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Minutes of the Red Lodge Parish Council Meeting.

Date: Tuesday 27 October 2020

Time: 19:00

Venue: Remote Zoom Meeting

Present: Cllr. Leslie Smith (Chairman)
Cllr. Richard Saul (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. Matt Lawson
Cllr. Andrew Younger

In Attendance: C. Cllr. Andy Drummond
D.Cllr. Dawn Dicker
Clerk/RFO

Invited Speakers Steve Wilson, SAY NO TO SUNNICA Community Action Group
Cllr. Andrew Douch (Freckenham Parish Council)
Cllr. David Wheeler (Chairman Freckenham Parish Council)

Members of Public: 6

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

- Agenda for 27.10.20

	Item	Action
1.	Chairperson's welcome	
2.	All those present are reminded of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and that the meeting may be filmed or recorded by any members of the public. Noted	
3.	Apologies for absence. Apologies were received and accepted for D.Cllr. Bradshaw, Cllrs. Bloomfield, Gibbins, Kovacevic and Sheedy. Noted	Clerk to note
4.	Declaration of interest and application for dispensation None declared. Noted	
5.	Members of the public are invited to comment via access link to Zoom. No members of the public spoke. Noted	
6.	Confirmation of Minutes of the meetings held on 29 September 2020. The minutes for the above meetings were agreed as accurate records and duly signed by the Chairman. All agreed. Resolved	Clerk to file and distribute accordingly.
7.	Invited Speakers Representatives of SAY NO TO SUNNICA and Freckenham Parish Council briefed the meeting on the Sunnica farm proposal. The SAY NO TO SUNNICA campaign is not against solar energy, however they do not want to see the area become industrialised unnecessarily. The size and magnitude of the planned farm is too large, it is the largest in Europe measuring approximately 2800 acres. The location of the farm should be carefully considered and located away from residential areas, with minimum destruction to farm land and the environment. Sunnica are not offering face to face consultations, nor the opportunity to debate the plans. The webinars offered by Sunnica do not allow full engagement for questions and answers. There are risks associated with the Lithium batteries, they have resulted in explosions in Arizona and more recently in Liverpool. The	

	<p>explosions could emit Hydrogen Fluoride, this toxic gas can cause death. The Lithium battery energy storage system will be positioned in close to proximity to a primary school in Red Lodge, risking a large explosion and posing a real danger to human life. The battery storage containers on Elms Road will cover an expanse of 38.5 acres, each container measuring 15metres length x 15metres width x 6metres height, with an air-conditioning unit placed on top. Sunnica are also concerned with the Lithium technology.</p> <p>C.Cllr. Drummond is the portfolio holder for regulatory for West Suffolk and is responsible for the council's response to the Sunnica Consultation, they are in the process of collating all the response.</p> <p>It was queried if Highways are involved in the consultation as the entry point for the construction vehicles is at the Red Lodge roundabout, this will cause considerable traffic congestion, muddy roads and disruption for the residents for the next two years. C. Cllr. Drummond responded that there are other numerous unanswered questions which require answers from Sunnica.</p> <p>C.Cllr. Drummond advised Red Lodge Parish Council to set up a working group for the SAYNOTOSUNNICA campaign.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8..2</p> <p>8.3.</p>	<p>Reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor, the Police Newsletter and any other reports.</p> <p>C.Cllr. Drummond discussed the Feasibility Study of Hundred Acre Way, assessing existing road, safety conditions and proposed improvements: C. Cllr. Drummond offered 50% financial support if he can towards the costs of any relevant work, the parish council will need to consider the options summarised A-D:</p> <p>A. Introduce parking restrictions, at accost of £7500 B. Provide improved signing and road markings, at a cost of £1500 C. Undertake localised highway improvement work, at a cost of £22500 D. Install area wide speed reducing measures, at a cost of £90,000.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>D.Cllr. Dicker encouraged residents to make comments on the Sunnica Solar Farm proposal. D.Cllr. Dicker informed the meeting that the Issues and Options consultation for the local plan which dictates where new housing will be developed is also in progress, it is important for the parish council and individuals to submit their views. Any applications for the Community Grant Scheme which is offered to groups, need to be submitted by the 30th October 2020. D.Cllr. Dicker still has funds available in the locality budget.</p> <p>Noted (Note: C.Cllr. Drummond left the meeting 19:40)</p> <p>The Constable's County, October 2020 newsletter had no specific police reports</p>	

	<p>for Red Lodge.</p> <p>8.4 Members discussed the Suffolk Highways – Hundred Acre Way, Red Lodge, Feasibility Study of Existing Road Safety Conditions and Proposed Improvements. Members agreed that they would consult the public on the options highlighted in the report. Noted</p> <p>8.5 The update on the pavilion extension was deferred to the next meeting as the schematics were currently not available to discuss. Deferred</p>	
	<p>9. Financial and Clerks Reports</p> <p>9.1 Members noted that the bank reconciliation statements for September 2020 have been verified and signed by Cllr. Sheedy. Noted</p> <p>9.2 Members approved all payments in September 2020 for the Parish account. Noted</p> <p>9.3 Members to note the Bank Balances as of 21/10/20 for the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Bank Account £249,772.95 • Deposit Account £106,865.51 <p>Noted</p> <p>9.4 Members reviewed the budget for the second quarter and were satisfied with the figures. Resolved</p> <p>9.5 Members all agreed to allocate £6584 claimed from the Job Retention Scheme to the pavilion income. Resolved</p> <p>9.6 The grant application of £7774 for the bore hole installation has been received from the Football Foundation on 05/10/2020. Noted</p> <p>9.7 Members noted that Red Lodge Parish Council has adhered to Government Regulations and is compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. Noted</p> <p>9.8 Members noted that the Website Accessibility Statement has been published for Red Lodge Parish Council. Noted</p> <p>9.9 Members discussed and all agreed to join the ‘SAY NO TO SUNNICA Community Action Group’.</p>	

	Resolved	
10.	Discuss and approve any purchase (LGA 1972, s.111).	
10.1	Members discussed the purchase of a Kubota 1.5 metre towed flat roller, Thurlow Nunn Standen, £900 exc. VAT. Members all agreed to defer this item until next year as the pitches will not require much grass cutting this year. Deferred	
11.	Planning Applications	
11.1	20/01231/FUL (East Cambridgeshire): Proposal: Change of use to offices and associated works. Location: Grange Farm, Red Lodge Karting Centre, Red Lodge Link Road, Chippenham. IP28 8LE. Members all agreed to 'No Comment' on the above application. Resolved	Clerk
11.2	DC/20/1163/HH (Reconsultation): Proposal: Householder Planning Application – Part single storey and part two storey side extension incorporating garage and granny annexe (following demolition of existing car port) Location: 42 Larch Way, Red Lodge IP28 8YA Members all agreed to 'No Comment' on the above application. Resolved	
11.3	DC/19/2347/FUL (Re-consultation) Proposal: Planning application – 141 no. dwellings and associated infrastructure including roads, parking, sustainable drainage, pumping station and public open space, as mentioned. Location: Land East of Russet Drive, Bilberry Close and Parsley Close, Manor Wood, Red Lodge, Suffolk Members all agreed to 'No Comment' on the above application. Resolved	
12.	Correspondence Received	
12.1	Members noted that the next West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum is on Wednesday 4 th November 2020 at 1800-2000, using "Microsoft Teams". Noted	
12.2	Members noted the consultation period for West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options 2020 is on 13 th October 2020 9am – 22 nd December 2020 5pm. Noted	

<p>13.</p>	<p>To confirm the date of the next Red Lodge Parish Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24 November 2020, venue and time to be confirmed.</p> <p>The next meeting was confirmed as above.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Clerk to arrange</p>
<p>14.</p> <p>14.1</p>	<p>Members all resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Members discussed the report from the Suffolk Constabulary. Please refer to confidential report 271020-01.</p> <p>Resolved</p>	<p>Clerk to distribute</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:00