

REDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, 7th April 2022 at 19:15.

Clerk: Nicola Sutherland RedwickCC@outlook.com 01633 401106

Present:

Chair - Cllr Kath James
Cllr Jim Ballard
Cllr Mair Duthie

Nicola Sutherland – Clerk

Mr Lloyd – member of the public

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.

1. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Steve Woodward
2. Declarations of Interest
Cllr Kath James declared an interest in item 7 (planning) and 8 Rush Wall solar park.
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 3rd February 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record.
An addition was made to the Minutes of the planning meeting held on Monday, 28th February 2022. It was noted that Cllr James had declared an interest in Rush Wall and so did not attend the planning meeting. The minutes were altered accordingly.
The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Mair Duthie and seconded by Cllr Jim Ballard.
4. **Public Participation (15 minutes)**
To receive any questions or addresses to the Council from members of the public, with seven days prior notice having been given of any questions, issues or concerns.
 - Mr Lloyd raised a concern that a business was operating illegally in the village. Following a heated discussion, it was noted that as Mr Lloyd has shared his concerns with NCC about this, there is nothing further that can be done by Redwick CC.
 - Mr Lloyd asked why is it not possible to get to Newport by 9.00am by public bus?
It was noted that there is a dial a bus service which can be booked but this service cannot be used until after 9.00am. Many residents are having to rely on neighbours to give them lifts instead of using public transport.
The dial a bus service cannot be used unless booked in advance. Why can a resident not get on the bus in Newport, if there are spaces, without prior booking?
The Clerk was asked to write to Newport Bus to about these issues.
5. **Matters Arising** that are not elsewhere on the agenda:

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It was confirmed that Cllr Martyn Kellaway had followed up our question about gritting in the icy weather up with NCC. He has received a similar response to RCC about this – a risk assessment has been carried out and the area in question is not a high priority. Clerk asked to follow this up to ask about routes that the school buses use.

A Community Litter pick, organised by Cllr Kellaway took place recently. Five large sacks of rubbish were collected. The Community Council will arrange a litter pick for the summer.

6. **Village Issues:**

- Three candidates have applied to become a Community Councillor from May 2022. RCC has places for five Community Councillors.
- RLDP. It was confirmed that the Clerk sent the information about the RLDP out to the community.
- Roadside verges are being damaged throughout the village by vehicles. There is no simple solution to this problem. Residents are asked to be aware of this issue when driving in the area.

7. **Planning Applications:**

It was confirmed that the following comments were submitted to NCC planning:

- 22/0166 North Court Farm

Redwick CC have no concerns to raise and fully support this planning application.

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- 22/0148 3 The Willows

I confirm that Redwick CC have no concerns to raise with regards to this planning application. The Community Council consider that this application is a sympathetic design in respect to the existing structure and that it will improve the building stock in Redwick.

Planning Application Updates:

- 21/1286 The Haven. NCC Refused.
- 21/1193 New House. NCC Refused.

Cllr Ballard suggested that the Community Council asks for a meeting with the planners. He is concerned that Redwick is being penalised for being a conservation area and that getting planning permission is becoming increasingly difficult for residents. It was unanimously agreed to approach NCC planners to request that they attend a meeting with the CC.

8. **Finance:**

- i. The bank balance figures were accepted.

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- ii. The annual salary award recommendation by NALC was considered and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Ballard and seconded by Cllr Duthie. Clerk to action with payroll.
- iii. To following payments were agreed unanimously:

	OVW Membership	£	29.00
	HMRC	£	7.40
	Clerk Salary	£	474.90
	Total	£	511.30

- iv. Allotment Wardens Account:
Current balance - £1523.86
 - The rent for the play area and Quintin's Patch has not been paid since 2019. It was agreed that the Community Council pay the outstanding play area rental. The clerk was asked to create an invoice for Quintin's Patch for the last two years.
 - It was noted that the rent for this area is low and this will be discussed at the May meeting of the Community Council with a view to increasing the rent for Quintin's Patch.
- v. Community Fund
 - The new bank account application has had to be restarted. All signatories/members of the Community Fund need to be included in the bank account application. The Clerk will submit the required details.
 - A request for funding was received from the Platinum Jubilee group. The request was unanimously agreed to a maximum of £1785 with a note that any money that comes back in via photograph or ticket sales comes back in to the fund. Clerk to action.
 - The Rushwall Wind Turbine donation was discussed. The money received was a 50% share of the total (shared with Magor CC). The CC are disappointed that this donation share was not discussed with the Council first but was a decision made remotely. Was the benefit paid at the full rate? How was the benefit worked out? Did Magor CC request a share of the benefit? Was the benefit part of the original planning consent?
Clerk to investigate and follow up with this item.
 - To community benefit offer made by Rush Wall Solar Ltd was considered. It was agreed to seek legal advice about the draft

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contract. (Cllr James took no part in this discussion, Cllr Ballard Chaired this item).

- vi. The funding requests received from The Samaritans and YFC were considered. A donation of £50 for each request was unanimously agreed.

Bus Call Account at 28.02.22		£ 3,979.33
Treasurer's Account		
Opening Balance 11.02.22:		£ 27,677.32
Cheques going out		£ 7.60
		£ 300.00
Closing Balance 23.02.22		£ 27,369.72
Cheques not yet showing on bank statement:		£ -
Balance of Treasurer's Account 23.02.22		£ 27,369.72
Community Fund	£	23,920.85
RCC Funds	£	3,448.87

9. Items for Information

This was Cllr Ballard's last meeting. He will be retiring after 40 years as a Community Councillor! The Chair thanked him for his outstanding service to the Council and Community.

The letters from Ross Price for the Community Council and The Allotment Wardens were noted.

The meeting closed at 20:20

10. Date of Next Meeting was agreed. Thursday, 12th May at 7.00pm in Redwick Village Hall.