

**RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of the ZOOM meeting of the Parish Council on FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm**

**Present:** Chair: Cllr Rees, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Scott, Peach, Francis, Fletcher, Scase-Jones  
Clerk J Brown and 4 members of the public.

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

**Cllr Rees proposed discussing actions on Item 5/8 after members of the public have given their opinions on the proposed new development, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Statt, aif.**

**PUBLIC FORUM** – Rev Phil with a proposal to hold a joint Ringsfield & Weston Thanksgiving Service for the end of Lockdown at the end of June. All agreed that a chance for people to meet and socialise again will be good for everyone, after some discussion Cllr Rees proposed that a joint Thanksgiving, Celebration and Memorial Service is held on the playing field, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Francis, aif. Cllr Rees further proposed holding a Village Celebration event, possibly in August, and that the PC will support the refreshment costs for both events, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Fletcher, aif. Dates to be decided dependant on speed of vaccinations rollout and Government regulations.

Mr & Mrs Brett, Mr Garrod and Mr Leggett gave their objections to the plans for the proposed new development in School Road. Objections included that the development is in the wrong place, would be too big, too dense, the block development will be out of keeping with the rest of the village which is linear. The extra vehicles and parking places needed would make the narrow road even more congested and dangerous for the school children. The general feeling is that the extra 24 parking spaces promised will not be enough. They all had concerns with the siting of the proposed access and that ESC's idea to put a footpath alongside the Road would mean compulsory purchase of some residents' land. Cllr Rees and District Cllr Cloke put residents' concerns to ESC's Planning Committee Meeting who deferred their decision on the basis that submitted plans are only for two thirds of the site potentially meaning the other third could be used for further development at a later date, the developers will have to come back with a plan showing all of the maximum 30 dwellings. This site was allocated for development in WDC's Local Plan which was adopted March 2019, R&W PC objected to WDC before the plan was adopted. Cllr Rees suggested making a plan of action ensuring that everyone's views are heard and try to initiate talks with the developers before then. Cllrs Rees will draft a letter to ESC's Head of Planning, Philip Ridley, Planning Officer Rachel Lambert and Peter Aldous MP outlining concerns and objections. The PC will also take legal advice to find out if anything else can be done. Cllr Scott is due to speak to P Aldous in the week and he will mention this issue.

- 4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**  
Cllr Warner proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Statt, aif

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

1 Neighbourhood Plan – No progress as yet.

2 Quiet Lanes. Clerk to contact QLS to find out if the lanes applied for fit the criteria.

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

The County Speedwatch Team is operating again now, Cllr Rees will contact volunteers and arrange for their training, if anyone would like to volunteer please contact her or the Clerk.

4 Installation of bench for Russells Green The ground is still too wet.

5 Light in village hall car park – electrical works at the hall are underway.

6 Discuss repairs/maintenance to PC's assets. Cllr Fletcher had circulated his report, he will try to fix the posts of the noticeboard near the bus shelter, the dwarf wall around the Ringsfield village sign has some mortar cracking some coping stones need to be refixed. Cllr Sherriff confirmed that the bus shelter belongs to the PC, Clerk to add to the Asset Register. Cllr Fletcher will have a closer look at the shelter to asses if any repairs are needed and when restrictions allow the PC will ask for volunteers to make up a working party to tidy it up.

7 Discuss making part of Russell's Green a wild flower area. Cllr Rees to canvas opinions around Russells Green, and place a notice on the village boards, Cllr Statt to place a notice on the Next Door Website.

8 Development of the land north of School Road – see under Public Forum.

9 Survey of blocked ditches and pipes – Lots of ground loss around ditches which have become blocked. Clerk to report blocked ditches along Cromwell Rd and School Rd to SCC. Cllrs were asked to report any more to the Clerk. There are lots of potholes on the villages' roads, Cllrs to report via the SCC website's 'report it' tool.

## 6. FINANCE

### a. Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses February	208.98
HMRC PAYE	49.00
Wel Medical Ltd – Part for defib	119.94
<b>Total 3</b>	<b>£377.92</b>

Cllr Rees proposed payment of these accounts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Peach, aif.

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – None

d Bank Balance Statement at 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. £15,105.22 - 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 Discuss renewing contract to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 for emptying extra bins. The recycling bin has frequently been used for unbagged dog waste which Cllrs had to clean up resulting in the Clerk being asked to get Norse to take it away.

7 CORRESPONDENCE – All emails had been circulated.

## 8 PLANNING –

### a Applications Rec'd –

DC/21/0303/FUL Devonshire Farm Ringsfield Rd. Conversion of existing building with extant permission to convert to a single dwelling, erection of cartlodge/office and change of use of agricultural to domestic curtilage.

DC/21/0794/LBC Hill Farm House, London Road. Alterations to existing bathroom. Cllr Rees proposed no objections, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Statt, aif.

### b Decisions Rec'd–

DC/21//0122/FUL & DC/21/0123/LBC Barn Owl Barn, London Road. Extension and conversion of existing outbuildings to create new residential unit. **Withdrawn.**

DC/21/0350/FUL The Brambles, Church Rd. First floor and rear extension. **Permitted.**

DC/20/4657/FUL 2 Chenerys Cottage, Chenerys Loke. Single storey brick, timber and tile gazebo/storage. **Permitted.**

## 9 REPORTS

**County and District Councillor's Reports.** Cllrs Cloke & Ritchies' reports have been circulated.

**Parish Councillor's Reports** - None

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

No crimes reported in January.

A resident has asked if the PC could find out when or if the shop will be opened, they also complained that the area looks a mess. Cllr Rees will contact the owner for an update on progress.

## 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Cllr Statt asked for volunteers to be trained to carry out the monthly play equipment safety inspection, Cllr Rees will ask if any one on the Community Council is interested.

Cllr Scott – A new mass vaccination centre is opening at Beccles Health Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

There being no other business Cllr Rees thanked everyone for attending, the meeting closed at 8.35pm

**NEXT MEETING: 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

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