility
Councillors had approved CIFCO's annual business plan ahead of its review by Full Council in July, with the property investment company having now brought in more than £5.4m to support council services. CIFCO had operated at a loss over the past year which was unsurprising given the current climate for commercial and retail. However, it was considered to be a long-term investment strategy for the councils.
New Stowmarket 'virtual' high street - Shopping in Stowmarket was now just a click away thanks to the Virtual High Street sites. Over 100 new businesses had signed up in the towns of Hadleigh and Stowmarket. More information could be found at virtualhighstreet.uk

A member of the public from BARWOODs reported that monthly working parties continued to take place at Northfield Wood and Low Meadow and the group was pleased to have a new volunteer. Northfield Wood was doing well but some trees had suffered in recent droughts. However, it was looking well and the group was grateful to the PC for mowing the parking area and path. A new hedge had been planted alongside a fence boundary at Low Meadow. The AGM would be held at The Bell on 26 July at 7pm.

7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **Hamblyn House, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/02415. Householder Application - Installation of Air Source Heat Pumps. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection but to comment that adequate screening would be necessary for appearance and noise reduction.
 - 7.1.2 **Hamblyn House, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/02913. Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of oil-fired heating system with Air Source Heat Pump

System. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection but to comment that adequate screening would be necessary for appearance and noise reduction.

7.1.3 **Rayleigh Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/03326. Application for Listed Building Consent - Replace existing roof covering with slate tiles. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.1.4 **Rayleigh Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/03328. Application for Listed Building Consent - Replace existing roof covering with clay tiles. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**

7.2.1 **45 Ryders Way.** Ref. DC/21/03501. Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Remove 1No Ash tree (T1) as it is leaning over shared driveway and branches have already fallen. Reduce back 1No multi stemmed Ash tree (T2) away from car parking area. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.

7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**

7.3.1 **The Homestead, The Street. Ref.** DC/21/02643. Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of 1No single storey dwelling. WITHDRAWN.

7.3.2 **The Old Workshop, West Hall Road.** Ref. DC/21/03056. Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Erection, Extension or Alteration for a building for Agricultural or Forestry Use: Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 215 as amended Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of steel framed building for hay storage. Formal Approval NOT REQUIRED.

7.3.3 **Maypole Lodge, Maypole Meadow.** Ref. DC/21/02808. Notification of Works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Fell 1No Silver Birch. NO OBJECTION.

7.3.4 **The Homestead, The Street. Ref.** DC/21/02642. Planning Application - Erection of 1No single storey dwelling. Planning Permission REFUSED.

7.3.5 **The Uplands, The Street.** Ref. DC/21/02498. Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of 4no. sash windows. Listed Building Consent REFUSED. It was noted that the applicant had actually withdrawn the application.

7.3.6 **Falcons Hall Farm, Finningham Road.** Ref. DC/21/01659. Planning Application. Erection of 4no poultry rearing buildings with connecting service corridor and admin block; 4no bulk feed bins, water tank, mains electric shed and external generator. Planning Permission GRANTED.

7.4 **Notification of other Planning Matters:** It was noted that application DC/21/00584 - Land Between Red House And Honeysuckle Cottage, The Street, Rickinghall Inferior was going to Mid Suffolk Development Control Committee B on Wednesday, 7th July, 2021 9.30 am and the applicant had requested a statement of support from the Parish Council. It was agreed to write reiterating earlier comments and indicating how the application aligned with the Neighbourhood Plan.

8. **Progress Reports:**

8.1 **Chairman:** None.

8.2 **Clerk:** None.

9. **Correspondence:**

9.1 **MSDC:** The PC considered the request for information about sustainable travel, and it was agreed to write with information about the timing of buses which were too early or too late for getting to/from work and college in Bury St Edmunds.

9.2 **MSDC:** The PC noted the changes to the Joint Local Plan examination hearing schedule.

9.3 **SALC:** The PC noted the information available about the Queen's Jubilee 2022. It was also noted that the Chairman had received information about a Festival of Suffolk in 2022 for the Jubilee and PCs were invited to nominate a festival community champion. This would be advertised on Facebook.

9.4 **SCC:** The PC considered the request to support the installation of new footpath fingerpost plaques and it was agreed to express an interest.

10. **General Items:**

10.1 **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan:** There had been no feedback so far from the consultation.

10.2 **Skate Park:** The Clerk reported that there was nothing to update.

10.3 **County Broadband:** The Clerk reported that numbers of sign-ups were evidently increasing steadily.

11. **Finance:**

11.1 **Account Balance:** £65,318.91
Income: £ 0.00

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 1,093.34	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 338.38	St Clean/VAS/Paths July 21
Community Workshop	£ 350.00	Rick News Printing
Redgrave Parish Magazine	£ 25.00	Rick News Distribution

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

11.3 **Budget Report:** The Council noted the 1st quarter report.

12. **Highways Issues:** It was noted that the bypass was currently being resurfaced.

13. **Welcome Pack:** 2 packs to Cllr Crossley-Holland.

14. **Councillors' Reports:** It was noted that the SALC AGM would be held on 29 July.

15. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** None.

16. **Next Meeting:** 5 August 2021 (only if planning applications) and 2 September 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:38pm.