

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 7 April 2022
Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland (Vice-Chair) Cllr Brian Rhodes
Cllr Geoff Short (Chair) Cllr Sally Smith

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve
5 members of the public

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Andrew Gordon.
2. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no applications for seats on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2022:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Smith.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** Councillors from Botesdale Parish Council had attended to request a meeting with Rickinghall councillors to discuss item 7.1 further before making a decision. This would be arranged for late April.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1.1 **The Walk, Garden House Lane.** Ref. DC/22/01098. Planning Application. Demolition of an existing dwelling/associated outbuildings and replacement with 1no dwelling including an attached garage. 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 **Stanley Cottage, Bury Lane.** Ref. DC/22/01778. Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area- Fell 1no Conifer to ground level. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
 - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.
 - 7.3.1 **Redholme, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/00741. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area- Fell 1no Sycamore due to damage to fence and paving slabs. NO OBJECTION.
 - 7.3.2 **The Willows, Hinderclay Road.** Ref. DC/22/00941. Notification of Works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Reduce back (Pollard) to 8ft 1No Chestnut Tree. NO OBJECTION.
 - 7.3.3 **The Old Four Horseshoes, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/01067. Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area: Pollard 1no Multi-Stem Poplar (T1) at 5-6m, pollard 3no Poplar (T2, T3 and T4) to 6m, and pollard 1no Corkscrew Willow (T5) to 3m. NO OBJECTION.
 8. **Progress Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Chairman:** None.
 - 8.2 **Clerk:** It was reported that a Botesdale councillor had investigated the problem with the Speed Indicator Device and had discovered some water ingress. This appeared to have damaged the sign so that it would not hold its settings when turned off. It was thought that it could continue to be used but would have to be re-set in situ once it was turned on. It was still being considered how this might be achieved.
 9. **Correspondence:**
 - 9.1 **MSDC:** The PC noted the information about the Community Governance Review and how to take part. It was agreed to give further consideration to submitting an initial request to the Review for the merger of Botesdale and Rickinghall Parish Councils and it was noted that there were two options: the creation of a new single parish

with one Parish Council or the re-grouping of Botesdale, Rickinghall Inferior and Rickinghall Superior parishes under one Parish Council. Councillors agreed that a meeting with Botesdale PC would be desirable before making a decision at the May meeting.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **Street Sweeping and Path Cutting:** It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to continue a contract with Tim Gaddis for the work in 2022-23. It was noted that this would not include work to the Recreation Ground due to the Regeneration Project starting in April 2022. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to revert from yearly increases tied to the Local Government Pay Award (LGPA) to yearly increases tied to the state pension increase due to regular delays in confirming the LGPA annually. The state pension increase for 2022-23 was 3.1%.
- 10.2 **Skate Park:** The manufacturers had made a preliminary visit to the site but there was no confirmation of a start date.
- 10.3 **Queen's Jubilee:** The commemorative coins had been delivered. The Village Hall Management Committee requested financial support for the Platinum Jubilee Fair they were organising and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the Fair. This would be paid in May.

11. **Finance:**

- 11.1 **Account Balance:** £68,656.12
Income: £ 463.32 4th qtr MSDC Street Cleaning Grant

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 1,118.05	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 247.76	St Clean/VAS Apr 22
Mortimer Contracts	£ 180.00	Supply and Fit Dog Bin
Suffolk County Council	£ 942.99	Street Light Maintenance 21-22
Botesdale Parish Council	£ 320.38	Jubilee Commemorative Coins
SALC	£ 557.16	Membership Subs 2022-23

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

- 11.3 **Budget Report:** The 4th quarter report was noted.
- 11.4 **To consider and approve the Community Infrastructure Levy Report to MSDC for 21-22.** The Council RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve the submission of the CIL Report to MSDC. This reported that the CIL funds carried over from the previous year - £14,298.78 – and those received in 2021-22 - £14,052.73 – totalled £28,351.51. Of this amount, £10,000 had been allocated to the Skate Park but had not been spent in 2021-22.

12. **Highways Issues:** There was a pothole at the junction of Water Lane with Bury Road.

13. **Welcome Pack:** 1 to Cllr Crossley-Holland.

14. **Councillors' Reports:** Local Charities – A meeting would be held the following week.

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

16. **Next Meeting:** 5 May 2022

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:19pm.