

REYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Zoom Meeting 17th September 2020 at 7.30pm

1 Present: Chair Cllr Cyprien, Cllrs Rumsey, Nokes, O'Hear, Bailey, Taylor, Cracknell & Mace. C Cllr Ladd
D Cllr Beavan & the Clerk J Brown

PUBLIC FORUM – To include reports from County & District Councillors.

Cllr Ladd: SCC have agreed to fill the funding gap for Lowestoft's 3rd crossing which is to be known as Gullwing Crossing. The Boundary Commission's Consultation is now live if the proposal is agreed Reydon would go into a very large division called Blyth Estuary Division and will come into effect in 2025.

A Government White Paper is due re Devolution, which may suggest Unitary Authorities and Mayors. SCC's finances have a large hole due to the approx. £50m spent on Covid related expenses.

Yellow backed signs for Halesworth Rd are on their way and some of the lines have been refreshed. He has received requests for pedestrian crossings near St Felix School and Wangford Rd/Halesworth Rd junction, these cost approx. £80,000-£100,000. Speeding traffic is also a concern on Lowestoft Rd, there have been a couple of near misses with traffic emerging from Oaklands. Cllr Ladd suggested that RPC set up a small Highways Sub Committee who could meet with Highways Engineers and discuss problems and solutions. Cllr Bailey reported that the Speedwatch Team can now operate from the Village Hall Car Park, the closest to Oaklands he is allowed, which may make a difference. Cllr Rumsey asked if a roundabout could be put in at the junction of Covert Rd & Lowestoft Rd, Cllr Ladd said the possibility had been explored and turned down as there is not enough room there, but will ask again.

Cllr O'Hear thoughts on the Boundary Commission's proposals, - he feels the division would be too big, Cllr Ladd said that Kessingland PC has objected to being included they feel more aligned with more urban-type Councils.

Cllr Beavan: ESC held an extraordinary meeting to discuss Sizewell C who, although in favour of nuclear power, they don't feel it should be in Suffolk - there are lots of arguments both for and against.

There have been issues with the Civil Parking Enforcement in Walberswick and Southwold, this will go before ESC's Scrutiny Committee in the winter if anyone has any problems relating to this please let him know.

On October 15th the Scrutiny Committee will receive reports from Officers and hear questions on the response to Covid to learn lessons from the summer and get ready for winter, they will be looking at Test and Trace and how to better help people with less waste in the event of another lockdown.

Cllr Ladd added that SCC have a cabinet meeting next Tuesday to discuss their response to Sizewell's proposals, they cannot support it in its present form, they feel that more materials etc should be brought in by sea and will push for more concessions in mitigation.

Cllr O'Hear remarked that he has now changed his mind on supporting nuclear power and feels more renewables are needed using gas short term whilst waiting for hydrogen power to come on line.

2 Declarations of Interest – To receive declarations of interest from Councillors in any item on the Agenda - None

3 Receipt and apologies for absence

Request to allow Cllr Remblance formal leave of absence due to technical difficulties with attending Zoom meetings. Cllr O'Hear proposed granting leave of absence, 2nd Cllr Mace, aif

4 Minutes – To read or take as read the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2020 and after due consideration authorise the Chair to sign. Cllr Rumsey proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Mace, aif

5 Statutory Business – None

6 Clerk's report- Crime report 2 crimes reported.in June 1 x ASB Kingfisher Cres. 1 x violence Elliot Ave unable to prosecute suspect. 5 in July – 1x criminal damage Seaview Rd, investigation complete no suspect identified. 1 x criminal damage Winston Rd, unable to prosecute suspect. 2 x violence Green Lane – both under investigation.

Repairs to notice board opposite Barbrooks have been completed. Cllr Cyprien thanked John and Sally Skinner for doing a marvellous job on this, all agreed.

The Village Hall reopened 1st September, all hirers will be given a list of instructions re Covid.

Inspection of equipment on the Recreation Ground has been completed, the report has been circulated.

The allotment rent letters will be sent out this week, Clerk to chase up NHS Prop Co's payment.

Clerk's resignation – The Clerk's day will be 18th October, but if the new Clerk cannot take October's meeting she will cover it. Cllr O'Hear wanted to record a motion of thanks to the Clerk for an amazing job over the years and sadness that she is leaving, all agreed.

7 Business remaining from previous meetings

a Halesworth Road – safety measures. See Public Forum. Clerk to ask again about using the pole outside 66 Halesworth Rd for the VAS. Cllr O'Hear said should St Felix development go ahead that the PC should push like mad for a roundabout when reserved matters come up, Cllr Bailey thought that Keens Lane should be incorporated into the roundabout. Cllr Cracknell asked if anything would be put in place to calm speeding traffic near the Hen Reed beds, crossing the road to and from the car park is very dangerous. Cllr Ladd said that this stretch of road does not fit SCC's criteria to lower the speed limit, Cllr O'Hear felt that they should be challenged on this, Cllr Ladd said that if a Highways Sub-Committee was formed they could meet with Highways Engineers to discuss the matter, in the meantime he will look into *People Crossing* signs or something similar.

b Contribution to Shuttle Bus – The Sole Bay Care Fund and VHC are working with Halesworth Community Transport to reinstate the Shuttle Bus, the route and timetable should stay close to the original and may be extended in time, Cllr Rumsey proposed a donation of £4,000 as in previous years to be paid over on request, 2nd Cllr O'Hear aif.

c Bus shelter maintenance – After some discussion Cllr Mace proposed acceptance of Harry Cooper's quote of £3420.00 with the proviso that any additional works Mr Cooper feels are needed are costed and agreed by the PC before work is started, 2nd Cllr Cyprien, with 6 votes for and 2 against the motion was carried.

d Works to land at the end of Three Marsh Lane. It seems that the owners are complying with ESC & EA and putting things back in place.

e Meeting with AW re proposed storage tank under Jubilee Green and existing problems with sewage around the Parish. Cllrs Cyprien and Beavan to remind EA about the promised meeting.

f Car parking Nightingale Avenue – Cllr Ladd to investigate the possibility of having yellows installed to protect the junction.

g Car charging points in village hall grounds – Cllrs Cracknell and Taylor have put a lot of work into researching the costs to buy or lease, funding and logistics and Cllr Cracknell gave a comprehensive report to the Council. After a lively discussion on the pros and cons including: use of parking spaces, costs of setting up and likely returns etc v allowing residents with no off road parking the chance to run an electric car, ecological aspect Cllr O'Hear proposed that they carry on looking at it, 2nd Cllr Bailey with 5 votes for and 3 against the motion was carried.

h Sizewell C- See Public Forum

Any other matters

8 Finance

a) Accounts awaiting payment	
J Brown – Clerk's salary & expenses August	612.15
HMRC – Paye	31.80
G Graham – Litter picking. Aug & Sept	174.40
Reydon Village Hall Rent Oct 19 to March 20	150.00
P Connew – Repairs to swings	20.00
K Seaman – grass cutting Jubilee Grn August	50.00
Sally Skinner – materials to repair notice board	137.90
Westcotec Mini SID and extra brackets	3210.00
Wills Strim & cut grass Reydon Corner & Bridge Road August	105.00
D Foster – Grass cutting car park and play area	50.00
Wicksteed – Play equipment inspection	144.00
Southwold Press- Advert for job vacancy	60.00
Total 12	£4,745.25

Cllr Rumsey proposed payment of these accounts, 2nd Cllr Cyprien, aif

- b) Receipts –Interest July £2.40, August £1.99
- c) Bank Balances at 28th August Treasurers Acc £601.00. Business Acc £54,801.69 - copies of balances attached for Cllrs.
- d) CIL money - £7,219.96 - £545.50 spend by Oct 2022, £3626.32 by April 2023, £3,048.14 by Oct 2024
- e) Review of internal audit – The report had been circulated and the contents noted by Cllrs.
- f) Review and agree insurance – Renewal documents had been circulated. Cllrs felt the insurance is adequate and Cllr O’Hear proposed payment of the premium for £872.48, 2nd Cllr Rumsey, aif.

9 To receive reports

Cllr Cyprien tried to contact the Head at Reydon Primary School to check on how they were coping with the Covid challenges, but had to leave a message.

Cllr O’Hear reported that Reydon’s Neighbourhood Plan has now been made, as ESC have signed it off as compliant. The Plan will now carry considerable weight. This is a milestone after 3 years of work. The Council thanked Cllr O’Hear for all his hours of hard work on this plan.

Cllr O’Hear will look at the White Paper on Planning for the Future and will do a detailed response to be voted on during October’s meeting.

10 Planning

a) Planning Applications: Nos 1- 5 previously decided by Planning Committee

- 1) DC/20/2967/TPO. 2 St Georges Sq. 4 x Holm Oaks Crown reduce and shape by 35%. No objections
 - 2) DC/20/2917/FUL Easton Farm. Conversion of 2 dwellings comprising sewage package treatment plants and associated landscaping. Erection of 2 associated detached cartlodge garage structures. Acceptance with attention drawn to Neighbourhood Pal policy RNP5 (should have been RNP4) Principal Residence Requirement and Policy RNP 10 Design Principles, full response can be seen on ESC Planning Portal.
 - 3) DC/20/2828/FUL. 22 Covert Rd. Single storey rear extension. No objections.
 - 4) DC/20/3006/FUL. 2 Bridge Rd. Repositioning front door and conversion of porch to front bay window, remodel existing front dormers, rear extension, new roof light and internal alterations. No objections
 - 5) DC/20/3074/FUL 2 Bridge Rd. Construction of a new 2 bed dwelling behind 2 Bridge Rd. Refusal 5 reasons: Overdevelopment, flood risk, problematic access and parking and loss of tree, hedgerow and biodiversity. Full response can be viewed on ESC Planning Portal.
 - 6) DC20/3203/FUL 2 Halesworth Rd. Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with new 2 storey side extension and 1st floor terrace to rear. No objections.
 - 7) DC/20/3253/FUL The Elms, Rissmere Lane East. Raise roof to form dressing room off bathroom.
 - 8) DC/20/3375/FUL 8 Three Marsh Lane. Erection of OEKO garden room to use as annexe, providing additional study/ guest bedroom and bathroom. No objections
 - 9) DC/13/2545/VOC. Variation of condition 2 of DC/12/0029/FUL. Minor material amendment including alteration to some window and door designs.etc. No objections
 - 10) DC/20/3413/FUL 16 Jermyns Rd. Replacement of summerhouse. Existing 2.5m x 2m, new 3.5m x 8m. No objections.
 - 11) DC/20/3589/FUL Land adj to 28 Wangford Rd. New 3 bed dwelling. Acceptance, subject to RNP4 Principal Residence Requirement.
 - 12) DC/20/3183/FUL Recommend Response as follows: RPC is generally supportive of diversification of farm enterprises and conversion of disused barns to other purposes such as residential. However, this proposal is for a new dwelling and it should meet the requirement of the Reydon Neighbourhood Plan Policy RNP4 which will only support new open market housing where it is restricted to occupancy as a principal residence. The Neighbourhood plan has received a Decision Notice and thus should be given significant weight in determination of applications. We ask, therefore, that this policy should be applied to this development or that the applicant should be asked to revise the proposal (which is for a dwelling with seven bedrooms) so that it can meet this requirement.
- Cllr O’Hear proposed agreement to above decisions, 2nd Cllr Cyprien, aif

b) Decisions

DC/20/2566/FUL 5 Loftus Ave. to Convert existing garage to create ensuite shower and dressing room and increase roof height. Permitted.

DC/20/2617/FUL 11 Farmland Cl. Single storey extension. Permitted.

DC/20/2317/ 22 Covert Rd. Construction of 3 bed detached chalet bungalow, detached single garage and assoc works. Permitted.

DC/20/2276/FUL Proposed warehouse & office units, Reydon Business Park. Permitted.

DC/20/2139/FUL 63 Covert Road. Construction of single and double two storey rear extensions. Permitted.

11 Any other business

Allotment rent review – income 2019-2020 £348, expenditure £505.79 difference of £157.79. There are 29 ½ plots @ £12. A rise of £5.50 would cover the difference. Cllr Nokes proposed a rise of £2.00 per half plot from 1st October 2021, 2nd Cllr O’Hear, aif.

Review of Standing Orders – circulated with changes highlighted. Cllr Cyprien proposed adoption, 2nd Cllr O’Hear, aif.

Discuss playground inspection report – circulated. Cllr O’Hear proposed asking Wicksteed to do the repairs quoted in their report, 2nd Cllr Cyprien. Clerk to get quotes for repairs and repainting the adult fitness equipment, which Wicksteed cannot do. Cllr Ladd said he could help with funding for the adult equipment repairs.

Wild verging – Cllr Cyprien would like to introduce wild verging where it is safe to do so, there were mixed feelings on this idea, the new Highways Sub Committee will look into it and report back to full Council.

Cllrs Rumsey, Bailey and Mace will form the Highways Sub Committee.

Cllr Cyprien reported that the ‘Tardis’ notice board is irreparable and the Southwold & Reydon Society would like the PC to make a donation towards the cost of a new one. Cllr Cyprien proposed £200, 2nd Cllr Bailey, aif.

The Clerk thanked everyone for their kind words and said it had been a pleasure to work with them over the last 6 years.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm.

Meeting dates 2020:

22nd October, 19th November, 17th December.

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