

## RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016

MINUTES [ approved by councillors on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017]

1. The chairman, Louise Rees, welcomed councillors Sarah Statt, Stephen Warner, David Francis and Chris Scott. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Apologies were received from David Cannell and Rory Sherriff. Mick Arnold was absent. Apologies were also sent from David Ritchie [Suffolk County councillor] and Kevin Springall [Waveney District councillor].
2. **Declarations of interest** and any dispensations allowed – none
3. **Public Forum** – no members of the public present; see after item 6.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** [16-09-16] were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising** not on agenda – possible build site in School Rd. briefly discussed; more information awaited on VAS; clerk asked to write to garage in Redisham Rd. re parking on highway; Russell Ulph has had recognition from the Community Council.
6. **Finances** –
  - Balance at 19-09-16 - £19, 727.26 [incl. 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of precept]
  - Noted - £364 CIL money to be added to the above.; S. 106 money available - £6,895.21 [held by WDC]; and suggested ring-fenced for hall renovation support – 3/4K.
  - Cheques were approved as follows: 557 to Vertas Group for 557.24 [grass cutting]; 558 to SALC for 19.20 [clerk's training]; 559 to C. Cardwell for 179.53 [net sal Oct]; 560 to C. Cardwell for 169.56 [expenses Apr – Oct]. **Total - £925.53** and [561 to Beccles Town Council for £100 – Mayor's appeal]
  - Beccles Town Council - councillors agreed to donate £100 towards the Mayor's appeal for the restoration of The Avenue and a cheque was approved.
  - External audit report [BDO] was received and recommendations noted
  - Financial risk assessment was carried out

**PUBLIC FORUM** - The meeting closed at 7.33pm for extensive comments by James Pye on the problems of parking in School Rd. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Mark Kerridge [Suffolk Highways] to highlight problems and discuss possible outcomes. There were further comments re the bus shelter condition and siting as school buses stop by cycle racks on Russells Green. There are plans for a school library bus and also fireworks to raise funds; the chair advised JP to contact the Community Council on the fireworks. The meeting opened at 8.05pm

7. **Hall and Recreation Ground Charity Trustee meeting** [12-10-16] report was received and noted.

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8. **Children's playground** – condition and need for repairs and upgrading discussed; councillors agreed to spend S. 106 money for this; they also agreed that this renovation and repairs should be managed by the parish council as the funding goes through the PC accounts – all councillors agreed to this. The clerk asked to source 3 quotes based on the RoSPA report and recommendations, and inform Co-Co. Councillors agreed to meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. to check all equipment.
9. **Planning** – no planning matters
10. **Parking** in School Rd. – see above after item 6.
11. **Website** – councillors agreed to use the Community Action Suffolk as a website provider and asked clerk to arrange this. This will cost £50+VAT = £60 per year.
12. **Beccles Neighbourhood Plan** – there will be a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Councillors noted Barsham and Shipmeadow Parish Council's desire to withdraw from the plan; this will be discussed at Nov. meeting
13. **Reports** from County, District and parish councillors – Chris Scott reported the local concerns over the future of the Minor Injuries Unit at the Beccles Hospital and the bloods unit. General concerns over local health services were discussed by councillors. Chris Scott suggested that there might be funds for the village hall from the Beccles Regeneration Project.
14. **Any other business** – the chair said that David Cannell has kindly invited councillors to a walk round his farm on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. An offer of a 50mph limit on Bungay to Beccles road had been declined by Bungay Town Council. Questions were raised about the status of the wind turbine application at Barsham – chair to give update in Nov.
15. **Next meeting** – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

*The meeting closed at 9.10pm*

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