

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on FRIDAY 18th March 2022 at 7pm in Ringsfield Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr Scott, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Rees, Peach & Sherriff. Clerk J Brown & 2 members of the public, David – who is interested in the Clerk’s appointment and Steph – who is interested in becoming a Cllr.

1. OPENING

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Cloke - other meeting, Cllr Fletcher – away, Cllr Scase-Jones – family commitment.

PUBLIC FORUM – No comments

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th February 2022.

Cllr Warner proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1 Neighbourhood Plan – No progress.

2 Traffic issues – Updates , if any. No updates. Cllr Rees will pass along all the paperwork she has on the topic to Cllr Scott and copies to the Clerk.

3 New notice board for Weston – Cllr Statt proposed an aluminium board cost £544 & £10 delivery, Cllr Rees will send round details of another style of similar cost. CIL money to go towards the cost.

4 Installation of bench for Russells Green – Works finished.

5 Light in village hall car park – New bulb will be installed shortly.

6 One vacancy for Ringsfield seat. Stephanie, a resident of Kings Lane will be sending in an application for decision at April’s meeting. Cllr Rees has resigned and this is her last meeting, Cllrs thanked her for all her work for the villages over the years, she really will be missed.

7 FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk’s pay & expenses February £257.33

James Easy, repairs to picnic bench and installation of new bench £882.00

Cllr Statt proposed payment of the above accounts, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

Darren Self, repairs to spiker £348.00 – Both the PC and the CC are reluctant to pay this invoice as prior authorisation for this work had not been sought, after some heated discussion Cllr Scott proposed that, as Trustees , the PC write to the CC instructing them to pay the invoice, aif. Cllr Sherriff left the meeting.

b Accounts already paid – CAS – Website £60.00

c Receipts –

d Bank Balance at 28th February 2022 £13,515.44

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 Appoint internal auditor. Cllr Warner proposed SALC, 2nd Cllr Rees, aif.

8 CORRESPONDENCE - None

9 PLANNING

a Applications Rec’d –

b Decisions Rec’d–

DC/21/5010/FUL 2 Chenerys Cottage, Chenerys Loke. Single storey brick, timber & tile open fronted 2 bay cartlodge. PERMITTED.

DC/21/5662/FUL Devonshire Farm. Conversion of existing building to convert to single dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage. PERMITTED.

10 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports – Circulated.

Parish Councillor's Reports –

Cllr Peach organised and assisted with digging out one of the ditches surrounding the cricket field, more needs to be done to ease the flooding and he has received a quote for £300 - £350, Cllr Rees will pass this onto the Community Council. Kevin Springhall has details of funding for preparation of land for sports pitches.

Cllr Peach asked if anyone had any details of the most recent crash at Ringsfield crossroads, Cllrs are astounded that the police deny that any accidents have happened here, despite their attendance at several.

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

No crimes were reported in January.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Rees has advertised the **Litter Pick at 10.00am 9th April at the Village Hall**, Volunteers are also needed for a spring clean and painting of the hall at the end of March beginning of April.

The Charity Commission has acknowledged the receipt of the annual return, the CC are paying for the independent assessors report. The CC have recently inspected both the hall and cricket pitch's ground and facilities they have concluded that with all the repairs and improvements needed at both sites they cannot raise enough funds to keep both up to reasonable standards.

Cllr Scott asked if anyone has received any questions regarding Ukrainian refugees– no one had. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations June 2nd. Cllr Statt has worked hard to arrange musicians and singers for the event and has advertised the official order of events for the evening starting at 8.30, please bring your own tables and chairs and refreshments, there will be a prize for the best decorated table or chairs, children encouraged to dress as princes, princesses, kings or queens, and everyone else in red, white and blue would be great. Residents are encouraged to decorate their, doors, gardens, window boxes etc to be judged midday Saturday 4th June. Cllr Warner proposed the PC donate £40 total for the prizes, 2nd Cllr Peach, 4 for 1 abs. Cllr Statt to buy the prizes.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm

NEXT MEETING: 22nd April 2022

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