

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on FRIDAY 15th October 2021 at 7pm in Ringsfield Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr Scott, Cllrs Fletcher, Peach, Rees, Statt, Warner & Sherriff

The Chair asked for a minute's silence in remembrance of David Amess MP, shockingly killed this week, and Russell Ulph, a great benefactor for the village, who recently passed away. The Chair reminded Cllrs to please raise their hands when they wish to speak.

1. OPENING

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Scase-Jones, unwell.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 17th September 2021

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner, 4 for, 3 abstentions

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1 Speedwatch Team of volunteers – more volunteers are needed before the scheme can get going. Cllr Statt has had no replies from reminder emails, Cllr Rees will try to find some people willing to join.

2 Neighbourhood Plan – Approximately 15 people are needed for the Committee, mostly non- Cllrs. Cllr Rees will try door knocking to get some interest Cllr Scott will accompany her.

3 Traffic issues – emails from P Aldous, circulated. Cllr Scott has asked Peter to pass on any updates.

4 New notice board for Weston – SCC have not replied to request for permission to site one on their grass verge.

5 Installation of bench for Russells Green – Cllr Fletcher has asked for a quote for an 8x4 concrete slab and fitting. It was reported that the wheelchair friendly picnic bench appears to have bit hit by something hard enough to bend the bracket, it has now been fixed.

6 Light in village hall car park – To be done during the next wave of electrical works to the hall. Cllr Rees will bring it up at the next CC meeting.

7 Repairs/maintenance to PC's assets. Cllr Fletcher will test some preservative on the back of the bus shelter and asked Cllrs to approve the colour before treating the rest, James will help to move the PC's notice board inside. A resident asked if a shelf could be placed inside for a book swap, Clerk to place on November's agenda.

8 One vacancy for Ringsfield seat – Cllr Rees to advertise in The Sheaf

9 Discuss purchase of lawnmower for cricket field – Cllr Sherriff apologised for his outburst at September's meeting and gave his reasons for the proposal. Cllrs to get prices for tractor, mower and shed and look at funding possibilities. Cllrs to ask for insurance quote. Other things to consider - fuel and maintenance costs and drivers.

7 FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay and expenses for September 261.99

N Hall – cut grass play area, Sept 45.00

Cllr Warner – fixings for benches 25.80

PFK Littlejohn, admin for Audit 48.00

Total 4 £380.79

Cllr Statt proposed these accounts be paid, 2nd Cllr Peach, aif.

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – None

d Bank Balance at 20th September 2021. £16,275.51

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 Presentation of Bank reconciliation to end September – circulated. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, aif.

g Presentation of Budget to actual spend to end of September – circulated. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

h Presentation of precept budget for discussion – circulated. Cllrs to think over the figures and discuss again at November's meeting.

8 CORRESPONDENCE. Rev Simister re admissions process to Ringsfield School. Cllrs agreed that a child who has recently moved into the village and been denied a place due to over subscription is less than ideal, there is nothing the PC can do. The letter was copied into the school, Board of School Governors and our MP.

9 PLANNING

a Applications Rec'd – DC/21/4459/FUL 16 School Rd. Discharge of condition 9 (landscaping scheme) of DC21/0279/FUL. Cllr Fletcher proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif.

b Decisions Rec'd– DC/21/2784/FUL & DC/21/2785/LBC both refer to Barns at Weston Hall. Conversion of main barns to single unit of holiday accommodation and conversion of 19th Century brick stables for further holiday accommodation. PERMITTED.

10 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports. Cllr Cloke's reports have been circulated

Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Fletcher – the hedge encroaching over the pavement in School Rd will be cut back this week.

Cllr Sherriff the 'sharp right' bend sign on Cromwell Rd had been knocked down, Clerk to report.

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

There were 2 crimes reported in August both violence in Russells Green, both under investigation.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Sherriff said that an elm tree on the Green needs to be cut down which he will do. He asked if the PC would agree to a replacement indigenous to this area, all agreed.

The shed roof on the cricket field has collapsed, the toilets need to be made wheelchair accessible when the renovations are carried out, the plan is to use the existing base and water supply. Matt (Cricket Club) reported that the railings in front of the pavilion and windows need replacing, other upkeep is needed. The CC will do a full survey for the PC (as Trustees) to approve.

The hall floor is due to be sanded and resealed, quote received for £3,500, the CC will try for a better price. The electrical work will soon be finished and the windows will be surveyed.

Cllr Statt proposed using Russells Green for the Remembrance Service and ask to use the hard chairs in the hall, with tea and coffee to be paid for by the PC, 2nd Cllr Rees, aif. Clerk to book the hall.

Russell Ulph's funeral will take place on October 27th at 2.pm at Weston Church.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm

NEXT MEETING: 19th November 2021

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