

**RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Present:** Jane Cryer - Clerk (JC)  
Keith Lovering (KL)  
Jim Lowe (JL)  
Sue Newton - Chairman (SN)  
Amanda Pyall - Vice Chairman (AP)  
Sigi Steer (SS)  
Jayne Tann (JT)

**In attendance:** Gordon Jones, Suffolk CC (GJ)  
John Ward, Babergh DC (JW)  
2 Parishioners

**Apologies:** Christine Hempstead (CH)

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**19.9.1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from CH.

**19.9.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**19.9.3 PUBLIC FORUM**

One of the parishioners thanked KL and the working group for their work to improve Broadband speed in the village. Both parishioners were interested in agenda item 19.9.10.1.

**19.9.4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2019**

It was proposed by KL, seconded by AP and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2019 should be accepted as an accurate record, and signed accordingly.

**19.9.5 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Most of the actions were either ongoing, or were on the agenda; there were updates on the following:

**19.9.5.1 Planning training**

SALC had suggested some possible dates; it was agreed to confirm Tuesday 29 October. JC confirmed that Layham PC was interested in sending delegates; SN would confirm whether Holton St Mary PC would also like to do so.

**19.9.5.2 Grass cutting**

Cutting of the verge at the Acacia Road junction with the B1070 had not yet been carried out; SN said the grass needed to be cut much deeper as the verge was very wide. GJ agreed to chase a response to the email sent to SCC in June; JC would forward the details to him.

**19.9.5.3 School transport**

As agreed at the last meeting, JC had written to SCC about the school transport issue, with a copy to James Cartlidge MP, who had both replied. A cross-party working group had carried out a survey to compare the total cost of the contract, number of users, percentage of those users travelling with concessionary bus passes, days of operation, occupancy rates etc. The outcome was that the services covering the Raydon area all fell onto the 'at risk' list, with two of them being amongst the highest subsidy per passenger for the whole county.

## **19.9.6 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **19.9.6.1 Babergh DC**

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. With regard to the draft Joint Local Plan consultation, JW said some of the drop-in sessions had been well attended. He would be interested in feedback on the policies themselves. The new arrangements for bin collections appeared to be working well, following a few teething problems. Work had begun on the new pool at the Hadleigh Leisure Centre, which was expected to be completed by May 2020. In response to a comment from JL that it was often difficult to get through to the right person at Babergh, JW said that he would follow this up. SN said she had had particular difficulty trying to contact the planning department.

### **19.9.6.2 Suffolk CC**

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. JL commented on the improvement in results across a range of subjects at Suffolk schools. In response to a question from AP about the backlog of applications for school transport, GJ said there had been a number of late applications which had slowed down the allocation of spare seats. He would be attending a meeting the following day and the latest figures would be released on Friday. In response to a further question he said if an application was refused on the grounds of distance and there was an appeal, an independent person would walk the suggested route to see if it was considered safe. In response to a question from KL about Lorry Watch, SN said the parish council had looked into this a few years ago but Raydon had not been considered an appropriate location.

## **19.9.7 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **19.9.7.1 RFO's report**

JC had not yet received the latest bank statement and would chase Barclays; it was noted that the report was based on the previous bank statement dated 31 July 2019. It was proposed by JT, seconded by KL and agreed unanimously that the finance report for 10 September 2019 should be approved and payments of £665.59 were authorised. It was noted that the second tranche of the precept for 2019/20 (£7,700) had been received.

## **19.9.8 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

### **19.9.8.1 Babergh East Police & Parish Forum**

JL's report was noted. The next meeting was scheduled for 9 October 2019.

### **19.9.8.2 Footpaths**

JL's update was noted. He had identified problems with three footpaths and was pleased to report that all outstanding issues had been addressed; JL said Kevin Verlander from SCC had been very helpful. For the sake of clarification, SN asked JC to write to Mr Verlander to say that any councillor could make enquiries, but any decisions must be brought to a full council meeting. With regard to Footpath 2, the neighbouring landowner had kindly offered to carry out the necessary work. KL said he had heard that new legislation would shortly be introduced requiring the establishment of a use for all footpaths; GJ said this referred to bridleways rather than footpaths.

## **19.9.9 SPEEDING**

Following the email from a resident of Woodlands Road, which had been noted under 'correspondence' at the August meeting, SN had discussed the issue with him. Speeding continued to be a problem along Woodlands Road - and in other parts of the village. JL said Stratford St Mary PC participated in the Community Speed Watch scheme and would be willing to try it out in Raydon. However, SN reminded the meeting that any decisions must be made by full council. It was agreed that speeding would be a main agenda item for the next meeting.

## **19.9.10 WAR MEMORIAL**

### **19.9.10.1 Historic England consultation**

Historic England had asked whether the PC or the church had any further information which might help them make a decision on whether to list the War Memorial. SN said the map they were using

required updating and she would circulate her proposed amendments. JC would check on the materials used in the construction of the memorial.

**19.9.10.2 Remembrance Sunday**

The PC would purchase two wreaths, as usual. SN would lay the wreath at the American memorial on the airfield; AP would lay the one at the church.

**19.9.11 SUFFOLK CC COMMUNITY SELF-HELP SCHEME**

Following a discussion, it was felt that more information was needed before making a decision on whether or not to participate in the scheme. A working group comprising KL, JL and AP would draw up a list of jobs for the next meeting that could potentially be carried out under the scheme. JC would circulate information from Layham PC after their forthcoming meeting with SCC, which had been organised after that PC had sent a list of queries to SCC.

**19.9.12 BABERGH & MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

The working group had been unable to complete its report without the updated settlement hierarchy; JW said this was a supporting document and he would send a link to SN. He said he would be happy for the PC's response to be submitted to him in order to meet the deadline.

**19.9.13 GRIT BINS**

KL had obtained quotes for the installation of the bins. However, JT said she felt the new bin should be placed in a different location on Higham Hill; she would liaise with KL and JC would contact the landowner when the preferred location was confirmed. It was agreed to replace the four existing, damaged bins as soon as possible; the PC already owned one new bin, so three more would be purchased (as already agreed). The new bin for Higham Hill would be purchased when the location had been agreed. KL would request a new quote for installation; he would also advise SCC of the location of all the bins once in place, so that they could be filled.

**19.8.14 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

**19.9.14.1 Footpath 21**

JL reported a parishioner living in The Street had offered to have the grass cut on the footpath behind her house as it was overgrown. It was agreed that the PC would welcome this; JC would thank the parishioner, but would also make it clear that the PC could not be held responsible for any injury sustained while carrying out the work.

**19.9.14.2**

Sudbury Town Council was organising a training evening for new councillors on 9 October and had emailed councils in the area to see if they wished to participate, at a cost of £20 per head. However, as both Raydon's new councillors had recently attended a SALC course, it was decided not to take up the offer.

**19.9.15 CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

None.

**19.9.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7.30pm on Tuesday 15 October 2019, in the Pavilion.

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