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Minutes of the Meeting of Red Lodge Parish Council.

Date: Tuesday 24 September 2024

Time: 19:00

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

Present: Cllr. Sandra Dwan (Chairman)
Cllr. Angela Sewell (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. David Baynes
Cllr. Michael Berry
Cllr. Andy Drummond
Cllr. Stewart Hobbs
Cllr. Sue Houlder
Cllr. Ian Thompson

In Attendance: Clerk/RFO

Non-Attendee: 0

Absent: Cllr. Ioana Tofan

Members of Public: 3

	Item	Action
1.	Chair Person's welcome. Noted	
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 and acceptance for absence. None received Noted	
4.	Declaration of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests (i) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interests and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature including gifts of hospitality exceeding £50. None received Noted (ii) To receive requests for dispensation None received. Noted	Chair
5.	Members of the public are invited to speak on any item on the agenda for up to 3 minutes. (Public session is maximum 15 minutes) A Member of the public requested permission to speak on agenda item 10.1 if necessary. Noted	
6.	Confirmation of Minutes of the meetings held on 30 July 2024. The minutes for the above meetings were agreed as accurate records and duly signed by the Chairman. All agreed. Resolved	Clerk
7.	Reports and Invited Speakers	
7.1	County Councillor C.Cllr. Drummond had circulated a newsletter to all members. C.Cllr. Drummond expressed disappointment in West Suffolk and Council and Suffolk County Council, no longer pursuing a judicial review for the Sunnica Solar Farm.	

	Noted 7.2 District Councillors D.Cllr. Dicker had circulated a report to all members; the report is summarised below: The new Labour government passed the huge Sunnica solar farm application in July. A judicial review was considered by 4 Councils; West Suffolk, East Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire County and Suffolk County. However legal advice suggested even if a very costly legal challenge had been successful, it would not have changed the decision. West Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Council's agreed not to proceed with the review due to the costs. The new Local Plan has been presented to a government inspector, who has requested further information. The plan will be subject to a public examination. There is currently a public consultation regarding the improvements for the Bury Leisure Centre. The West Suffolk Standards committee determined a number of breaches of the code of conduct by 2 Councillors; Councillor Andy Drummond and Councillor Nick Clarke. The committee unanimously decided that the Councillors were to publicly apologise at the full council meeting on July 16th and to the complainants. Cllr. Drummond was removed from the Development Control Committee and Local Plan Working Group. Councillor Nick Clarke lost his position as Leader of the Conservative Group and was removed from a working party. Locality Budget – D. Cllr. Dicker has some locality budget available for funding applications. Simpler Recycling - To move to separating our waste to having a food caddy and 2 recycling bins. This comes from central government and its to try to increase recycling rates. West Suffolk Council are looking to approve West Suffolk Housing, Homelessness Reduction and rough sleeping strategy and the updated West Suffolk Street Trading Policy. Discussions will take place about West Suffolk Solar Canopies Project, to erect solar canopies at the car park at Mildenhall Hub saving £150,000+ in electricity from the grid. The Bury Society is looking to set up a charitable trust to house the Suffolk archives at West Suffolk House. D.Cllr. Dicker informed the meeting that the Principal Planning Officer for West Suffolk Council, has requested more detailed drawings on planning application DC/23/1577/OUT Land North of Acorn Way Manor Wood Red Lodge Suffolk and is anticipating further amended plans which will introduce a specific local centre and potential for community use.	
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	Applications for the Thriving Communities Fund need to be submitted by 27 th September 2024. Noted	
7.3	Police Newsletter The Police newsletter was circulated to all Members. Noted	
8.	Financial and Clerk Reports	
8.1	Members noted the bank reconciliation statements for July 2024 and August 2024 have been verified and signed by Cllr. Thompson. Noted	
8.2	Members approved all payments in July 2024 and August 2024. Resolved	
8.3	Members approved the Receipts and Payments in July 2024 and August 2024 for the following: (i) Parish Bank Account (ii) Deposit Bank Account (iii) Petty Cash Council (iv) Petty Cash Pavilion (v) Credit Card Resolved	
8.4	Members noted the Bank Balances as of 17/09/24 for the following accounts: - Parish Bank Account £400,417.74 - Deposit Account £108,886.92 Noted	
8.5	Members noted the Ear Marked Reserves at 31/08/24. Noted	
8.6	Members noted a VAT return for 01/05/2024 – 31/07/2024 for a claim of £3541.74 was submitted and received on 06/09/2024. Noted	
8.7	Members noted the External Audit report for 2023/24 with no matters arising. Noted	
8.8	Members noted the Notice of Conclusion of Audit for year ended 31 March 2024 has been published. Noted	
8.9	Members agreed to add Cllr. Sewell as a bank signatory. Resolved	Clerk
9.	Discuss and approve any purchase	
9.1	Members to consider quotes for the Parish Council insurance policy 3 years', for a	Clerk

	duration of 3 years, commencing on 01/10/2024: (i) Clear Councils, £7235.61 (ii) Gallagher's, £8938.44 (iii) Zurich, £10586.70 Members agreed to proceed with option (i). Resolved	
9.2	Members reviewed the fees to hire the facilities at the Sports Pavilion. Members agreed the following: • Events Room – Weekdays £25 per hour; Weekends £35 per hour. Combat Kickboxing £45; Red Lodge Lightwave £770 per month. • Grass Pitches – Adult football game £65; Adult training £20; Junior Football Game £25; Mildenhall/Red Lodge Rugby Team £440 per month. • MUGA – 1 part £20; 2 parts £35 and 3 parts £50. Junior Football – 1 part £12; Mildenhall/Red Lodge Rugby 1 part £15 Team Arli £35 Tennis £5 per hour. Resolved	Clerk
9.3	Members ratified the payment of the invoice for Limited assurance review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2024, PKF Littlejohn LLP, £630 + VAT. Resolved	
9.4	Members considered the purchase of a mains 5 litre counter top water boiler: (i) Calomax 3C5-C 5 £525.33 + VAT (This is the same make and model we had previously, very reliable) (ii) Quench £332.50 + VAT (iii) Burco 069931 £466.50 + VAT (last heater we had, not reliable) Members agreed to proceed with option (i). Resolved	Clerk
9.5	Members to consider a request with quotes forwarded, from a resident for the Parish Council to purchase and install barriers along the tree belt near Hazel Walk/Russet Drive, to prevent vehicles parking on the green verge: (i) SP Landscapes – Supply and install approximately 5 posts from existing post and rail to woodland belt, £375 + VAT. (ii) Lawn Proud – Supply and install with concrete 7-8 posts £290.	Clerk

	Members agreed to install 'No Parking' signs at either ends of the grass verge. Members agreed to use the signs at Bellflower Crescent if feasible, if not, Members agreed to proceed with the purchase of signs. Resolved	Clerk
9.6	Members approved a grant request from the Red Lodge Millennium Centre for £100. Resolved	Clerk
9.7	Members agreed the payment of an invoice from Proludic, Salamander grip, bottom panel and fixings for A Frame Climber, £430.45 + VAT. Resolved	Clerk
9.8	Members ratified the payment of an invoice to Ellison Solicitors, Business proposal £1440. Resolved	
10.	Planning Applications To Consider any Planning Applications:	
10.1	DC/23/1577/OUT - RE-CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL: Proposal: Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except means of access) for a mixed-use development including: a. 8 hectares of employment land for use as light industry (Use Class E(g)(iii)), general industry (Use Class B2), storage and distribution (Use Class B8); b. Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 300 dwellings; c. Up to 300 m2 of flexible floor space for Class E uses (Class E(a-f)) and takeaway uses (sui generis); d. Public open space, SANG and landscaping; and e. All garaging, parking, servicing, access, drainage, footpath and cycle links and other associated infrastructure works. Location: Land North of Acorn Way, Manor Wood, Red Lodge, Suffolk. Members ratified an Objection. Resolved	
10.2	DC/24/1024/HH: Proposal: Householder planning application - conversion of existing detached garage to annexe Location: 35 Warren Road Red Lodge Suffolk IP28 8JH Members ratified a No Comment. Resolved	
10.3	DC/24/0977/OUT: RE-CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL Proposal: Outline planning application (all matters reserved) - 14 dwellings, 10 with garages (following demolition of existing dwelling) Location: 16 Turnpike Road, Red Lodge, Suffolk, IP28 8JZ Members ratified a No Comment. Resolved	

10.4	DC/24/0833/HH: Proposal: Householder planning application - single storey front porch b. single storey rear extension Location: 1 Russet Drive Red Lodge Suffolk IP28 8GA Members ratified a No Comment. Resolved	
10.5	DC/24/1193/TPO: Proposal: TPO/1974/360 - Tree preservation order - one Oak (A on plan, A4 on order), cut back crown by 3 metres over footpath, 1.5 metres on each side, to reduce the weight of tree, cut back all branches overhanging the fence; one Beech (B on plan, A4 on order) fell Location: Triangle Wood Kennett Road Herringswell, Suffolk IP28 6SS Members agreed a No Comment. Resolved	Clerk
10.6	DC/24/1299/HH: Proposal: Householder planning application - a. single storey detached outbuilding b. single storey side extension Location: 8 Honeysuckle Close Red Lodge Suffolk IP28 8TH Members agreed a No Comment, however Members objected to the planning if the outbuilding is used for means other than accommodation for family members. Resolved	Clerk
11	Correspondence Received	
11.1	Members reviewed the Play reports for August 2024 and September 2024 from West Suffolk Council. Resolved	
11.2	Members discussed a complaint received from a resident regarding the litter in the shopping area. Members agreed to write to the owners of the shopping area and also to the businesses operation in the shopping area. Red Lodge Lightwave volunteered to conduct the initial litter pick. Resolved	Clerk
12.	To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 19:00, St. Christopher's Church, 2 Boundary Road, Red Lodge. IP28 8JQ. The next meeting was confirmed as above. Noted	Clerk
13.	Members resolved 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.	

13.1	Resolved Members to consider an application. Please refer to Confidential Report 240924-01. Resolved	Clerk
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:30.