

# RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Cllr Andy Gordon  
Cllr Geoff Short (Chair)

Cllr Brian Rhodes  
Cllr Sally Smith

County/District Cllr Jessica Fleming  
Parish Clerk – Leeann Jackson-Eve

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland (Vice-Chair)
2. **Casual Vacancies:** There were no applications for seats on the Council.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November 2022:** The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record.
4. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Gordon.
5. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
6. **Public Forum:** Cllr Fleming reported that Mid Suffolk District Council had just published the waste collection calendar for Christmas.
7. **Planning:**
  - 7.1 **Planning Applications:**
  - 7.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:**
  - 7.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
    - 7.3.1 **Garden Cottage, Mill Lane.** Ref. DC/22/03162. Householder Application - Erection of single storey side extension (following demolition of existing side structure). Planning Permission GRANTED.
    - 7.3.2 **Garden Cottage, Mill Lane.** Ref. DC/22/03163. Listed Building Consent - Erection of single storey side extension (following demolition of existing side structure). Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
    - 7.3.3 **Bridge House, Bury Road.** Ref. DC/22/04961. Householder Application - Erection of a picket fence supported by concrete posts and 6-inch gravel boards. Planning Permission GRANTED.
    - 7.3.4 **Market House, The Street.** Ref. DC/22/05223. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce 2No. Holly T1 and T2) by 2.5m. NO OBJECTION.
8. **Progress Reports:**
  - 8.1 **Chairman:** None.
  - 8.2 **Clerk:** None.
9. **Correspondence:**
  - 9.1 **MSDC:** The PC received the information for the Town and Parish Councils' Council Tax Base for the financial year ending 31st March 2024. It was noted that there had been a slight decrease in Council Tax paying households.
  - 9.2 **MSDC:** The PC the information about increases in the annual cost of emptying dog and litter bins from £37.13 to £39.73 per litter bin and £43.49 to £46.53 per dog bin. This had been taken into account in the draft budget.
  - 9.3 **Resident:** The PC considered a query about land owned by Anglian Water (AW) on Garden House Lane and whether it would be suitable for a community woodland. It was agreed that it was unlikely to be suitable for opening to the public due to the AW equipment and structures on site, but AW might be willing to consider some landscaping to improve its appearance. The Clerk would contact them.
10. **General Items:**
  - 10.1 **Northfield Wood:** There was no update on the Play Inspection items and it was agreed to leave the work until spring.

- 10.2 **Speeding:** It was noted note that a larger post costing approx. £200 + installation would be necessary to support the combined weight of the unit and solar panel. The Clerk had asked MJ Nunn for quote for installation of the posts.
- 10.3 **Community Governance Review:** There had been no reply from MSDC to the PCs' consultation submission in November.
- 10.4 **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan:** The Clerk had written to seven local organisations for more information on projects which had been included in the PIIP.

11. **Finance:**

11.1	<b>Account Balance:</b>	£64,829.49	
	<b>Income:</b>	£ 494.00	MSDC Street Cleaning Grant 2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr
		£ 20,148.00	MSDC CIL Bid Skate Park
		£ 13,432.00	MSDC Capital Grant Skate Park

11.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

Admin Payments	£ 1,669.47	Not itemised due to GDPR
Street Sweeping etc.	£ 165.71	St Clean etc Oct 22
Rickinghall Village Hall	£ 306.00	Hall Hire 2023

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

- 11.3 **Draft Budget 2023-24:** The changes discussed at the November meeting had been made and the draft budget would be agreed at the next meeting.

12. **Highways Issues:** None.

13. **Welcome Pack:** None.

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

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

16. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 10 January 2023

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:00pm.