

## RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Draft minutes of the Zoom meeting of the Parish Council on FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Chair Cllr Rees, Cllrs Fletcher, Statt, Warner, Scott and Cloke.  
Attending Clerk – J Brown, David Francis and Kevin Eaton

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**

**3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Request to grant Cllr Sherriff a formal leave of absence due to technical difficulties joining Zoom Meetings, proposed Cllr Rees, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Scott, aif

**PUBLIC FORUM** – Kevin Eaton (Community Council) asked the PC for a loan of £7,500 to help with the costs of the refurbishment of the village hall. The CC feel that with better facilities (which he listed) more people will book the hall for events and parties etc. The toilets on the cricket pitch also need upgrading in a bid to attract more teams. The CC have secured a Government grant of £10,000 which is needed for day to day expenses ie electricity etc until restrictions are lifted sufficiently for the clubs and classes to return to pre Covid use. Cllr Cloke said that grants are available from SCC's budget for this, also the CC could apply directly to ESC for CIL money. Cllr Fletcher feels that £7,500.00 is not enough. The PC will consider this request and decide during October's meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –**

**1 Cllr vacancy** for Weston, 1 Cllr vacancy for Ringsfield. Application from David Francis to be co opted onto the Parish Council for Ringsfield seat. Mr Francis left the meeting whilst Cllrs discussed his application. Cllr Statt proposed co-opting him on, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Fletcher, aif. Mr Francis returned to the meeting and accepted the office.

**2 Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Rees has tried to contact Melanie Seabrook of ESC 3 times without success to ask for help in carrying out the Community Engagement requirement. Cllr Rees will ask the other Parishes to discuss the possibility of virtual Community Engagement and will report back. Cllr Scott is part of the NP working party.

**3 Refurbishment of Village Hall** – See Public Forum

**4 Speeding Church Rd & Cromwell Rd.** Data from Norfolk Police Speed Enforcement Team – circulated. The report brought up some interesting results, the Team will be present in Cromwell Rd from time to time. There are issues with speeding traffic in King's Lane and School Rd too. Top Rd, Ilk St Andrew recorded approx. 50% of cars exceeding the speed limit, the traffic from here filters onto School Rd and into the village. A resident of Church Rd was hit by a speeding car last year and has been regularly emailing local, District & County Councillors as well as P Aldous MP with his concerns and requests for action since July, he has given his permission for his emails to be forwarded to the whole Council. There have been over 20 accidents at the junction of Church Rd & Ringsfield Rd. A senior police officer replied to the resident's concerns by saying that he had cycled part of this route and didn't see a safety issue and Mr Chenery (SCC) replied that he had 'driven' the route on google street view and decided there wasn't a safety issue, unsurprisingly the has made him and other residents of Church Rd rather upset with the response they are getting.

Cllr Rees went to see the Rural Policing Team in Bungay who were mainly concentrating on the recent local burglaries and advised having a better lock on the pavilion door. They also showed concern about the safety of the junction of Church Rd & Ringsfield Rd. The Team, who cover 135 parishes, may visit Ringsfield and gave Cllr Rees some leaflets with contact details. Cllr Rees has also been in touch with Speedwatch, a minimum of 6 volunteers are needed to be able to do our own monitoring, Cllr Rees asked everyone to think of or get in touch with people who may like to volunteer. Speedwatch co-ordinators will provide training and will loan equipment volunteers will need to have a DBS (criminal record) check. Results are sent electronically to the co-ordinators who decide on any further action to be taken.

**5 Other traffic impact of Southern relief road on surrounding villages.** See above

**6 Installation of bench for Russells Green** – Cllr Rees has this in hand

**7 Light in village hall car park** – The light will be wired into the board in the hall soon

## 6. FINANCE

### a. Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses August	194.73
HMRC PAYE	47.60
Darren Self – Repairs to 2 x lawn mowers	330.00
PRS Agriculture – Grass cutting 10 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> July & Aug	504.00
Insurance	210.67
Waveney Norse – Weed killing	198.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,485.00</b>

Cllr Statt proposed payment of these accounts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Rees, aif.

**b Accounts already paid – None**

**c Receipts – None**

**d Bank Balance Statement at 30<sup>1st</sup> August £14,915.53 – no change from 31<sup>st</sup> July (copy of statement circulated) Includes £570.71 Play area funds**

**e CIL money in hand £232.02.02 to spend by Oct 2023 + £253.62 by Apr 2024**

**f Clerk's pay review in line with NJC agreement – Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Rees, aif**

**g Review of internal audit report – circulated.** The contents were noted, some Cllrs felt some of the points were petty and unjustified. No major issues but the PC will review GDPR and publish any changes made.

**h Review and renewal of insurance.** Documents had been circulated and Cllrs are satisfied that the cover is adequate. Cllr Rees proposed payment of the premium £210.67, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Warner, aif

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE - None

## 8 PLANNING –

### a Applications Rec'd –

DC/20/3086/FUL. Goldberry House, Primrose Lane. Single storey extension to rear. Decision made previously to recommend acceptance.

DC/20/2880/PN3 Devonshire Farm. Change of use and conversion of existing agricultural building and land within it's curtilage, to a single dwelling. Decision made previously to recommend acceptance, but with concerns raised about setting a precedent within the Parish boundaries and about the apparent development of adjoining land with the introduction of fences (not boundary), roadway and pit.

DC/20/3130/FUL Cromwell House, Cromwell Rd. Car port, store and annexe. No objections

DC/20/3294/FUL Barnaby Farm. Demolish garage and extend dwelling. Cllr Fletcher has not had the chance to look at this application, but Cllrs Rees proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Statt rest of Cllrs in favour.

### b Decisions Rec'd–

DC/20/1715/FUL Ringsfield Hall Farm. Permitted.

## 9 REPORTS

**County and District Councillor's Reports.** Cllr Cloke's report has been circulated to the Cllrs – copy available on request from the Clerk.

### Parish Councillor's Reports

**Cllr Rees** has heard about a spate of fly tipping and will add this to the news letter she is preparing and asked for contributions.

A report has been received that a lorry hit the streetlamp by Russell's Green, Clerk to report to relevant Council

**Cllr Francis** feels that grants for the Village Hall refurb are the way to go.

**Cllr Scott** said that Beccles Road Safety Group sometimes go outside their patch voicing their perspective on neighbouring parishes' needs, he will be keeping an eye on that. He will contact Cllr Bubb re Speedwatch. Beccles Hospital has spent on new beds and a new fridge for Covid and extra flu vaccines. The Friends of Beccles Hospital have agreed a loan for the hospital towards the development of Caxton Villa. Traffic will be allowed to go through Beccles Market again Monday to Thursday from October.

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

**June** - 3 crimes– 2 x violence Redisham Rd, near junction with Kings Lane – unable to prosecute suspects. 1 x ASB Cucumber Lane. **July**- 1 x burglary Russells Green - no suspect identified.

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**10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**

Review of standing orders – circulated – changes highlighted. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Warner, aif

Rural policing team – see item 4 - 4

**NEXT MEETING: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

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