

Redlingfield Village Committee Meeting 9th February 2022

Zoom Meeting – all are welcome (*please have your diaries to hand*)

– Starts 8pm (part 1 - duration 30 minutes)

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- Continues 8.31pm (part 2 – duration 30 minutes)

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Meeting Chair: Midge Gibbons

Parish Clerk: Janet Norman-Philips

Village Committee Members: Andrew Abbott, Katie Abbott, Graham Abbott, Sue Chapman, Allan Chapman, Helen Cook, Will Edwards, Emma Hewitt, Pat Kelly, Manday Miller, Lesley Rose-Freitas, Tony Rose-Freitas, Adrian Smith, Ian Winter; plus Will Kerry is a part-time member. *Note: since last AGM/Village Committee Meeting Mike Ager, Janet Norman-Philips and Maria Ford have resigned from the Village Committee, Maria also resigned as Treasurer.*

Agenda

1. Finance Update. Current balances and projected expenditure for next financial year. *This item precedes events on the agenda so we know how much money we have to play with for the Queen's Jubilee etc and how much fund raising/begging we are going to have to do....*

Current bank balance is £4,236 – This excludes the Earmarked Funds of Defibrillator: £1,395 and Household Support Grant: £3,000.

Committed/expected expenditure for April 2022 to March 2023 is £1,200 – leaving a bank balance of £3,091 – ie around £3,000.

2. Queen's Jubilee and village events and suggestions for 2022 (plus set dates)

The official Jubilee and extra bank holidays are:- Thursday June 2nd to Sunday June 5th (inclusive)

2.1 **Queen's Canopy Trees** – Redlingfield Project to plant 10 trees for every household (150 planted so far plus 400 more due soon in Spring).

2.2 Suggested "**Queen's Jubilee Tea on the Green**", plus asking the PCC if they could help with this as they did such a great job with Hazel and Pauline's Birthday party.

Suggested date is Jubilee Bank Holiday – which day? – Sunday 5th? (*Note: on Thursday 2nd June Eye Town Council is organising an evening event with BBQ & Bar and at round 9pm – The Beacon will be lit at Eye Castle (part of National Beacon Lighting Jubilee celebration).*)

2.2 Dedicate the **Summer Fayre & BBQ** to the Queen? **Date: Saturday 2nd July 2022.**

2.3 Suggestion that we start a **Jubilee Fund** for youngsters starting work/college (a bit like the Eye Grammar School Fund which covers Eye, Athelington, Bedfield and Horham). Providing say £200-£300 towards books/equipment /travel for starting work/training or college costs.... What are people's views?

2.4 Suggestion - Maybe buy **Queen's Jubilee mugs** for kids or households? Approximate cost would be between £150 (kids) to £300 (every household)

2.5 Plus Mike Ager organising possible special dance "**Jubilee Jump & Jive**" at the Red Feather Club - (proceeds to shore up Redlingfield Village Amenities Ltd coffers which are pretty empty – currently has £1,862 in the bank – needs to be built up to around £8,000-£12,000 in the next couple of years).

2.6 Suggestion - Possible "**Auction of Promises**" and "nice/more valuable" donated items to raise funds for Jubilee Fund (if we go ahead) and also Doorstep Green funds. This would legally allow us to sell items such as a night at Katie's Shepherd's Hut as it's not a raffle or gambling.

2.7 **Plus any other ideas.....**

3. Dates for 2022 Pubs on the Green

- May – Saturday 7th May ,
- June Saturday 4th June (as part of the Jubilee weekend - bunting, flags etc maybe start earlier than 6pm),
- July Saturday 30th July,
- August Saturday 27th August,
- September, 17th September
- October Saturday 29th October

4. Dates for the village tidies and clean-ups – Churchyard/Village/Doorstep Green. *Note: The national "Great British Spring Clean" is being promoted by Keep Britain Tidy from 25 March to 10 April 2022. We have gloves, hi-vis waistcoats and litter picker tools, plus rubbish bags.*

- Churchyard Tidy – PCC normally picks the date....
- Village Litter Pick – weekend of 26/27th March or 2nd/3rd April or 9th/10th April
- Doorstep Green Tidy – a Wednesday in April (13th or 20th or 27th) and a weekend in April - 9th & 10th or 16th & 17th or 30th & 1st May (not the litter pick weekend).

5. Dates for Other events/activities including AGM and February 2023 Village Committee Meeting

5.1 Redlingfield Village AGM (Annual Parish Meeting) Wednesday 18th May 2022
(This has been booked with Horham Community Centre).

5.2 Next Village Committee Meeting Wednesday 8th February 2023 *(to set dates for April 2023 - March 2024)*

5.3 Suffolk Day will return this year as part of the Festival of Suffolk 2022. It is always held on the summer solstice, which this year falls on **Tuesday 21st June.**

5.4 St Edmund's Day – Sunday 20th November.

5.5 Coffee Caravan restarts on 6th April 2022 – First Wednesday of the month from 10am till 12 noon on the village triangle **from 6th April 2022 till 5th October 2022.**

6. Other items

6.1 Flying Flags, plus flag for Remembrance Sunday - (Ian's report attached)

Armistice Day is marked by a two minute silence at 11am on the 11th November – it commemorates the signing of the Armistice which ended the First World War and remembers all those who gave their lives in service to their country since 1914.

***Remembrance Sunday**, held each year at the Cenotaph commemorates everyone who has died. Remembering the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the emergency services and all those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. This year it is on **Sunday 13th November 2022.** The Union Jack is flown on Remembrance Sunday by organisations holding commemorative events.
*Note: The Doorstep Green can fly whatever flags it wants to, within the bounds of decency and sensitivity, it already owns the following flags:- Union Jack, St Edmundsbury and Suffolk.**

6.2 Update of Defibrillator (Ian's report attached).

6.3 Update on Household Support Grant. (JNP to report). Suffolk Community Foundation has awarded Redlingfield a grant of £3,000 to assist households in need. Janet Norman-Philips & Alison Smith will handle the grant details and applicants with oversight provided by Midge Gibbons.

6.4 Update from the Doorstep Green Company on the Doorstep Green car parking progress plus brief on future plans (which are unchanged). Redlingfield Village Amenities Ltd and Redlingfield PCC are working together to install the car parking and roadway for the Doorstep Green. Last July the best quotes for the materials and installation were £12,114 & £2,064 respectively. Totalling £14,178. An application for a grant of £3,000 was made to Mid Suffolk Councillor Peter Gould – who decided that he could afford £1,500 from his locality fund. The grant wasn't released until the 20th December and unfortunately material costs have increased by £612 since July, so the total is now £14,790. The orders will have been placed by the time of the Village Committee meeting.

Immediate future plans relate to buying and installing the new fencing and installing the gates that have been donated (when we can afford it). Plus repairing existing equipment (eg the basketball hoop and play surfaces and repairing/replacing rotting timber fence and gate posts).

Longer term we need to get back on track for completely updating and expanding the play area, improving amenities and pathways as well as obtaining the substantial grants needed to achieve this. We will be conducting surveys etc to ascertain people's needs and requirements. Projected costs are in the region of £80,000-£90,000.

6.5 Reminder Village Magazine Spring 2022 - last date for inclusion in issue is 14th February 2022.

6.6. Note: **Redlingfield PCC** has scheduled its next PCC meeting for the same evening as this Village Committee Meeting - evening of the 9th February. So, currently we do not know what events the Church is planning for 2022 or what the dates will be. We will be asking the PCC for proposed/possible dates – to be available for the Village Committee meeting.

Plus AOB