REYDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Date 21st February 2019
Present Chair: Cllr Remblance, Cllrs Stone, Bailey, Drake, Nokes, Rumsey, O’Hear, Mrs Cyprien, Mrs Jordan & Mrs Humphry

In Attendance Clerk - Jean Brown, D Cllr Beavan, C Cllr Ladd & 3 members of the public

1 Opening - The meeting was declared open at 7.00pm.
Three members of Anglian Water’s Engagement Executive gave a presentation on their involvement in new development planning and took questions on specific areas of concern in the area. A copy of their handout is available on request.
They do not have any concerns with the developments at St Felix School, Green Lane or the land adj to the Health Centre, they are yet to complete their assessment of Copperwheat Avenue’s development. It is Anglian Water’s responsibility if flooding does occur due to extra developments, their Zonal Charge made to developers goes into a fund for mitigation of these events.
Cllrs remarked that things were far from perfect at the moment despite bringing problems to their attention including silting and flooding at the end of School Lane, sewage not running properly from School Lane into Southwold causing problems in Covert Road and the pipe from Walberswick to Southwold not emptying properly, although there has been some improvement. AW say that the sewage plant is big enough and their desktop assessments take into account the holiday influx although the amount of problems with sewage in gardens says otherwise. They will report these problems to their Company, preferably to their planning department as well as maintenance. Residents please report flooding, loss of facilities etc to their operational centre on 03457 145 145.

Cllr Remblance asked that Councillors raise their hand when wishing to speak to the meeting and are quiet whilst others are speaking, he thanked the Cllrs for their co-operation in this matter.

PUBLIC FORUM
C Cllr Ladd: SCC’s budget has been agreed, they are to share the cost of funding the CAB, which they feel is an essential service, with the CCG. They are to increase Council Tax by 2.99% from 1st April. There have been complaints that the new merged Council has spent so much money on rebranding, but the savings just on insurance alone has been nearly £1m over 5 years. SCC are trying to get another provider for the bus routes currently run by Konectbus who are withdrawing their services at the end of March, the Council realise that buses are a lifeline to rural communities. D Cllr Beavan thought that perhaps the Halesworth & Southwold minibuses could be used if needed.

D Cllr Beavan: WDC’s scrutiny of the Southwold Harbour Lands is going well. WDC will increase Council Tax by 2.5% this year. Discussions on the price of the old Police Station site are ongoing, the old Fire Station site will be used for affordable housing. Free school transport to Sir John Leman High School from this area has been withdrawn, but he is working on that. He has located the owner of the live/work units on Reydon’s Business Park who will be converting the buildings to office space this summer.

2 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence – Cllr Clark, work commitment. Cllr McElarney unwell. Proposed Cllr Remblance aif

3 Declarations of Interest in any item on the agenda – Cllr Bailey – Planning 7a The Drive. Cllr Stone – Item 7 e The Orchard.

4 Minutes
To read or take as read the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th January 2019 and after consideration to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes. Proposed, with the amendment that Cllr Nokes was present at the December & January meetings, Cllr Humphry, 2nd Cllr Remblance, aif

5 Statutory Business – None
6 Clerk’s Report – There were 4 crimes reported in December. 1 x other theft in Seaview Rd, Moyse Ave and 3 Marsh Lane – all under investigation. 1 x ASB Dove Rd. SNT Locality meeting will be held at Halesworth Day Centre 18th March 10.00 to 11.30am. Mayors Spring Ball to be held in St Edmunds Hall 16th March, tickets £35, contact STC for tickets.

7 Business remaining from previous meetings
a Neighbourhood Plan – A re-drafted copy has been sent round and will now go for Strategic Environment Assessment, the next public Consultation will last for 6 weeks. A copy of the plan will be published on the website shortly. Cllr O’Hear is very pleased with how it is going and thanked Jim Elmes for his help. Hastoe’s have had a problem settling a price on the land adj to the Health Centre and Cllr O’Hear proposed the PC send a letter to NHS Prop Co, supporting Hastoe’s and asking for a decision, 2nd Cllr Cyprien aif.

b Southwold & Reydon Emergency Plan – STC did not respond favourably to RPC’s proposal, possibly because it was not clear what would be expected from them, Cllr Nokes has provided some briefing notes for the Clerk to send to STC.

c Play area Mount Pleasant – WDC has not replied to reminders sent by the Clerk, both she and Cllr Beavan will try again.

d Traffic Survey – Cllr Ladd has a meeting on March 12th and will report back

Cllr Remblance asked that the room is cleared whist the PC discuss the next item.

e Orchard – Reydon Estates Charity wrote to advise they have decided to accept another offer from a private individual. A Cllr has done research on the Charity Commission’s website regarding the sale of Charity land and found the following:

• Charities can sell land if they comply with certain legal requirements. These involve obtaining a written survey and valuation, advertising the land and deciding that the terms for the disposal are the best that can be reasonably achieved. There are actually some circumstances when if the sale is to another voluntary body (ie a Council) where it is not necessary to get the highest price if the sale would benefit the community and keep the land as designated.
• Although not an overriding consideration they should also think about who else would be affected by the disposal. The legislations states that in some cases when disposing of designated land the charity must carry out a consultation and even when there is no legal obligation to do this. When you do not comply with these requirements or do so before entering an agreement to dispose you must apply to the commission for an order.

Cllr O’Hear proposed writing to Reydon Estates Charity to ask that they do not proceed with the sale and re-start the process within the CC’s legislation. The letter will also point out there appears to be a conflict of interest on the part of Trustees associated with the Church if, as the PC understands, that a condition of the sale is that a parcel of the land is to be gifted to the Church for a Memorial Garden, 2nd Cllr Jordan 9 votes for and 1 abstention.

f Old Pharmacy site – See Neighbourhood Plan

g Parking- Nothing was achieved at the meeting with STC, their plan is still being considered and they may ask for another meeting in the future.

h Repairs to War Memorial – Cllr Remblance looked at the damage and felt the crack needs sealing from the weather, Bruce Boggis has experience of this kind of repair and Cllr Jordan will ask him to do the work.

i Mower – in abeyance until Spring

j New slide – The installation date has been put back until March.

k Lighting Rye Terrace – Bollard type solar lights cost £650.00, lamp post type £2500.00, Clerk to ask SCC.

Any other matters
Cllr Humphry received a complaint re broken play equipment, litter and drugs paraphernalia at the Recreation ground. Cllr Remblance proposed to ask Bruce Boggis to do the repairs, 2nd Cllr Bailey aif. Cllr Humphry will forward the email to SNT. Cllr Remblance will ask David Foster to have a look for anything amiss when he is cutting the grass and for Cllrs to have a look when passing.
Cllr Humphry has stepped down from volunteering on the village website, Nick Humphry has taken her place. The meeting agreed that the website is very good.

Cllrs Remblance and Cyprien attended the Panto which was excellent again. It is the Panto’s 40th year and Cllr Remblance wants to fund raise for radio microphones for the group.

8 Finance
a) Accounts awaiting payment
Clerk’s Salary – and expenses 476.88
G Graham – 78.30
Trevor Oram – Hedge cutting recreation ground 360.00
R Burnett for Royal Mail deliveries Neighbourhood Plan 600.00
SALC: Cllr Training 123.60
Total 5 £1,638.78

Cllr O’Hear proposed acceptance to the above, 2nd Cllr Jordan aif

b) Receipts – Interest £2.51. Allotment £8.33
c) Bank Balances at 22nd January 2019 Treasurers Acc £600.00. Business Acc £59,954.73
d) CIL money - £4,171.82. 106 money WDC - £5,148. Hopkins £771.92
e) Clerk’s pay review in accordance with NALC’S agreement. Cllr O’Hear proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Bailey aif
f) Appointment of Internal Auditor – Cllr Drake proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Bailey aif.

9 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS None

10 TO RECEIVE REPORTS
a) Councillors reports
Cllr Clark- Reydon Village Hall Committee thanked the Lions for the new noticeboard.

11 PLANNING
a) Planning Applications
1 DC/18/5230/FUL – Mr Gould, The Garden House, Keens Lane. Construction of single storey extension, re-clad upper storey with vertically placed Scottish silver larch, render lower storey in off white, replace all windows with single paneled aluminium framed, except one large living room window which will be triple paneled with casement openings.
2 DC19/0308/FUL Mr Mrs Garrard, Old Wood Farm Cottage, Wood Farm Rd. Construction of single storey side extension and conversion of lean to shed with associated alterations. Bay window on south side, new dormer to access roof terrace above flat roof to rear, enclose existing internal balcony.
3 DC/19/0444/FUL Mrs Laverick, Rustics Mount Pleasant. New porch, small bathroom window and change of material to rear extension.
4 DC/19/0354/FUL Mr Cooper, 79 Covert Rd. Demolition of exiting garage and construction of replacement, retention and extension of existing workshop.
5 DC/19/0237/FUL Mr Ladd, 4 Gorse Lane. Reconstruction of former conservatory to create extended lounge.
6 DC/19/0488/FUL Mr Mrs Thorpe, 16 Seaview Road. Construction of single storey rear extension and roof dormer.
7 DC/19/0536/FUL Mr Grant, 7a The Drive. Roof conversion to create 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, ground floor alterations.
8 DC/19/0537/TPO, Mr Rumsey, Oaklands – works to trees

Cllr Bailey proposed acceptance to all the above except no 7, where he abstained, 2nd Cllr Jordan, Cllr Rumsey abstained from no 8, otherwise aif.

Cllr O’Hear proposed refusal for no 7 due to parking issues that would arise from this being a 5 bedroom dwelling, 2nd Cllr Remblance 1 against 3 abstentions 6 agreed.
b) Planning Decisions -
  DC/18/5128/FUL Threshers Hall, Wangford Rd. Revision of DC/17/3795/FUL. Demolish existing outbuildings and replace with single storey ancillary residential accommodation. PERMITTED.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS DULY SPECIFIED
Brick bus shelters at Reydon Corner – complaints received that the roofs are in disrepair. Cllr Jordan to ask Bruce Boggis to look into a more economical way to repair the shingle roofs.
Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr O’Hear would like to have a presentation of the Neighbourhood Plan at the meeting, Cllr Humphry would like to see it advertised in the press. Clerk to get a price for 2 large signs.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - None

Close of Meeting- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed………………………………………………………… (Chairman)  Date: 21st March 2019

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st March 2019