

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday, 1 September 2022  
Rickinghall Village Hall

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

Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve  
1 member 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 applications for seats on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 30 June 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:** Cllr Rhodes declared an interest in item 7.1.3 as the owner of the property.
6. **Public Forum:** None.
7. **Planning:**
  - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
    - 7.1.1 **Pumping Station/Water Treatment Works, Church Lane.** Ref. DC/22/03959. Planning Application. Improvement of the existing Rickinghall Water Treatment Works comprising a Motor Control Centre Kiosk, Transfer Pump Kiosk, Filter Galleries, Polymer Dosing structure, associated infrastructure and hardstanding. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
    - 7.1.2 **Land To The North Of The A143, Gardenhouse Lane.** Ref. DC/22/04117. Planning Application - Erection of 2No kiosks, construction of one temporary access taken from the A143 and one permanent access taken from Gardenhouse Lane. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
    - 7.1.3 **Bridge House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/22/04213. Householder Application - Erection of a close boarded fence. Having declared an interest, Cllr Rhodes did not take part in the discussion. The PC RESOLVED, with 3 in favour and 1 abstention, to have no objection, though one councillor felt that the increase in fencing on Bury Road gave it an unwanted suburban look.
  - 7.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
    - 7.2.1 **The Anchorage, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/04078. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce crown of 1No. Plum (T1) by 1/3. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, to have no objection.
  - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
    - 7.3.1 **Land To The South Of Suggenhall Farm Church Lane.** Ref. DC/21/06825. Full Planning Application - Development of a photovoltaic solar array, battery storage and ancillary infrastructure. Re-consultation. Planning Permission REFUSED.
    - 7.3.2 **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. Planning Permission GRANTED.
    - 7.3.3 **Hamblyn House, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/02460. Householder Application - Erection of a double garage (following removal of existing greenhouse on site of old garage). Planning Permission GRANTED.
    - 7.3.4 **Hall House Cottage, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/02892. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1No. Cherry (T1). NO OBJECTION.
8. **Progress Reports:**
  - 8.1 **Chairman:** None.
  - 8.2 **Clerk:** None.

9. **Correspondence:**

- 9.1 **Ministry of Justice:** The PC noted that no objections have been received to the proposed closure of the burial ground of St Mary's Church Churchyard, Rickinghall Superior.
- 9.2 **SAAA:** It was agreed not to opt out of central External Auditor Arrangements for smaller authorities.
- 9.3 **SCC:** The PC noted the conclusion of the Suffolk Lorry Route Review and publication of details at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/lorry-route-plan-review-in-suffolk/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/lorry-route-plan-review-in-suffolk/) The B1113 in Suffolk was now an access only route.
- 9.4 **MSDC:** The PC noted the publication of the Mid Suffolk Local Walking and Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), along with the council's wider Sustainable Travel Vision – available on the website at [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/sustainable-travel](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/sustainable-travel)
- 9.5 **MSDC:** It was noted that the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan had been formally adopted by Mid Suffolk District Council on 20 July 2022.
- 9.6 **MSDC:** It was agreed to express interest in a possible upcoming project to enable the free use of thermal imaging cameras for community groups and parish councils to borrow to carry out community heat loss surveys.
- 9.7 **Suffolk Police:** The PC noted the dates for upcoming public meetings. The closest was at 6:30pm on Thursday, 6 October at Cedars Hotel in Stowmarket.
- 9.8 **SALC:** The PC noted the survey researching the impact of the current cost of energy on community buildings and how parish councils were helping. It was noted that the cost of electricity at the village hall had increased by 22% since April 2022 and hall hire prices had therefore been increased.
- 9.9 **Suffolk Wildlife Trust:** The PC noted the new services for advice on neighbourhood plans, which might be useful when the Botesdale & Rickinghall NHP was reviewed.
- 9.10 **Walsham-le-Willows PC:** The PC noted the public inquiry related to a development on between Bury St Edmunds and Great Barton. This was related to the PC's expression of interest in joining other parish councils along the A143 to consider large developments which would increase traffic for all users of the A143.

10. **General Items:**

- 10.1 **Zoom:** It was agreed to cancel online video conferencing services for now, noting that they could easily be activated if needed and could be used for short meetings for free.
- 10.2 **Community Governance Review:** It was noted that the review was running behind and was unlikely to be completed by December 2022.
- 10.3 **Skate Park:** It was noted that the Village Hall was still chasing up a date for the installation.

11. **Finance:**

11.1	<b>Account Balance:</b>	£76,159.18	
	<b>Income:</b>	£ 494.00	MSDC Street Cleaning Grant 1 <sup>st</sup> qtr
11.2	<b>Accounts for Payment:</b>		
	Admin Payments	£ 926.60	Not itemised due to GDPR
	Street Sweeping etc.	£ 281.31	St Clean/VAS/PRoW Sept 22
	PKF Littlejohn	£ 240.00	External Audit Fees
	BHIB Insurance	£ 522.12	Insurance Fees 2022-23
	Peter Frizzell	£ 150.00	Low Meadow Grass Cut
	RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts above.		

- 11.3 **External Audit Report:** The PC noted the positive report for 2021-22.

12. **Highways Issues:** None.

13. **Welcome Pack:** 1 to Cllr Rhodes.

14. **Councillors' Reports:** None.

15. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council:** It was agreed to discuss the speed camera at the next meeting and to report the use of The Street and the bypass as a racing circuit, following receipt of details on times/dates.

16. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 11 October 2022 in the Small Meeting Room

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:36pm.