

AGENDA - RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on FRIDAY 16th July 2021 at 7pm in Ringsfield Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr Scott, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Peach, Fletcher, Scase-Jones & C Cllr Cloke.
Clerk J Brown.

1. **OPENING**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
3. **RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Rees

PUBLIC FORUM –

Results of Public Consultation on proposed 5 Quiet Lanes for Ringsfield & Weston, followed by Cllr votes on continuation of the project. Cllr Warner proposed that the PC go ahead with the designation of Church Rd & Polls Lane Ringsfield, and Cucumber Lane, Kings Lane & Church Lane Weston as per QLS's, map 2nd Cllr Scase-Jones, aif. Cllr Warner proposed payment of a £50.00 voluntary contribution For Weston's signs 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif. The PC recognise the advantages of this project and the Driver Behaviour Campaign and Cllr Scase-Jones proposed a further contribution of £150.00, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

4. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2021**
Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Scase-Jones, 5 votes for 1 abstention.

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

1 Grass cutting around the village following 3 Cllrs' written requests to overturn the resolution made at June's meeting. A quote has been received from D James of £50.00 per field. After some discussion Cllr Statt proposed giving Mr James the contract to cut the cricket pitch weekly during the season with an extra cut before matches if required, with an occasional cut over the winter, and to give P Saunders a new contract to cut the playing field in the grounds of the hall and Russells Green fortnightly during the season at a reduced price to reflect no longer cutting the cricket pitch, 2nd Cllr Scase-Jones, aif. Contracts to be revised next year. Clerk to try to find out how much cricket teams pay other parishes. Cllrs thought the hedges around the pitch need cutting back, Clerk to get a price from Stephen Hall.

2 Neighbourhood Plan – No progress

3 Quiet Lanes - See Public Forum

4 Speeding and HGV traffic through the village, to include proposed Speedwatch Team of volunteers Cllrs have a meeting with P Aldous MP this month to discuss problems of speeding traffic and HGV's. Cllr Peach asked if Cromwell Rd could have a 30mph limit for the whole length, Highways have dodged this question before, hopefully the MP may get a better result. Community Speedwatch is running again, Cllr Statt has 7 volunteers names and will restart work on this project in August.

5 Installation of bench for Russells Green – No progress

6 Light in village hall car park – No progress

7 Repairs/maintenance to PC's assets – The wheelchair friendly picnic bench and other bench in the play area need emergency repairs. L & R Garden Services declined to quote. J Easey put in a quote (circulated) for £312.00 for both, Cllr Statt proposed acceptance of this quote, 2nd Cllr Scase-Jones, aif. Bus shelter- Cllr Fletcher organised a working party who trimmed hedges, cleared away ivy, dead trees, and overgrowth, he thanked everyone for their help. The roof shingles need to be scraped and treated, the wooden sides also need treating internally and externally, materials will be approx. £100. Cllr Scott proposed paying for this and any other sundries required, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif. Cllr Fletcher thinks that a shredder will be needed for the debris he could not take away, hire costs approx. £92. Cllrs agreed to move the PC's notice board inside the shelter when maintenance is complete. Cllr Fletcher would like to hire someone to keep that area maintained in the future, to be discussed at September's meeting. Volunteers needed for the next stage. Cllr Scott thanked Cllr Fletcher for organising this.

8 One vacancy for Ringsfield seat – Advertised.

7. **FINANCE**

- a. **Accounts for Payment**

J Brown, Clerk's pay June & July exp for June only	£516.55
Nick Hall – Play area grass cutting June	£45.00
PRS Agriculture June grasscutting June to 10 th July	£669.00
B Gooderham – grasscutting cricket pitch July	£280.00
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Total 5	£1,790.55

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance to these accounts except for B Gooderham's charge for 17th June, which was not authorised by the PC, to pay only £140 total for this invoice, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – None

d Bank Balance Statement at 21st June 2021. £19,769.09

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

f Presentation of Budget to Actual Spend end of June 2021

g Presentation of bank reconciliation at end of June 2021

There were no questions to items f & g, Cllr Statt proposed acceptance to both, 2nd Cllr Fletcher.

- 8 CORRESPONDENCE** - Mr Nathan, email re School Road development, circulated.
There is nothing to be done until the developers submit a new application, however it may be possible for Cllrs to meet with the developers.

9 PLANNING

a Applications Rec'd –

DC/21/2998/AME – 16 School Road. Non Material Amendment of DC/21/0279/FUL.

DC/21/2729/FUL – Lemans Farm, Banters Lane. Single storey rear extension.

DC/21/2784/FUL & DC/21/2785/LBC. Barns at Weston Hall. Conversion of main barns to a single unit holiday let and conversion of 19th Century brick stables for further holiday accommodation.

Cllr Warner proposed no objections to all 3 applications, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif.

b Decisions Rec'd– DC/21/2429/FUL. Barnaby Farm, Ringsfield Rd. Alterations and extension to rear. Permitted.

10 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports

Cllr Cloke sent her report which has been circulated, no questions. Cllr Cloke is now on the Regulation and Development Committee, involved in County Planning. and paid a site visit to a waste pit which was unpleasantly noisy and dusty. Sam Kenward of the Community Partnership has been working very very hard organising a range children's outdoor activities in Beccles and Bungay over the holidays. Bungay's Community Centre will be officially opened by a US Commander from RAF Lakenheath tomorrow. There was more discussion about the problems caused by extra HGV's in local towns and villages, not all satnavs have been updated with the new relief road. Cllr Cloke may be spending a lot of her Highways Budget on lorry surveys in her Ward with the aim of an area plan, she cannot make any promises but will do her very best to improve matters.

Cllr Scase-Jones left the meeting at 8.10pm as previously agreed.

Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Scott – Works to Caxton Villa are nearly complete, the ground floor has extra consulting rooms with air conditioning, the offices are on the first floor, the whole building is lighter and airier now.

The Friends of Beccles Hospital loaned £600,000 towards the upgrade.

Cllr Scott is to attend his first Evensong and AGM of the Friends of Ringsfield Church.

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

There were no crimes reported in May.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Request for the PC to find more information on ecologist's great crested newt survey which has been extended to Ringsfield. No one at the meeting knew who is carrying this survey out, Cllrs decided to keep it in mind.

Meeting closed at 8.19pm

NEXT MEETING: 17th September 2021

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