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## **Minutes of the Red Lodge Annual Parish Meeting**

This is an informal meeting for all local government electors registered in the parish.

**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

**Time:** 19:00

**Venue:** St. Christopher's Church, Boundary Road. Red Lodge. IP28 8JQ.

**Present:** Cllr. Leslie Smith (Chairman)  
Cllr. Richard Saul (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr. Clare Bloomfield  
Cllr. Katrina Gibbins  
Cllr. Rita Hayward  
Cllr. Vanessa Kovacevic  
Cllr. Matthew Lawson  
Cllr. Jemma Sheedy  
Cllr. Ian Thompson

**In Attendance:** Clerk/RFO  
Members of the public: 25

**Notes:** The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:-

- Agenda for APM 21.05.19

	Item	Action
1.	<b>Chairperson's welcome</b>	
2.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Cllr. Millar Noted	
3.	<b>Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council</b>	
3.1	<p>The Chairman gave an overview of events during 2018/19, summarised below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chatty Café</li> <li>• Teddy Bears Picnic</li> <li>• Christmas Family Party</li> <li>• Haunted Halloween House</li> <li>• Summer Fun Day</li> <li>• Autumn Show</li> <li>• Bingo Night</li> <li>• International Quiz Night</li> <li>• Certificates to houses – Halloween, Red Lodge in Bloom, Christmas</li> <li>• Planning for Food Truck Fest</li> <li>• Planning for Sports Taster Day</li> <li>• Community Litter Pick</li> <li>• Community Survey for the village</li> </ul> <p>There are regular groups hiring the sports pavilion facilities, including fitness, football, yoga, martial arts, American football and tennis.</p> <p>The Parish Council employ 1 Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer; 1 Administrator; 1 Operations Manager; 1 full-time Groundsman, there is currently a vacancy for a part-time Groundsman.</p> <p>Red Lodge has a new war memorial, this project was led by the District Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council liaised with the District Council and the police to reduce crime in the area and also to reduce litter in the area. The District Council supplied banners and a bag dispenser for dog waste with replenishment of bags.</p> <p>The Parish Council secured s.106 monies to purchase goal posts, Kubota Utility vehicle and a replacement slide at Heatherset Way. C.Cllr. Millar agreed 50% match funding towards the purchase of a speed indicating device.</p> <p>A Ford tipper truck was purchased A new floor in the events room has been fitted The CCTV has been upgraded Staff have received Legionella training The parish council liaised with the Community Payback Team to aid with work on a fortnightly basis.</p>	

	<p>Installed a height at the pavilion car park and a waist height barrier at the rear of the pavilion. The parish council are digital VAT registered. The replacement LED's have been completed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the parish council members, county and district councillors, the police, employees and volunteers for all their hard work.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>					
<b>4.</b>	<b>Financial Report</b>					
<b>4.1</b>	<p>The parish council gave funding to several organisations in 2018/19 including: Millennium Centre - £12000 Red Lodge Turnpike Newsletter - £2000</p> <p>The Council made £250 donations to local clubs and groups including, Red Lodge Scouts, EACH, Suffolk Age UK, The Voluntary Network, Millennium Centre, SAR, WSH, Wired youth club , Red Lodge Under 9's football.</p> <p>The Chairman summarised the Parish Council accounts for the year ended March 2019:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>Income :</td> <td>£167,213</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure:</td> <td>£213,184</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Bank Account Balances:</u> Parish Bank Account: £138,091.05 Pavilion Bank Account: £127,303.47 Deposit Account: £106,788.88</p> <p><u>Summary of Reserves within the Bank Balances:</u> General Reserves: £12,786 Ear Marked Reserves: £365,717</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	Income :	£167,213	Expenditure:	£213,184	
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<b>5.</b>	<b>Reports from County and District Councillors</b>					
<b>5.1</b>	<p>There were no reports from the County and District Councillors.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>					
<b>6.</b>	<b>Reports from Mildenhall Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team</b>					
<b>6.1</b>	<p>The Chairman read a report provided by the Local Police Community Support Officer, summarised below: Over the last year, Red Lodge experienced higher levels of low level crime including ASB at the sports pavilion. The police worked closely with the Parish Council, Design Out Crime Officer and the Families and Communities Officer from West Suffolk Council to try and offer prevention advice. A mediation service is offered for neighbourhood disputes.</p>					

	<p>Following several thefts from motor vehicles in Red Lodge earlier this year, the offender was found and prosecuted.</p> <p>Police resources have been reduced, any reports of crime are graded and allocated accordingly under threat and harm risk category.</p> <p>A crime prevention library providing crime prevention advice for security and safety advice can be accessed on the SNT website.</p> <p>A trial meeting on a fortnightly basis at the Millennium centre later part of last year and beginning of this year was not well attended by residents.</p> <p>The police are working closely with schools and West Suffolk Council raising awareness for knife crime and County Lines.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b></p> <p><b>7.2</b></p> <p><b>7.3</b></p> <p><b>7.4</b></p>	<p>Reports from Groups attending the meeting</p> <p>Red Lodge Conservation Group The Chairman of the Conservation Group read out a report, summarised below:- The group clears invasive vegetation to provide a habitat for rare Breckland plants, maintains paths and clears litter. The land adjacent to the lorry park on Turnpike Road has been fenced by West Suffolk Council. The water table is low impacting on insect life in the ponds. In July 2018 there was a presentation on moths at the Millennium Centre and 20 species of butterfly were observed on the SSSI. Fly tipping and dog fouling continue to be a challenge. More volunteers are welcome to join the group. Noted</p> <p>Red Lodge Allotment Association (RLAA) The Chairman of the RLAA informed the meeting that all the allotment plots are taken and there is currently a waiting list. The accounts are satisfactory with a reserve account for emergencies. There is no requirement for toilet facilities at the new allotment site, however there are no water facilities which are necessary. The allotments are broken into 2-3 times a year. The Chairman would like to work with the parish council to address issues relating to the new allotments. Noted</p> <p>Age Suffolk UK A representative of Age Suffolk UK would like to raise awareness of the charity, they have a befriending service and are also interested in attending any events to raise awareness. Noted</p> <p>My WSH A representative of WSH charity informed the meeting that they had used the donation from Red Lodge parish council from last year to purchase blue tooth speakers, allowing patients to listen to music in the operating theatre aiding relaxation. The charity wished to be considered for a donation from the parish council.</p>	

	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>7.5 Red Lodge Millennium Centre</b> The manager of the Red Lodge Millennium Centre requested a donation from the parish council towards the Over 65's Christmas lunch held at the Millennium Centre. <b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>7.6 Carpet Bowls</b> A representative for carpet bowls requested a donation from the parish council towards a carpet roll. <b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>7.7 Parishioner</b> A parishioner thanked the Clerk for her work. The parishioner raised several concerns relating to the 2019/20 precept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parishioner informed the meeting that in 2014/15 £60,000 had been transferred to the sports pavilion bank account specifically for the maintenance of the sports field. The parishioner suggested that an adjustment could be made by the council so that the £13,000 raised on the 2019/20 precept for pitch maintenance is paid from the sports pavilion bank account.</li> <li>• The parishioner queried the need to raise funds for General Maintenance as there had been minimal spend.</li> <li>• The parishioner stated that the precept should not be raised to allocate S.137 monies towards regional or national charities.</li> <li>• The parishioner proposed that the parish council should consider the management of the sports pavilion by a board of trustees.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018.</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Red Lodge Annual Parish Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed:Cllr. Kovacevic    Seconded: Cllr. Thompson</p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Session – General questions &amp; discussion</b></p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:00.