

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on FRIDAY 22th April 2022 at 7pm in Ringsfield Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr Scott, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Fletcher, Scase-Jones. Clerk J Brown & 1 member of the public, David Wilkins– who is interested in the Clerk’s appointment.

1. OPENING

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Cloke, Cllr Sherriff, Cllr Peach.

PUBLIC FORUM – No comments

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18th March 2022.

Cllr Warner proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1 Neighbourhood Plan – No progress.

2 Traffic issues – Updates, if any. No updates.

3 New notice board for Weston – Waiting for arrival to Cllr Statt.

4 Appointment of new clerk and RFO – David Wilkins had expressed interest in this position and has undergone some training with the current clerk. Cllr Warner proposed David Wilkins is appointed as Clerk & RFO. 2nd Cllr Statt, aif.

6 FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk’s pay & expenses March & April £466.20

Nick Hall – Grass Cutting £434.00 + £78.00 £512.00

SALC – Subs £265.92

Cllr Statt proposed payment of the above accounts, 2nd Cllr Scase-Jones, aif.

Cllr Sherriff submitted an invoice for £170 to cut down and clear an elm tree on Russell’s Green. Councillors were reminded that they cannot be paid by their Parish Council for any work done on its behalf. The clerk will write to Cllr Sherriff.

Internet Banking to be set up for the new clerk by Cllr Scott and Cllr Warner.

Councillors were asked if they could e-mail any financial questions before meetings to allow the new clerk time to lookup details

b Accounts already paid – Noticeboard Co Ltd – for Weston £665.50

c Receipts –

d Bank Balance at 29th March 2022 £11,437.14

e Presentation of Year Accounts and AGAR Form for approval and signature

f Presentation of Bank Reconciliation

g Presentation of Budget to Actual March 2022

h Presentation of Asset Register for Approval

i Breakdown of Reserves

j Exemption from Limited Assurance Audit

All presentations were circulated with no questions raised. Cllr Scase-Jones proposed acceptance to items e, f, g, h & j. and the Chair should sign all documents, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

7 CORRESPONDENCE - None

8 PLANNING

a Applications Rec’d –

DC/22/0982/FUL - Grove Farm Barns, King Lane, Weston. Change of use.

Cllr Fletcher asked if the application is limited to just air rifles and air guns. The council agreed that the consultee response should read:

“No objections subject to firearms being restricted to air guns/rifles and being properly regulated.”

Cllr Scase-Jones proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif

b Decisions Rec'd– none

9 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports – none.

Parish Councillor's Reports – Cllr Fletcher asked if there was any news regarding the Crickert Club assuming responsibility for maintaining the pitch – there hasn't.

Clerk's Report – To include crime report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary's website.

7 crimes were reported in February:

4 x violence and sexual offences, Russell's Green – under investigation

2 x violence and sexual offenses, Russell's Green – Action to be taken by another organisation

1 x violence and sexual offenses, Redisham Road – under investigation

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Parish Meeting May 20th 2022 – to be held immediately before the PC's AGM, Clerk to remind Louise Rees.

Propose change of Weston's Parish Boundary – Cllr Statt proposed no objections, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif. The Clerk to add proviso that the PC should ne kept informed of any future development plans as Cllrs are concerned that Beccles may want to come into Weston further and there will be no countryside left in the end.

Astco Clothing Bank will pay a small amount to the PC for clothes, The PC felt it is a good idea, Clerk to ask CC how they feel about the proposal.

The Chair thanked the Clerk for all her hard work over the years and wished her well in her retirement. Meeting closed at pm

NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual General Meeting 20th May 2022

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