

## REYDON PARISH COUNCIL

### Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Present Chairman Cllr Remblance, Drake, Stone, Bailey, Nokes, O 'Hear, Miss Clark, Mrs Cyprien & Mrs Jordan  
In Attendance Clerk, Jean Brown, Cllr Ladd & 40 members of the public

**1 Opening** – Cllr Remblance welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

**2 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Rumsey – holiday, aif

#### Neighbourhood Plan Presentation

Cllr O'Hear gave an excellent presentation outlining the main objects and aims of the Plan, the working group have planned drop in information days on 26<sup>th</sup> April 5.00pm – 7.00pm and 27<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm – 4.00pm at the Village Hall 26<sup>th</sup> April is the start of the last consultation which ends on 10<sup>th</sup> June, they welcome everyone's views and ask everyone to respond - forms available on the day or on request by email to: [reydonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:reydonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) Once the Plan has been accepted by the Secretary of State a local yes/no referendum, run by East Suffolk D C, will be held and if accepted will become part a statutory document which the District Council must take into account when considering planning applications.

**Please return your comment forms to the shop where you obtained it for collection.**

Residents of Cox's Lane did not receive the latest communications delivered by Royal Mail.

**Questions from the public:** Why isn't the Green Lane development included in the settlement boundary?

Answer: Developments cannot be included until after completion. Q: Is there any need for 220 houses off

Copperwheat? A: The development was included in Waveney's Local Plan, based on their projection of population growth, and probably will not be complete for 4-5 years. The good news is that if all the planned buildings go ahead there will be 104 desperately needed affordable homes with an additional 120 in the next few years.

Q: How will the Health Centre and Schools cope? A: This is a question for the Health Centre, but Southwold & Reydon Society continue to monitor local health services. The Primary School will be able to cope with an influx of extra pupils by changing the catchment area. Older children will still be bussed to their schools.

#### **3 Annual Reviews –**

**a Council Review** – Given by Cllr Remblance.

Jubilee Green is looking very good with the planting at it's best, we have a new seat at the rear of the new bus shelter and a large caterpillar for the little. The new signs designed and unveiled by Guy, our primary school artist look great. Many thanks to the volunteer gardeners for their hard work.

**Fun Day at the Randolph** – Another great day was had by all, not so many stalls this year but still a success.

**Reydon Show** – The weather was tropical and after loads of watering it was another good show, come on all you gardeners get your friends and family to enter next year. Many thanks to the organisers of this popular village event. A lady pointed out that the Reydon show is not just for gardeners.

**Pantomime** – The Vice Chair Cllr Cyprien and I attended the last night, and once again enjoyed a fun packed evening by a wonderful group of people, this was their 39<sup>th</sup> year, fantastic. The soloists were very good even without microphones, I have taken it upon myself to raise as much as I can to celebrate next year's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with some new radio mikes. I have made a good start with £394 from the Reydon Fun Quiz and £200 from Southwold & Reydon Society and few more people to chat to. Once more to all those involved in the Panto a big Thank You.

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**Reydon School** – Cllr Cyprien and I attended the school to announce the winning candidates for their school Council. This is a wonderful idea and I shall be keeping watch to see how they are doing. You never know - some of those elected could be sitting here in years to come.

**Recreation Play Area** – Some time ago I had a letter from a young lady named Annie, aged 9, requesting play equipment for older children, I am glad to say that at long last this has been fulfilled with the installation of a very big slide and we made sure Annie was the first child to use it. We hope to add some more equipment at a later date depending on money.

**Xmas Lights Switch On** – Once again the lights were fantastic, a huge crowd attended to see the new Nativity scene which was blessed by the Rev Perry. A very big thank you and well done to all those involved in this wonderful feature.

Sadly one of our Councillors, Michael McElarney passed away recently. Michael had a keen interest in the local community and was a great asset to the Council. He and his family are in our thoughts at this sad time. His funeral will take place at Ellough Crematorium 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon, bright colours only, no flowers but donations to Cancer Research.

I would like to thank all my Councillors and Jean, our Clerk, for their hard work and dedication to the village and finally to thank you good people of Reydon for putting your trust in us to take care of your fantastic village, we hope we can keep the good work going.

**b) Planning Committee Review** – Given by Cllr Bailey, Chair of the Planning Committee

Good evening, the planning committee has considered 48 planning applications this year, mostly for extensions that have been very similar to others already carried out to which we raised no objections. We did, however, object to one large extension which would have been built using materials very different to the original house and would have been against planning guide lines. Another objection was to the proposed 106 agreement for the St Felix plans. It has now been agreed for a zebra crossing to be sited just north of The Drive in Halesworth Road if the development goes ahead. I would point out as usual that RPC has no powers re planning, we can only give our observations to Waveney which are sometimes not agreed with. As always, should anyone like to see any plans rather than looking at a small screen I am always happy to show them. I must thank my Vice Chair, Cllr Stone, for his help and the Cllrs who sometimes agree to meet at short notice to consider plans that have been looked at before the next PC meeting.

## **5 Reports -**

**a) Reydon Estates Charity** – given by Councillor Stone.

This is a small Charity, of which I am the PC's representative, and one of the 3 Trustees. We have plots of land in the village, and investments with the Charities Official Investment Fund. Last year our income was £942.05, after expenses of £360 the remainder was split equally between St Margaret's Church and the Reydon Trust each receiving £291.00. A big issue this year has been the orchard adjacent to the Church, the final tenancy expires at the end of this month and we are currently attempting to sell the land, however this has not been without problems and concerns have been raised by the PC as regards the legitimacy of the sale. I very much hope a successful conclusion can be reached as soon as possible. We have Town House Piece, a plot of land on Lowestoft Road, laying vacant there was interest from a developer to build two dwellings here under the Pathfinder Scheme, but this was opposed by the PC and subsequently refused by WDC Planning. If anyone would like to hire this land please let me know.

**b) The Reydon Trust** – Sent in by Lucy Jones, read by The Clerk Jean Brown: Reydon Trust Annual report 2018/19 Financial year. This year saw the retirement of our two longest standing Trustees Archer Ginn and Susan Moore. Michael Mayhew became the new Chairman of The Reydon Trust at the AGM. The Reydon Trust has had its busiest year in supporting local families and local projects. The Trustees would like to thank The Reydon Estates Charity for their very kind donation. The Reydon Trust can only work inline with the objects of their Constitution - Need, hardship and distress in The Parish of Reydon. Should anyone be aware of and person or persons in need of help, please contact [theclerk@thereydontrust.org.uk](mailto:theclerk@thereydontrust.org.uk)

**c) Reydon Playing Fields Charity** - Given by Steve Watson Chair/Trustee of Reydon Playingfield Charity. **Report attached** – if there is no room on the notice boards a copy is available on request from the Clerk.

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**d) Blyth Estuary Partnership (BEP) -**

The BEP has been working to develop its overall strategy to maintain the estuary in a way that balances the flooding risks at the harbour and upstream. A core strategy group has held meetings with stakeholders, including the Harbour Users and all the Parish Councils adjoining the estuary, to discuss the strategy and also a more formal structure for decision making. Currently, these issues are on hold pending the formation of the new Harbour Management Committee which will have a key role in taking the estuary issues forward.

## Other Groups

**Community Garden** – given by Cllr Cyprien. The group of 4 volunteers (Jenny Foot, Sally Skinner, Geoff Pepper & I) meet monthly for an hour or so of light gardening work and chatter. We also arrange events with Southwold Library, the last two were kite making, unfortunately it rained on both occasions but all made the most of it and still had fun. The Group have planted 3 apple trees recently, the public are welcome to help themselves to the fruit as well as the herbs in the raised beds. More volunteers would be very welcome to the group for fresh air, a little light weeding etc and a social atmosphere. We would also welcome spare plants, there is also a table outside the Health Centre where they can be left/bought. Jenny Foot, on behalf of the Group, thanked the PC for their kind donation of £1,000 to get the project off the ground and especially for the standpipe. The idea was to make the garden a community space and it seems to be working but we would love more volunteer gardeners.

## Speedwatch Team – given by Councillor Bailey

The team is still about, last year we had 31 sessions and reported 82 vehicles for exceeding 35mph. We are one of about 60 teams in Suffolk. Our figures are now passed to other Police forces, in the past we felt that visitors could get away with no warnings. Drivers who are reported are sent a warning letter, we gather from reports that it does have an effect. There are always complaints about speeding in the village so if you would like to help please consider joining us, we are a friendly bunch and newcomers will be welcomed. We are authorized by the Police and insured whilst carrying out our surveys, if you are interested please contact me Brian Bailey 01502 725433 or email: brianbailey240@btinternet.com

**6 Matters Arising for Discussion and Questions**– The following questions/observations from members of the public: One member of the public thought there should be more 30mph signs along Halesworth Road, Cllr Bailey has Asked SCC in the past to paint them on the road without success and urged concerned residents to contact the Police and SCC. It is hoped that some traffic calming measures will be introduced if the St Felix School development goes ahead. It is a condition of the Copperwheat development that a zebra crossing is placed across Wangford Road.

Mr Smith thanked the PC for the generous time given for the public to talk and went on to say that the Sole Bay area has twice the national average of people over 70. He has severe hearing loss and would like the PC to discuss disability awareness as he feels loss of hearing and mobility do not get treated with seriousness they deserve. He has copies of his book which is a tribute to all the staff who have worked at Southwold Hospital during the 110 years it was open.

Another asked what constitutes an ANOB? Cllr O’Hear replied that the whole area around Reydon is within an ANOB which makes it more difficult for it to be used for building, however it is not an absolute protection as certain circumstance can allow it – the need for more housing or expansion of vital business, if no fill in or brown fields sites are available, for example. The N Plan has identified the Hen Reed Beds and Reydon Wood as absolutely vital sites to be kept.

Cllr Remblance closed the meeting at 8.31pm saying how good it is to see so many people adding the advertising boards must have worked, he announced that there will be 4 vacant seats on the Council in May and asked that anyone interested in joining contact any Councillor or the Clerk.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019