

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 21st September 2018

Present: Chair Cllr Rees, Wheeler, Sherriff, Statt, Warner & Scott.

Attending Clerk Mrs Brown

OPENING OF MEETING - The meeting was declared open at 7.00pm

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

2. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Cannell – holiday, Cllr Francis – work & Cllr Ritchie – other commitment

PUBLIC FORUM – None

4 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 20th July 2018 – Proposed Cllr Scott, 2nd Cllr Rees, 2 abstentions 3 votes for, with the following amendment: Cllrs Statt & Warner gave their apologies.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

- 1 Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Wheeler attended a meeting with Stuart Halsey and 3 planning officers in Lowestoft, Cllr Scott got stuck in traffic for an hour en route and therefore missed the meeting.
There were 2 reps from Mettingham and 1 from Ilkestshall St John who believe Cllr Rees will be leading the project. The first step is to designate a Neighbourhood Area which does not have to be a parish boundary. A plan can take approx. 3 years with a sub group meeting every 2 – 3 months with contact inbetween by email, members of the community need to be involved. Planners will help with the project and advise looking at Kessingland's and Wenhaston's plans and to remember any NP has to be compatible with Waveney's Local Plan.
Cllr Rees is to ask Redisham if they would like to join in, St Andrew do not seem to be very keen, and feels all interested parties need to meet soon to settle on the boundary.
- 2 VAS – SCC have still not erected the poles. Cllr Rees will ask Cllr Ritchie to help.
- 3 Development on land adj to School Road. There have been two people with concerns over the size of the buildings. Cllr Rees would like to ask the Staniforths if the PC could have a site visit.

6 FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerks Salary June & July, expenses June only	£194.77
HMRC PAYE	£46.20
David Bracey to replace 2 lost cheques	£372.00
Cllr Rees – expenses	£36.48
Total 4	£647.45

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance and that these accounts are paid 2nd Cllr Scott 4 votes for 1 abstention.

b Accounts already paid - None

c Receipts – None

d Bank Balance Statement at 30th July 2018 £3,808.27

e Insurance review and renewal – £212.63 Circulated, there are no changes needed to the cover and Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner aif

7 CORRESPONDENCE – None

8 PLANNING –

a Applications Rec'd –

DC/18/2862/FUL Mr Roots, Willow Tree Cott, Redisham Rd. Construction of single storey 2 bay cart lodge, one bay enclosed to provide workshop/storage. Cllr Rees proposed acceptance aif

b Decisions Rec'd–

DC/18/2864/COU Memory Cottage, Change outbuilding to holiday let. Granted.

9 REPORTS

County and District Councillors Reports – C Cllr Ritchie sent the following report

I would like to draw your attention to the GCSE results: Bungay High School had the greatest improvement of any school in Suffolk and are now up with the best – putting them on the same level as the Sir John Leman and the Beccles Free School. Although Suffolk County Council are proud to be doing better with broadband than almost any other county in the country, providing fast broadband for 98% of users in Suffolk does nothing to help the 2% - some of whom live in our area.

At Suffolk CC I have taken on a new role as Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

I hope that you have a good meeting on Friday, I cannot be with you as I will be on the second leg of a charity cycle ride Friday 21st September. The rest of this email concerns that ride, a personal initiative that I am taking that relates to my new role at the County.

At the Suffolk County Council meeting on Thursday 19th July councillors voted unanimously to support cycling in Suffolk. There was much praise for the Waveney Cycling Strategy and at the end of my little speech I invited councillors to join me on the West to East cycle ride (402 miles). It was just an idea that came to me during the meeting. No councillor took up the offer!

However, I am doing the ride and will be setting off from St Davids with three friends on the afternoon of Thursday 20th September. We will arrive at Ness Point in Lowestoft at about 12.30 on Tuesday 25th September. The aim to promote cycling, and to promote Lowestoft as England's most Easterly town. We are riding for the charity FitzRoy transforming lives. See the link to the just giving page below.

FitzRoy was started by two parents who each had a Down's Syndrome child. They were very concerned that when their children became too old to live at home they would be side-lined in anonymous institutions. They set out to do better and to give children such as theirs the best life they could have. They succeeded, and Fitzroy is one of best organisations that Suffolk County Council work with for the care of adults with learning difficulties.

The riders are: Derek Whatley 71, David Ritchie 66, Gordon Busbridge 63, Andy Hipper 49

Parish Councillor Reports –

Cllr Scott represented the PC at the RAF Memorial Service in Beccles. The Health Centre has a new full time GP and another who will be there for 6 months.

Cllr Sheriff asked if the flytipping at the of Cromwell Road could be reported again.

Cllr Rees – there are paint cans dumped on Church Road, opposite Manor House Barns, Clerk to report.

Cllr Rees – the cycle race has been postponed, a lot of people have complained about the tone of the letter from the Velo Club Barrachi, as long as the police have been informed of a road race it is not illegal but she will write to the club asking them not to film residents in future without their permission, not to expect normal life to stop for their race and not to be aggressive with people going about their business.

Cllr Statt reported that the PCC would like to have a beacon lighting event on the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, Cllr Warner is kindly sponsoring the fabrication of a beacon and after some discussion it was decided to be a permanent memorial on the Green. There will be teas and coffees in the hall as part of the event, Cllr Rees proposed the PC donate £50.00 towards refreshments 2nd Cllr Statt aif. There is to be a Church Service with silhouette soldiers on the 11th November.

Cllr Statt asked if anything can be done to calm traffic on the bad bend on Church Road – it seems unlikely.

Cllr Sherriff is not happy with the way Norse is cutting the cricket pitch, he will contact them.

Cllr Rees will organise a Community Council Trustees Meeting in the near future.

Cllr Wheeler feels everyone should respond to the consultation individually on the closure of Lowestoft Records Office and discuss the PC's response at next October's meeting.

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

There were 4 crimes reported in June: 2 x violence, Kings Lane. 1 x burglary & 1 x criminal damage in Russells Green all under investigation.

There were 2 crimes reported in July: 1 x violence Kings Lane – unable to prosecute suspect & 1 x violence London Road, near Kings Lane junction – under investigation.

The War Memorial in the Church of Saint Peter, Weston has been granted Listed Building Status Grade 2, List Entry Number 1458744

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Clerk asked if the PC would like her to start the application for internet banking

CLOSE - There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.23pm.

Signed.....Chair Date: 19th October 2018

Date of next Meeting 16th November 2018