

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on FRIDAY 25th February 2022 at 7pm in Ringsfield Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr Scott, Cllrs Rees, Fletcher, Statt, Warner, Scase-Jones & Sherriff, Clerk J Brown & 1 member of the public.

1. OPENING

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

PUBLIC FORUM – Mr Garrod has sent his objections to the Planning Inspectorate re the School Road Development appeal, he was assured that the PC had reiterated their original objections. The Clerk will notify the PC & Mr Garrod of the results of the appeal.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 21st January 2022. Cllr Warner proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Rees, 6 for 1 abstention.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1 Speedwatch Team of volunteers – No progress despite advertising.
- 2 Neighbourhood Plan – Not enough volunteers still, Cllr Rees will try again to drum up interest in the coming months.
- 3 Traffic issues – There is to be a meeting with police, reps from the Bio-Plant and PCs.
- 4 New notice board for Weston – Cllr Scase-Jones proposed the Clerk order a recycled lockable one under £500, 2nd Cllr Rees, 5 for, 1 against & 1 abstention.
- 5 Installation of bench for Russells Green – The concrete base has been laid.
- 6 Light in village hall car park – No progress, SCC are to have a programme of street lighting renewal and may fix this at the same time. Cllr Rees to look into.
- 7 Repairs/maintenance to PC's assets. The bus shelter will be re-stained soon. Cllr Peach to report overgrown footpaths and damaged road signs.
- 8 One vacancy for Ringsfield seat. No progress despite advertising.
- 9 Quotes for grass cutting 2022. 3 quotes have been obtained. Cllr Rees proposed accepting Nick Hall's quote for this season, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif. The CC will ask Gillingham Cricket Club if they would be willing to hire the pitch and therefore ease the financial burden on the PC & CC for maintenance. The CC are getting quotes for new sheds and toilets, Earsham Sheds are currently sponsoring the Cricket Club.
- 10 Discuss purchase of lawnmower for cricket field. Offer from Cllr Sherriff of loan to PC. After some discussion Cllr Scase-Jones proposed not to accept the kind offer of Cllr Sherriff's loan, 2nd Cllr Statt, 6 for, 1 abstention. The purchase of a lawnmower will be deferred for now.

7. FINANCE

a Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses January	£265.53
S Warner – Mulled wine for Carols on the Green event	£63.84
Cllr Rees – expenses for Carols on the Green event	£14.47
Total 3	£343.84

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – Ilk St Andrew PC – Share of VAS insurance £84.08

d Bank Balance at 27th January 2022 £13,845.81 includes £570.71 Play area funds

e CIL money in hand total £293.39 - £39.77 to spend by Oct 2023 + £253.62 by Apr 2024

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

9. PLANNING

a Applications Rec'd – APPEAL of DC/20/1001/OUT Land north of School Road. See Public Forum

b Decisions Rec'd – None

10 REPORTS**County and District Councillor's Reports – Forwarded****Parish Councillor's Reports –**

Cllr Rees has received complaints about the amount of dog mess on footpaths and hopes some more stickers for posts may help, she will put a piece in the newsletter.

Cllr Rees and Mandy Chapman will be unable to help organise the proposed Community Big Lunch, Cllr Statt has put a notice on the Nextdoor site asking for volunteers to help with only one response so far. The hall is booked if anyone else does come forward. The Church is organising an event for 3rd June. The CC feel that the hedge alongside the village hall car park needs to be cut back and regularly maintained and are getting quotes for the work, the PC are in agreement.

Cllr Rees has written the CC's report for the Charity Commission, an independent examiner's report was also needed this year.

Cllr Peach & Sherriff will be digging out the ditches surrounding the cricket pitch to try to stop flooding. Cllr Peach has applied to have 5 Caravan Club pitches for motorhomes/ touring caravans on a piece of land near his home.

Clerk's Report – To include crime report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary's website. None

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk's retirement – The Clerk will finish on 30th April 2022, the vacancy to be advertised on the noticeboard, in the newsletter, with SALC and on Nextdoor site.

Community Governance Review – circulated.

Jubilee Mugs the school did not reply to the Clerk's enquiry, no decision made on whether the PC should buy them.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm

NEXT MEETING: 18th March 2022

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