

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the ZOOM meeting of the Parish Council on FRIDAY 19th February 2021 at 7pm

Present: Chair Cllr Rees, Cllrs Scott, Statt, Warner, Fletcher, Cloke & Peach (joined at 7.38pm)

1. OPENING OF MEETING

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Francis, Sherriff & Peach.

PUBLIC FORUM –

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 15th JANUARY 2021.

Cllr Fletcher had sent his apologies for January's meeting which the Clerk did not see until after the meeting. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance with the following amendment, 2nd Cllr Warner, 4 for, 2 abstentions – Item 7- last line should have read ... *too narrow and potholed at the edges, not ages.*

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

1 Cllr vacancy for Weston. Application from Mrs Scase-Jones had been circulated, she also gave a brief talk on her reasons for applying. Mrs Scase- Jones was placed in the waiting room whilst the Cllrs discussed her application. Cllr Rees said that Mrs Scase-Jones would be an asset to the Council and proposed she be co-opted on, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif. Mrs Scase-Jones was brought back into the meeting and welcomed to the Council.

2 Neighbourhood Plan - In abeyance, Cllr Rees is unable to lead this project now due to pressure of work and is hopeful that Cllr Francis will take on this role.

3 Quiet Lanes. In abeyance

4 Speeding and HGV traffic through the village, to include proposed Speedwatch Team of volunteers. In abeyance.

5 Installation of bench for Russells Green – still waiting for better weather.

6 Light in village hall car park – waiting for cherry picker to be able to change bulb, one of the floodlight bulbs at the tennis courts will be replaced at the same time.

7 Discuss repairs/maintenance to PC's assets. Cllr Fletcher has inspected all the assets on the register that he had access to and advised that any work needed to notice boards and signs are mainly cosmetic, although the base of the Ringsfield sign needs repointing and the post for the board near the bus shelter needs replacing or refixing. One of the football nets needs replacing, it is thought that the CC have spare ones in storage. He will circulate his findings. Cllr Statt has already reported that two legs of the picnic bench need to be put back into the ground. Cllr Rees is to try to find out who owns the bus shelter. The laptop is 3 years old and may need a service soon. Cllr Rees thanked Cllr Fletcher for doing the survey.

8 Discuss making part of Russell's Green a wild flower area. In abeyance

6. FINANCE

A Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses January	207.03
HMRC PAYE	49.00
Total	£256.03

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance of these accounts, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts –

d Bank Balance Statement at 29th January 2021. £15,461.25, copy circulated includes £570.71 Play area funds and

e CIL money in hand £232.02 to spend by Oct 2023 + £253.62 by Apr 2024

d Appointment of internal auditor. Cllr Rees proposed SALC, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif

7. CORRESPONDENCE – None

8 PLANNING –

a Applications Rec'd –

- 1) DC/21/0279/FUL 16 School Road. Single front and rear extension, re roof of existing garage and internal alterations to form annex accommodations ancillary to main dwellings. New application following refusal of DC/20/3637/FUL
- 2) DC/21/0350/FUL & DC/21/0123/LBC The Brambles, Church Rd. First floor and rear extension.
- 3) DC/21/0122/FUL & DC/21/123/LBC Owl Barn, London Road. Extension and conversion of existing outbuildings to create new residential unit.
- 4) DC/21/0303/FUL Devonshire Farm, Ringsfield. Conversion of existing building with extant permission to convert to a single dwelling, erection of cartlodge/office and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage.

Cllr Rees proposed no objection to items 1,2 & 3 2nd Cllr Statt, aif. After some discussion Cllrs decided to draw up a list of reservations re item 4 before submitting comments to ESC.

b Decisions Rec'd–

DC/20/3637/ 16 School Rd. (see application no 1 above) **Refused** – rear extension too long and front extension would extend beyond the building line of neighbours.

DC/20/4716/FUL Home View, Church Road. Conversion of existing single storey barn into holiday let. **Permitted.**

DC/20/4878/FUL Barns at Ringsfield Hall Farm. Self build and conversion of barns. **Refused** – unsustainable development in isolated location. Cllrs were surprised at this decision and that one of the reasons was *'the development falls within the 13km protection zone of European Designated Sites as set out in the emerging Suffolk Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) Local Policy WLP8.34 which seeks to support the Habitats Directive where proposals would cause a direct or indirect adverse effect to the integrity of nationally designated areas.* Full refusal document is available on ESC's Planning Portal. Cllr Cloke found a map detailing the protection zone which appears to cover the Broads at Beccles and Bungay to the A143 and a new area from the One Hundred River down towards the coast.

9 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports – Cllr Cloke's report had been circulated, there were no questions.

Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Statt: Graham, who looks after the defib, has reported a fault with the plate temperature light and is waiting for an engineer to get back to him. Cllr Rees proposed that the PC should pay if there is any cost, all agreed.

Cllr Scott: and Cllr Cloke attended the meeting with P Aldous MP, T Passmore P&CC and Cllr Bee re speeding and other policing issues, as usual the meeting concentrated more on Bungay than smaller parishes. Cllr Scott reminded the attendees that a meeting for the smaller parishes with the MP just to discuss traffic problems caused by the southern bypass had been agreed. Cllr Cloke had emailed Cllr Bee & the MP in January to try to get a firm date and will chase this up again. Verges are being disintegrated, banks besides the roads are being eroded and large potholes are getting bigger and growing in number in all the roads being used as short cuts for increasing numbers of vehicles both small and very large with little or no maintenance is being carried out, all agreed that something needs to be done urgently.

Cllr Rees thanked Cllrs Scott and Cloke for attending.

Cllrs also reported that flooding is occurring more frequently on roads around the village, ditches are full and pipes are blocked probably due to lack of maintenance over a long period of time.

Cllr Rees thinks that a ditch survey should be carried out.

Cllr Statt has seen a report stating that Highways are to receive an extra £23-£25m with £4m carried over from last year.

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

December 1 x ASB Kings Lane

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Donations - Cllr Statt proposed donating the room hire the PC would have had to pay last year, £100.00, to the Community Council as their takings will have been decimated, she also proposed donating £100 each to Ringsfield and Weston Churches' Churchyard upkeep, 2nd Cllr Cllr Rees, aif. The PC was notified on 9th February that the application for the development in School Ringsfield would be determined at ESC's Planning Committee Meeting on 22nd February, Cllr Rees will register to speak, the PC objected to the plans in their present form, comments can be seen on ESC's Planning Portal, and she intends to reiterate them. After some discussion Cllrs Rees asked all the Cllrs if their views had changed and volunteered to canvas residents of School Road on Saturday to make sure she has taken into account as many people's feelings about the development as possible before finalising her 'speech'. Cllr Rees will send a copy to Cllr Cloke who will also put the Parishes points across.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.59pm

NEXT MEETING: 19th March 2021

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