

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 23rd June 2017

Present: Chair Cllr Rees, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Cannell, Sheriff & Scott
 Attending Clerk Mrs Brown and 1 member of the public.

1. **OPENING OF ANNUAL MEETING** - The meeting was declared open at 7.00pm
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
3. **RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Francis – holiday, Cllr Springall – other commitment

PUBLIC FORUM – Nothing to report
4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 19th May 2017**– Cllr Warner proposed acceptance 2nd Cllr Cannell aif. The Chair signed the minutes
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** –
 - 1 Community or Parish Plan –The Clerk is to ask Jo McCullum to speak at the Hall regarding the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan, once a date is arranged a leaflet drop will be made around the parishes of Ringsfield & Weston.
 - 2 Access to cricket pitch, copies of keys have been made and one given to Waveney Norse
 - 3 Development on land adj to Church Road, Cllr Rees spoke with the new owners of the site who intend to have ‘more substantial high end lodges, which is why they don’t look wooden’, and will be living over the shop when it is completed, plans for extending the flat have been lodged with Planning. They are doing the building work in their spare time and so the construction will take a long time, they have engaged a Project Manager who will attend a meeting of the PC with drawings of how the finish project will look. There will be fish & chips on Fridays and pizzas on Saturdays for locals. Cllrs understood that the planning permission has lapsed and there is some concern that WDC’s Building Control are not overseeing the work see email dated 25th May 2017 from Debbi Wicks, the Clerk is to contact her with these concerns.
 - 4 Village Hall – New members have joined the Community Council, following the mass resignation of the old members last month. Officials: Chairman – N Johnson, Treasurer - I Parker, K Eaton – Secretary, M Chapman – Booking Clerk.
 The hall has been thoroughly cleaned throughout, a fire risk assessment has been completed and 1st aid & eyewash kits checked and renewed. An electrician has fixed the outside lights and PAT tested all the appliances, he will return to check the electrics in the pavilion soon. The strip lighting in the hall will be renewed over the weekend, thanks to volunteers including Cllr Rees, Statt & Sherriff, the curtains and blinds are to be laundered and sprayed with a fire-retardant substance then again every 5 years. The previous Council made a request that the electricity board in the store cupboard was checked and this electrician’s final bill was approx. £3,000 but he will not issue a certificate for the work, Cllr Rees is to try to get a reduction. The new Committee is to secure lower utility bills for the future using the Committee’s Charitable status. Cllr Rees asked Cllrs to consider a donation to the Committee to help with the outlay for all this work, this will be discussed later.
 - 5 Vacancy for Parish Councillor- Nick Johnson gave a brief account of why he would like to join the PC. Cllr Warner proposed that he be co-opted onto the Council, 2nd Cllr Rees aif, Mr Johnson signed the declaration of Office. There is 1 other vacancy on the PC which has been advertised on the notice board due to Mr Arnold’s departure from the PC.

- 6 Defibrillator – This has been installed in the phone box and Cllr Statt has sent off the registration form to EAA and bought the stickers. If the defib is needed the user needs to call 999, when they will be given a code to access the machine which gives instructions on how to use it. A full 1st Aid Training Course is to be held in the hall on 7th July from 6-8pm, places are limited. There is to be an official launch on 14th July at 6.30pm at the phone box with a photoshoot to include 1st Responders and trained users. Cllr Rees thanked Cllr Statt for sorting it all out.
- 7 Play Area – The Clerk is to contact both WREN & WDC regarding the use of Section 106 money as third party funding for project, the results of the funding application from Wren will now not be available until 28th September. Mr Michael Montague recently sadly passed away, his widow has given £50 to the fund in his memory. There will be a board erected in the new play area mentioning everyone who has contributed including Mr Stuart Wilson, a long term resident, who arranged the acquisition of the land, the building of the village hall and the first play area. There is to be an indoor car boot sale in aid of the new play area on Saturday 7th October 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

6 FINANCE

A Accounts for Payment

J Brown - Clerk's Pay & expenses for May	208.92
PAYE	41.00
East England Ambulance – Defib & training	1,896.00
R Dawson – To fit Defib	186.50
Cllr Rees - expenses from litter pick	115.10
Cllr Statt - Stickers for Defib	38.16
Total cheques 6	£2,485.68

Cllr Cannell proposed acceptance and that these accounts are paid 2nd Cllr Scott, aif

b Accounts already paid - None

c Receipts – Car boot sale -£305.00. Unidentified deposit £2568.14 (M&H £50.00, Weston Country Fayre £2508.14, £10 raffle in aid of the Play Area)

d Bank Balance Statement at 28th April 2017: £ 20,60.97

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Harlequin Group – re proposed installation of telephone mast off Cromwell Road. Concerns have been raised by some nearby residents over noise, unsightliness and health risks. Cllr Rees has passed the comments onto Harlequin who have agreed to write to them to allay their fears.

8 PLANNING –

a.Applications Rec'd –

1) DC/17/1612/FUL MR Scase-Jones, Triple Trees, Cucumber Lane. Replacement of existing bungalow with two storey dwelling and subservient connected outbuildings. Site visit held in May. Cllr Rees called at the property, but there was no one at home, she thought the proposed building would dominate the plot.

2) APP/T3535/W/17/3173889 Park House, Kings Lane. Appeal against WDC's refusal to grant permission for application DC/16/4692/ROC

Cllr Cannell proposed that the PC ask that the land be advertised at an appropriate price for agricultural use to gauge local need.

b Decisions Rec'd– None

DC/17/1694/FUL Mr Seely, Sparrows Thick, Redisham Road. Ground floor extension to kitchen and first floor gable extension above with balcony. GRANTED 3 conditions

10 REPORTS

County and District Councillors Reports - None

Parish Councillor Reports -

Clerk’s Report – To include crime report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary’s website. The website is still showing crimes reported up until the end March

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Cllr Statt – There have been requests for a dog bin on the Village Green, the residents will be asked their views on this before any purchase is made. Cllr Statt also asked for some improvements to the website content, Cllr Rees & the Clerk will see what they can do, but it may take an expert to help out at first, the matter will be on July’s agenda.

Cllr Scott – has attended a meeting of the Friends of Beccles Hospital where Dr Collins reported that the current arrangements for blood testing will carry on for another 6 months after the contract expires in September and will be trying to find another provider in the meantime. The staff are coping well with the large demand in the minor injuries unit, the funding for which has been increased. The NHS are planning to develop the surgery further, so the funding to upgrade Caxton Villa is on hold. The practice is 3 doctors down. Mr Burton’s eye clinic will be opening soon. There is to be a fete tomorrow opened by Peter Aldous MP.

Cllr Scott was unable to attend Worlingham’s Neighbourhood Plan evening. He is to repair the fence around the tennis court.

Cllr Rees – Ilketshall St Andrew PC can only afford to contribute to one VAS, but intend to do some fund raising. Cllrs Ritchie & Bee have promised money from their Locality Budgets for the signs which will be the kind which flash the speed of the approaching vehicle and flash ‘slow down’ if they are speeding.

The toilets in the pavilion have been painted and a new floor installed by someone unknown, thanks go to them. The PC are to look into funding to get the toilets and showers upgraded, the container style units cost approx. £10,000 including fitting.

The white lines on the road outside the school should have been painted at the end of March, the Clerk is to contact Mark Kerridge (Highways) to find out why they have not.

Traffic monitoring wires have been placed across Cromwell & London Roads as well as many roads around Beccles, presumably something to do with the relief road.

Close There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.54pm.

Signed.....Chair Date: 21st July 2017

Date of next Meeting 22nd September 2017