

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 27TH January 2017

Minutes [approved by councillors on 17-02-17]

1. The chairman, Louise Rees, welcomed councillors David Cannell, David Francis, Rory Sherriff, Sarah Statt, Stephen Warner and Chris Scott. Mick Arnold was absent. Apologies were received from David Ritchie [Suffolk County councillor]. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Also attending was Kevin Springall [Waveney District councillor]. Two members of the public were present.
2. **Declarations of interest** and any dispensations allowed – none forward.
3. **PUBLIC FORUM** – Kevin Springall gave a report on the forthcoming merger of Waveney and Suffolk Coastal district councils. The chair thanked Kevin Springall for attending. There were further questions on speeding outside the school and the recent SCC Highways survey and the future renovation of the playground.
4. **Minutes** of the previous meeting [18-11-16] were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising** not on agenda – Chris Scott updated councillors on the latest news from Beccles Hospital.
6. **Finances** –
 - balance on Lloyds current acct: £18,590.84; the chair pointed out that part of the council's reserves was allocated to the village hall improvement, and also that the S. 106 money for Weston [5,959] was due to expire in early March and must be allocated. It was suggested that it could be used to support a forthcoming WREN application to renovate the playground.
 - Cheques were approved as follows: no. 565 to C. Cardwell for 359.06 [net sal dec/jan]; no. 566 to Louise Rees for 109.63 [carols on green]; no. 567 to Community Action Suffolk for 60.00 [website]; no. 568 to S. Darch for 100.00 [Cottage Garden Services]; no. 569 to Heelis and Lodge for 66.00 [audit].
 - *Internal audit* – councillors expressed their confidence in Heelis and Lodge for their audit services and appointed them to carry out the internal audit for the year ending March 2017.
 - External audit arrangements after Apr. 2018 were explained by the clerk.
7. **Budget for year Apr. 2017 to March 2018** – councillors finalised the precept request to Waveney District Council at £6,500, the same as last year.
8. **Planning** –DC/17/0152: Murrays Yard, Primrose Lane – councillors had no objection to the construction of a greenhouse. Councillors noted WDC permission for the extensions etc at Whispering Willows. Questions were also asked about the building site next to the village hall which appeared to be being used as a dump, and the clerk was asked to look back at the original planning permission, and contact the Planning office.
9. **Children's playground** – councillors have looked again at Oscar's extensive plans for which a new WREN application is planned by the Community Council. Councillors agreed that the S. 106 money for Weston could be used to support a future application. There is local community interest and this will be further discussed and decided in Feb.
10. **Litter pick** – planned for 18th March, with bacon rolls in the Three Horseshoes after.

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11. **Spring newsletter** – councillors decided to publish asap, with added information on playground update, forthcoming events etc. and news of Beccles Hospital.
12. **Parish assets** – the notice board on Russells Green needs new doors – Rory Sherriff to do this. The future of the bus shelter, which appears to be redundant, will be discussed in Feb.
13. **Website** – this will be supported by Community Action Suffolk at a cost of 60.0 per year and managed by Graham Leggate.
14. **School Road parking** and speed issues – the results of the SCC Highways speed survey were discussed. A VAS [vehicle activated sign] is thought to be a good idea and it is hoped to share costs with a neighbouring parish; David Ritchie [SC councillor] to be asked to support out of locality budget.
15. **BT phone box** – only automated reply from BT following a request for the PC to purchase it for the defibrillator.
16. **Trustee meeting [2-12-16]** – report; next meeting 3rd Feb; Suzanne Gibbons to discuss fund raising.
17. **Reports** from County, District and parish councillors – see Item 3 above.
18. **Any other business** –
 - correspondence received and discussed.
 - The road sign at the end of Kings Lane needs repair – clerk to report
 - White lines needed where Ringsfield Rd. joins Church Rd. – clerk to contact Mark Kerridge [Suffolk Highways]
 - Cllr. Scott asked if his son could help clear leaves etc on playing field – councillors agreed they would be glad of the help.
 - Parking outside garage in Redisham Rd – complaints re parking on roadside: clerk asked to write to owners.
 - Beccles Neighbourhood Plan - Louise Rees to attend a meeting next Monday; Barsham and Shipmeadow and Sotterley had pulled out; report in Feb and discussion of options.
19. **Next meeting** – 17th February 2017

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