

**RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JULY 2019**

**Present:** Jane Cryer - Clerk (JC)  
Keith Lovering (KL)  
Jim Lowe (JL)  
Sue Newton - Chairman (SN)  
Jayne Tann (JT)

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

**Apologies:** Christine Hempstead (CH)  
Amanda Pyall - Vice Chairman (AP)  
Sigi Steer (SS)

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**19.7.1 APOLOGIES**

See above - apologies were accepted from CH, AP and SS. Following a request from CH, it was proposed by SN, seconded by JT and agreed unanimously to grant her a dispensation for absence for up to six months.

**19.7.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

SN declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 19.7.10.

**19.7.3 PUBLIC FORUM**

The two parishioners present were interested in agenda item 19.7.9.1; they had objected to the planning appeal regarding 10 Sulleys Hill, in particular the height of the proposed dwelling.

**19.7.4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2019**

It was proposed by KL, seconded by JL and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 should be accepted as an accurate record, and signed accordingly.

**19.7.5 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**19.7.5.1 Planning training**

It was agreed to ask SALC to provide an in-house training session on Tuesday 3 September; JC would request further information about the content and trainer. It was further agreed to invite Holton St Mary and Layham parish councils to participate.

**19.7.5.2 The Green**

KL and Geoff Horrex had agreed to continue to cut the grass and would explore the possibility of building up the area around the manhole cover to make it level with the grass.

**19.7.6 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**19.7.6.1 Babergh DC**

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The consultation period on the Joint Local Plan had been extended - it would start on 22 July and run until 30 September (see also minute 19.7.12). In response to a question from SN, JW confirmed that the hierarchy report would be an addendum. Parishioners had received details of the new bin collection day, which would start week commencing 15 July.

JW was pleased to report that children under 16 would be able to swim free of charge in Sudbury and Hadleigh during the summer holidays - from 20 July until 1 September. JC would put this information in Quartet.

#### **19.7.6.2 Suffolk CC**

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. In response to a question from KL, GJ said he would find out the cost of charging a vehicle at one of the charging points supplied by Plug in Suffolk. The public consultation on the proposed Ipswich northern relief road had started on 5 July and would run until 13 September. There would be public drop-in sessions during July; JL said he planned to attend the session on Monday 22 July in Sproughton. GJ would be taking two papers to Cabinet later in July:

- Speech, language and communication services - some work had been carried out on special education needs which listed the top ten outcomes; Suffolk was number nine in the UK.
- Family hub (formerly Childrens' Centres) service model review

#### **19.7.7 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **19.7.7.1 RFO's report**

It was proposed by SN, seconded by JL and agreed unanimously that the finance report for 9 July 2019 should be approved; payments of £6,301.86 were authorised.

#### **19.7.8 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

##### **19.7.8.1 SALC Area Meeting**

SN's report was noted. She explained that SALC no longer issued detailed minutes; in order to circulate information quickly they now produced brief notes online immediately after meetings. In response to a question from JL about CIL, SN explained that Cockfield Parish Council had applied for funding from the central CIL 'pot' towards the new Village Hall; this was not CIL funding for new build in the village. JL wondered whether an application for funding from the central pot could have been made in respect of Raydon Village Hall; SN said that would have been a decision for the Village Hall Committee rather than the PC, who were custodian trustees and therefore not involved in the day-to-day running of the hall.

#### **19.7.9 PLANNING**

##### **19.7.9.1 DC/18/04442 - 10 Sulleys Hill, IP7 5QQ**

It was noted that the applicants had appealed against Babergh's decision to refuse permission for the demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of a new dwelling, garage and annex. It was agreed to reiterate the PC's response to the application in October 2018, making the point that none of the concerns expressed then had been allayed; these included potential light pollution as the rear of the proposed dwelling would be mostly glass, and the fact that the design was not in keeping with other properties on Sulleys Hill.

##### **19.7.9.2 DC/19/01529 - Land at Upper Street, IP7 5LQ**

The discharge of conditions was noted.

#### **19.7.10 SCC COMMUNITY SELF-HELP SCHEME**

Following a discussion, it was agreed that KL would compile a list of works the PC might consider doing / arranging to have done. SN said the Pavilion car park would soon require resurfacing; the Trustees were considering making an application for S106 funds; SCC could be approached to carry out the work. The scheme would be an agenda item for the September meeting.

#### **19.7.11 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

Local councils in England were given the General Power of Competence in the Localism Act of 2011, giving them *'the power to do anything that individuals generally may do'*; it removed the need for councils to ask whether they had a specific power to act. JC confirmed that the PC met the criteria, having a qualified Clerk and two-thirds elected Members. It was proposed by KL, seconded by JT and agreed unanimously that Raydon Parish Council should adopt the General Power of Competence for the year 2019/20.

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

SN, KL and Nev Davenport had reviewed the Plan during the previous consultation, dividing it into sections and then pulling together recommendations for full Council; it was agreed to use the same approach this time. SN, KL and SS had volunteered to carry out the work; this was agreed.

**19.7.13            ROAD RESURFACING ISSUES**

SN's report was noted, together with AP's comments circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that JC should forward the report to Mary Evans at Suffolk CC.

**19.7.14            GRASS CUTTING**

SN noted that Rectory Close had now been cut. SN had raised the issue of verge cutting at the Acacia Road junction with the B1070 when she attended the SALC meeting on 1 July; Mary Evans had asked for an email outlining the problem to be sent via GJ, which JC had done. He had copied the email to Mary Evans, but had not yet had an opportunity to discuss the matter with her.

**19.7.15            GRIT BINS**

KL's report was noted. JT said one bin had been missed off the list, and she suggested one or two additional locations; she and KL would carry out a site visit. As already agreed, replacement bins for existing broken ones would be purchased; the purchase of additional bins would be discussed at the September meeting. KL would contact a local contractor to brief him and ask him to send a quote for installation to JC.

**19.7.16            ROLE OF COUNCILLORS**

It was agreed that SN would continue to be the PC's representative at SALC meetings. JL would walk the parish's footpaths regularly and report any problems to JC. JC would continue to coordinate Raydon information; KL was currently monitoring publicly owned land and property. Although Raydon did not have an official Archivist, SN held a photographic archive.

**19.7.17            CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

None.

**19.7.19            DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7.30pm on Tuesday 10 September 2019, in the Pavilion.

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