

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes from the ZOOM meeting of the Parish Council on FRIDAY 20TH November 2020 at 7pm

Present: Chair Cllr Rees, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Francis, Fletcher, Scott & Cloke.
Clerk J Brown

1. OPENING OF MEETING

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2020.

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif.

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

1 Cllr vacancy for Weston (1). Clerk to contact interested person.

2 Neighbourhood Plan – No progress. Cllr Rees will be unable to lead this project due to pressure of work. There needs to be a way of fulfilling the Public Engagement stage of the plan during the pandemic, a Constitution for the 3 Parishes will need to be drafted before the Plan can go any further. Cllr Francis may take over the role. Cllr Fletcher may be able to take over when he retires. Part of the plan will include designating some of the smaller lanes in the Parishes 'Quiet Lanes', this may help to reduce the heavy traffic passing through the villages. The Clerk, who has heard that funding is currently available towards the project, will start the ball rolling by sending a formal expression of interest for Kings Lane & Church Lane, Weston and Church Road and Polls Lane, Ringsfield.

3 Refurbishment of Village Hall – To discuss loan. Cllr Rees informed the Community Council of the PC's decision at the last meeting and the matter is now in abeyance.

4 Speeding and HGV traffic through the village, to include proposed Speedwatch Team of volunteers. Training has been suspended until further notice due to Covid. The VAS is in Ilk St Andrew, Clerk to send bill for insurance, the unit is due back in Ringsfield 6th December and will go up in Cromwell Rd, then Church Rd and then School Rd. There has been no let up in HGVs passing through the villages and the sides of the roads are being ruined with deep ruts. Cllr Rees expressed dismay that nothing has been done to help with these problems despite meetings with other affected villages, the MP, Highways & SCC Cllrs felt that these meetings seem to be centring more on Beccles rather than surrounding villages. There is said to be no money for reparation and nothing has happened about a weight restriction for Cromwell Rd. Cllr Rees has had no reply from Andrew Reid, Highways, to her complaint about HGVs. The Clerk will approach Ellough and Ilk St Andrews PCs' to see if they would like to attend if R & W PC can organise a smaller meeting with MP etc. PC Yeldham informed Cllr Rees that the police had done a speed survey of Cromwell Road recently but did not supply the results.

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

6 Light in village hall car park. The electrician is starting work in the hall in the coming week.

6. FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses Oct & Nov	414.81
HMRC PAYE	98.00
S Darch – Grass cutting around village sign	110.00
Total 3	£622.81

Cllr Statt proposed payment of these accounts, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif.

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – None

d Bank Balance Statement at 19th October 2020. £16,637.90, copy circulated includes £570.71 Play area funds and

e CIL money in hand £232.02.02 to spend by Oct 2023 + £253.62 by Apr 2024

f Presentation of draft precept budget for discussion. ESC are recalculating the Council Tax Base in January and therefore no decision is needed tonight. The amount of the demand will be discussed and decided at the January meeting.

- 7 CORRESPONDENCE** – Natasha Ingram, introducing the proposed Sicon Foundation offering to plant trees for free. There is no mention of this charitable Foundation on the company’s website, Clerk to contact them.
- 8 PLANNING –**
a Applications Rec’d – DC/20/4217/FUL & DC/20/4218/LBC Barns at Weston Hall, London Road. Conversion of main barns to a single unit of holiday accommodation, conversion of 19th century brick stables for an annexe associated with the main house. The meeting generally felt that these barns should be preserved. Cllr Rees proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif.
b Decisions Rec’d–
 DC/20/3130/FUL Cromwell House, Cromwell Rd. Car port, store & annexe. WITHDRAWN
 DC/20/379/FUL Low Meadows, Cucumber Lane, Weston. Change of use from existing arable to Glamping site. WITHDRAWN.
- 9 REPORTS**
County and District Councillor’s Reports
Cllr Cloke: her report has been circulated. Cllr Cloke has attended the Scrutiny meeting re new parking charges, as a result Cabinet will be asked to look at the annual parking fee and parking permits for Carers. Cllrs reported that a number of people find the new machines confusing to use, resulting in them giving up and driving away, there is also a general feeling that having to put registration numbers in wastes time, particularly when you can’t remember it, and only benefits the Local Authority. Cllr Cloke said that it prevents fraud, she agreed that the instructions are not clear and this too will go before Cabinet.
Parish Councillor’s Reports
Cllr Fletcher felt the PC should inspect the PC’s assets. Clerk to circulate asset register. The problems with parking outside the school are no better and there is even more heavy traffic going through. Cllr Rees thought that the school was going to implement staggering start and finish times to help with parking, the situation should be monitored.
Cllr Scott – work has started on the redevelopment of Caxton Villa.
Cllr Statt – The Christmas Tree is not free this year, but the PC was previously given £500. Clerk will get A price from Wrentham Trees, Cllr Warner can collect.
Cllr Rees –Mr Cannell suggested that the PC stop cutting the grass on the green to create a wild area, with paths through. Residents to be canvassed first. SCC told a resident that PCs are responsible for street lighting when reporting a faulty lamp in Redisham Rd. Neither the Clerk or Cllr Cloke had heard of this development, Clerk to contact SCC. People seem to be keen for Carols on the Green to go ahead, some thought will be needed on how to achieve this with social distancing. Ringsfield Village Hall may be designated as a Mass Vaccination Centre for Bungay, Beccles, Southwold & Kessingland, to be confirmed. A zoom meeting with the Community Council to be arranged early December.
- Clerk’s Report – To include crime report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary’s website**
 There were 2 crimes reported in September – 2 x violence open space near to relief road, Weston, Both under investigation
- 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**
Permission for the Council to rest in December. Proposed Cllr Rees, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.
- Cllr Rees wished everyone a Merry Christmas, meeting closed at 8.30pm

NEXT MEETING: 15th January 2021

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