

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on FRIDAY 17th September 2021 at 7pm in Ringsfield Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr Scott, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Fletcher, Scase-Jones & Sherriff.

1. OPENING

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Rees- holiday, Cllr Peach – work commitment, Cllr Cloke – other work.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 16th July 2021. Cllr Warner proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1 Speedwatch Team of volunteers – Cllr Statt has emailed the application form to all volunteers, 1 has been accepted by the Police but not many have answered as yet. A minimum of 6 volunteers are needed so this scheme is on hold for now.

2 Neighbourhood Plan – There are very few people on the Committee at the moment, Cllr Rees will try to get more interest from residents (see Cllr Rees' report attached)

3 Meeting with Peter Aldous MP re traffic issues – The MP sent an email to Highways (circulated to Cllrs & Rod Apps) outlining the issues raised, with ideas of actions to ease the problems ending with his belief that the problems facing our Parishes are acute. Cllr Scott will ask him if he has any response over the weekend.

4 New notice board for Weston. Clerk to ask for permission from Highways to site a notice board on the layby near to the village sign in Church Lane. Cllrs to look at designs and prices.

5 Installation of bench for Russells Green. Work to repairs to benches in play area to begin on Monday, weather permitting, when complete Cllr Fletcher will ask for a quote to fit this one.

6 Light in village hall car park. Progress unknown

7 Repairs/maintenance to PC's assets. Preservation treatment to the bus shelter is still to be done Cllr Fletcher will get a quote from resident to regularly tidy up in and outside the shelter and the phone box. Cllr Fletcher will ask James Easy if he will help with repairing/re-siting the notice board at Ringsfield Corner.

8 One vacancy for Ringsfield seat – no applications so far.

7 FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay Aug expenses for July & Aug	£278.33
D James – cut grass and clear away x 4 July & Aug	£275.00
K Eaton – print leaflets for Quiet Lanes consultation	£87.60
N Hall – cut grass play area	£45.00
PRS – Grass cutting July & Aug includes £3 under payment from last invoice	£471.00
Claire Vettesse – Bouncy castle for end lockdown party	£100.00
Total 6	£1,256.93

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

b Accounts already paid – N Hall cut grass play area July £45. B Gooderham cut grass cricket pitch July £140.40

c Receipts – None

d Bank Balance at 3rd August 2021. £17,643.11

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 Insurance renewal – To discuss quote £210.67. The renewal documents had been circulated and Cllrs agreed that the policy is sufficient for their needs. Cllr Statt proposed renewal and that the payment be made, 2nd Cllr Scase-Jones, aif.

8 CORRESPONDENCE. None

9 PLANNING

a Applications Rec'd

DC/21/3771/FUL Memory Cottage, Church Rd. Creation of dwelling unit for holiday lets by retention, instead of demolition, of existing dwelling adj to property. Cllrs proposed acceptance to this application which preserves the historical significance of the building.

DC/21/3199/FUL Meadow Cottage, Redisham Rd. 2 x shepherds huts for holiday accommodation. Cllrs had no objections.

b Decisions Rec'd-

DC/21/2998/AME 16 School Rd. Amendment to DC/21/0279/FUL – single front and rear extensions, re roof existing garage and internal alterations. PERMITTED.

DC/21/2109/FUL Ringsfield Primary School. To convert an area of grass and bark to tarmac to increase the size of existing playground. PERMITTED.

DC/21/2073/FUL Devonshire Farm, Ringsfield Rd. Covert existing building with extant permission to convert to a single dwelling, erection of cart lodge and change of use from agricultural to domestic curtilage. REFUSED

DC/21/2729/FUL Lemans Farm, Banters Lane. Single storey rear extension. PERMITTED.

DC/21/3199/FUL Meadow Cottage, Redisham Rd. 2 x shepherds huts for holiday accommodation. PERMITTED.

10 REPORTS

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

Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Rees sent in a report which included thanks to all the volunteers who made the end of lockdown get together "Partea" such a success, with special thanks to Maggie Cannell, Carolyn Leggett, Claire & Joe Vettese, Lil Newton, Maureen Fletcher, Sarah Statt, Stephen Warner and Kerensa Rees. The feedback was very positive and some more ideas have surfaced for Village events. See full report (attached). Cllr Statt proposed a payment of £100 to Maggie Cannell towards expenses for refreshments provided. The report also mentioned WCC's receipt of a bill dated 2019 for repairs to grounds equipment from Haywards, this equipment belongs to Cllr Sherriff who will sort it out, he was informed that the PC would not settle this invoice.

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

There were no crimes reported in June or July.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Sherriff said that the PC could save money on grass cutting by purchasing their own mower, whilst Cllrs discussed the financial pros and cons, where the mower could be safely kept and who would operate it he became aggressive, shouting at the Clerk and other Cllrs. Cllr Scase- Jones told him that his behaviour and use of offensive language was completely inappropriate in a formal Council meeting and would not be tolerated. Cllr Sherriff announced his retirement from the PC and left the meeting at 7.45pm. Clerk will check if ESC will accept this as a resignation.

Cllr Statt asked if Cllrs could check if the grit bins need topping up before winter, the one in Church Road is overgrown.

Cllr Statt SCC are consulting on applications for Quiet Lane status if ours go ahead sites will need to be agreed with Highways.

Cllr Fletcher reported that a hedge in the garden of a property in School Rd is overhanging the pavement, if it cannot be cut back by the owner the Clerk will inform SCC.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

NEXT MEETING: 15th October 2021

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