

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 20th September 2019

Present: Cllrs Cannell, Warner, Statt, & Wheeler

Attending Clerk Mrs Brown, Annette Downing

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

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Cllr Statt proposed Cllr Cannell as temporary Chair, 2nd Cllr Wheeler, aif

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**3 RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –**

Cllr Rees – holiday, Cllr Scott - unwell.

PUBLIC FORUM

Annette Downing spoke briefly about the Rural Coffee Caravan set up in 2003 to tackle rural isolation and promote community spirit which covers the whole of Suffolk which as well as companionship they offer help and advice on a wide range of issues. The organisation's Warm Homes Project – funded by ESC offers free guidance and support to people in rural Suffolk, they can be contacted at any time and can arrange for a free home energy survey, call 03456 037686 website www.ruralcoffecaravan. They can help with insulation, switching energy suppliers, bulk buying, smart meters, grants & benefits, emergency repairs for heating, loan of temporary heaters etc.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 19th July 2019 – Cllr Cannell proposed acceptance with the amendment that he was present at July's meeting, 2nd Cllr Wheeler aif, Signed by Chair.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –1 Neighbourhood Plan – Meetings arranged at Mettingham on 30th Sept & with ESC on 7th Oct.

2 VAS – I St A are in possession of the unit.

3 Refurbishment of Village Hall, request for trustees meeting – Sarah will email round the results of the questionnaire again, she would like a Trustees meeting asap and will contact Cllr Rees. CC meeting on 1st Oct.

4 Grass cutting cricket pitch – Clerk has a meeting with CGM next Weds to obtain a quote.

5 Traffic impact of Southern relief road on surrounding villages & other highways issues. The worst potholes in School Rd have been marked and measured. Cllr Rees has been in touch with Highways, they have agreed to repaint the give way lines at the crossroads and will get an estimate for reflective hazard marker posts. They also sent their criteria for 30mph speed limit policy.

6 2 Cllr vacancies for Weston – The Clerk has put another poster up on the notice board

6 FINANCE**a. Accounts for Payment**

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses August	216.85
HMRC PAYE	47.60
PKF Littlejohn External audit	240.00
East Suffolk Council – Election costs	76.16
David Bracey – Play equipment inspection	96.00
Waveney Norse – Weedkilling	198.00
Total cheques 6	£874.61

Cllr Warner proposed acceptance and that these accounts are paid, 2nd Cllr Statt aif

b Accounts already paid - None

c Receipts – £84.08 – IStA share of insurance for VAS

d Bank Balance Statement at 30th July 2019 £14,662.75

e CIL money in hand £232.02 to spend by Oct 2023 + £253.62 by Apr 2024

f Insurance review & renewal – Cllr Statt proposed the new policy is suitable and to pay premium of £224.51, 2nd Cllr Wheeler, aif

g Conclusion of audit – External auditors report was read and agreed, proposed Cllr Statt, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif

7 CORRESPONDENCE None.

8 PLANNING –

a Applications Rec'd – None

b Decisions Rec'd – None

9 REPORTS

County and District Councillors Reports – None

Parish Councillor Reports –

Cllrs Wheeler and Rees delivered leaflets and knocked on doors in School Road re the meeting.

Cllr Wheeler received a report of roots blocking a drain in School Rd, Clerk to report.

Cllr Statt – The pads for the defib need replacing, the trainer has given her 2 for the time being.

Refresher CPR training is due soon, she will arrange a date.

Indoor car boot sale October 5th, Maggie and Norman will help in the kitchen.

Community Coffee Morning 30th September 10.30-13.30 the table tennis, art, WI, Feast on

Friday and whittling groups will all be there. Food will be Christmas themed and the Horseshoes Pub have donated some turkey.

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

There were 2 crimes reported in June – 1 x ASB, open space London Road/Cromwell Rd junction.

1 x violence, nr Lodge Farm – under investigation.

1 crime reported in July. 1 x violence Cromwell Rd near level crossing – under investigation.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None

CLOSE - There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.04pm.

Signed.....Chair Date: 18th October 2019