

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ZOOM meeting of the Parish Council on FRIDAY 16th October 2020 at 7pm

PRESENT: Chair Cllr Rees, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Scott, Fletcher, Francis.

In attendance Clerk J Brown, D Cllr J Cloke & 3 members of the public.

1. **OPENING OF MEETING**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Peach – work commitment, C Cllr Ritchie

Cllr Rees proposed the discussion and vote on Planning Application DC/20/3739/FUL be held directly after the members of public had given their views in the Public Forum, aif.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Linda Scase-Jones- outlined her objections to the Planning Application which include: Access road too narrow and windy to accommodate the size and amount of traffic the proposed site would create, especially given the fact that there are no amenities within reasonable walking distance, the extra traffic would impact on walkers, cyclists and horse riders who currently make use of this quiet rural lane. Noise, access road and part of land is contaminated - there is no Environmental Report, lack of provision for parking and site office on the plan. Proposed sewage disposal is not suitable.

Mr & Mrs Chipperfield- agreed with Linda's objections and also questioned the need for another holiday site as there have already been planning applications under consideration for 2 others nearby. **After more discussions Cllr Statt proposed objection for the above reasons, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif, Clerk to draft response.**

The 3 members of the Public left the meeting.

4. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2020**
Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –**
 - 1 **Cllr vacancy for Weston (1).** Cllr Rees suggested approaching Linda Scase-Jones, aif.
 - 2 **Neighbourhood Plan** -Stuart Halsey (ESC) offered assistance to get the Community Engagement stage up and running.
 - 3 **Refurbishment of Village Hall** – To discuss loan of £7,500. Cllr Rees had discovered that the Village Hall is not eligible for a CIL payment direct from ESC, the Clerk to check if the CIL paid direct to the PC can be spent on it. Cllr Rees is to ask that the CC give the PC a report with costings and schedule for each stage of the refurb - to be discussed at November's meeting.
 - 4 **Speeding and HGV traffic** through the village, to include proposed Speedwatch Team of volunteers. Cllr Rees has found some volunteers and is working on getting some more, training to start soon. Cllrs Francis and Scott gave reports on the meeting with P Aldous MP and Police & Crime Commissioner Passmore. Cllr Francis told that meeting how upset Church Rd residents were at the replies they received from the police to their concerns at the dangerous speeds of traffic using Church Rd. Tim Passmore was not impressed and asked him to forward the correspondence, Mr Passmore will then contact the Chief Constable. Cllr Francis also complained about the lack of police response to local farm burglaries, lack of a police presence in rural areas and the inadequate 101 'service'. The meeting was told that Suffolk are recruiting another 162 Officers, 17 are in situ, 27 more to come in December with the rest in training. Bungay have no officers and rely on officers from Lowestoft to attend incidents. The case load per Officer is higher in Suffolk than anywhere else in the country. Criminal Court cases now have to wait 3-4 years before being heard. The new owner of the old Lowestoft Magistrates Court has offered the building back to the MoJ to help clear the backlog.
 - 5 **Installation of bench for Russells Green.** The ground is too wet at the moment.
 - 6 **Light in village hall car park.** Will be connected to the board soon.
6. **FINANCE**
 - a. **Accounts for Payment**

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses August	235.83
HMRC PAYE	56.80
Total 2	£292.63

Cllr Rees proposed these accounts be paid, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif
 - b **Accounts already paid – None**

- c Receipts – None**
d Bank Balance Statement at 26th September 2020 £14,915.53 – £13,430.53
Includes £570.71 Play area funds
e CIL money in hand £232.02 to spend by Oct 2023 + £253.62 by Apr 2024
f Presentation of Bank reconciliation to 26th September 2020– circulated. No comments or questions.
g Presentation of Budget to Actual Spend to end September 2020 – circulated. No comments or questions. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance to items f & g, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

7 CORRESPONDENCE - None

8 PLANNING –

a Applications Rec'd –

DC/20/3637/FUL 16 School Rd. Single storey front & rear extension. Re roof existing garage and internal alterations to form annexe accommodation ancillary to main dwelling. Cllrs had no objections. Proposed Cllr Rees, 2nd Cllr Fletcher.

DC/20/3739/FUL Low Meadows, Cucumber Lane. Change of use of existing arable field to glamping site to allow for 12 motor home pitches and 37 non serviced tent pitches, prefab shower and toilet block and hardcore access road. Refusal see Public Forum.

b Decisions Rec'd–

DC/20/38086/FUL Goldberry House, Primrose Lane. Single storey extension to rear. PERMITTED.

DC/20/2880/PN3 Devonshire Farm, Ringsfield Rd. Change of use and conversion of agricultural building and land within to a single dwelling house. PERMITTED

9 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports

Cllr Cloke- Nothing to add to report which had been circulated, except that there is training, meetings and more training for Cllrs.

Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Fletcher- there are more very big vehicles using School Rd, one piled high with straw ripped a telephone cable off one house.

Cllr Rees- has also received complaints about very heavy vehicles, including some carrying aggregates from Harleston cutting through Top Rd, School Rd and Cromwell Rd to access the southern bypass. The weight of these vehicles is causing vibrations in the older houses in the roads. She has contacted Andrew Reid, SCC Cabinet Member for Highways with no useful reply as yet. Church Rd is suffering similar problems. The flooding which occurs in Church Rd near to the junction on the bend after heavy rain can be eased by digging out the channels, Cllr Rees does this from time to time but this is a dangerous activity due to speeding traffic. The flood water near the Church has nowhere to go and is breaking up the road surface, however it does slow traffic speeds.

Cllr Warner- the VAS data showed 15,000 vehicles went through School Rd on 25th Sept, Cllr Rees said that sometime when it is very windy the sign picks up things which aren't there, Ilk St Andrew had complained about the same thing.

Cllr Francis- Agreed with Cllr Fletcher on the traffic going along School Rd. The edges of the road are getting worse, the trenches on one side of the road are 6-7 inches deep and full of water. He would like to know SCC's criteria for speed limits, he also wanted to know why the B1062 has a 50mph but his road is 60mph, Cllr Rees will forward the document she has received.

Cllr Rees- The CC will be refixing the picnic bench in the play area when the ground dries out enough. It is unlikely that the Carols on the Green will go ahead this year, but no final decision has been made yet. If it is cancelled it will be the first year without the event since around the last war.

Cllr Statt said that an alternative event was being discussed, she has volunteered to lay a wreath at The Remembrance Service on behalf on the PC.

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

No crimes reported in August.

Complaint re rubbish on the playing field and irresponsible behaviour. Cllr Rees will pass his comments onto the CC so they can remind the Football Academy attendees using the pitch over half term not to run in front in front of the grass cutting tractor.

Cllr Cloke – The B1062 speed limit was petitioned for by Barsham, Shipmeadow & Mettingham PCs. The accident rate on this road was 15-20 yearly, which is considered high. Cllr Rees said the accident rate on Church Rd/ Ringsfield Rd corner is 23-30 over 15 years with no serious injuries.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

NEXT MEETING: 20th November 2020

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