

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on FRIDAY 21st January 2022 at 7pm in
Ringsfield Village Hall**

Present: Chair Cllr Scott, Cllrs Rees, Statt, Warner, Fletcher, Sherriff & Scase-Jones. Clerk J Brown & 1 member of the public.

1. OPENING

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

PUBLIC FORUM –

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19th November 2021. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Fletcher, 4 in favour, 3 abstained.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1 Speedwatch Team of volunteers. No more volunteers have come forward despite another piece in the Sheaf and Nextdoor's site.
- 2 Neighbourhood Plan – No progress.
- 3 Traffic issues – Meeting with Highways' Mark Nicholls. A reply from Highways was not encouraging. Cllr Rees attended a recent meeting re the issues with the Bio Plant traffic with reps from Highways, the police, the Bio Plant and our MP. The rep from plant hugely downplayed the amount of traffic movements. There is to be another meeting, where a resolution will be made on protocols for the future, to address incidents of bad driving - speeding, refusal to give way to oncoming traffic on narrow roads etc. The plant will be putting together a calendar with approximate timings for traffic movements to present to the meeting. The junction of Cromwell Rd and London Rd will be looked at this year.
- 4 New notice board for Weston – Clerk to contact Highways for details a list of their contractors with a valid Street Works Accreditation, and ask for costings.
- 5 Installation of bench for Russells Green. Cllr Fletcher to chase this up.
- 6 Light in village hall car park. No progress.
- 7 Repairs/maintenance to PC's assets. The notice board has been fixed inside the bus shelter.
- 8 One vacancy for Ringsfield seat. Cllr Rees has put a notice in the Sheaf.
- 9 Quotes for grass cutting 2022. Two quotes have been received so far. To be discussed further at February's meeting.
- 10 Discuss purchase of lawnmower for cricket field. Any grants received would, most likely have to be match funded by RPC, and ongoing costs for maintenance, insurance etc, would probably mean a rise in the precept and the need to attract more teams. It would also have to be established if the mower would be used for the Village Hall grounds and Russell's Green, which would mean more savings, and who the designated drivers would be. Some Cllrs believed any spare money which would be spent on the mower would be better spent on the pavilion facilities.

7 FINANCE

a Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay December & November expenses £258.84

Total 1

Cllr Statt proposed this should be paid, 2nd Cllr Scase-Jones, aif.

b Accounts already paid – PRS – grass cutting October £168.00. S Warner- Christmas Tree £80.

S Statt – Outdoor sockets for Christmas tree lights £15.99.

c Receipts – None

d Bank Balance at 30th December £14,020.57 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 December 2021. Cllr Scase-Jones proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Scott, aif

g Presentation of Budget to Actual Spend to end December 2021. There were no questions Cllr Warner proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Rees, aif.

8 CORRESPONDENCE. None

9 PLANNING

a Applications Rec'd – Appeal – DC/20/4878/FUL Ringsfield Hall Farm – self build and conversion of barns.

DC/21/5662/FUL Devonshire Farm. Conversion of existing building with extant permission to convert to a single dwelling and change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage. Cllr Statt proposed no objections, 2nd Cllr Rees, aif.

b Decisions Rec'd– DC/21/0279/FUL 16 School Rd. Single storey front and rear extension and internal alterations to form annexe accommodations ancillary to main dwelling. Permitted.

10 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports - Forwarded

Parish Councillor's Reports –

Cllr Statt attended a Quiet Lanes Zoom meeting. The applications are taking a long time, but if we are not informed of any objections it is just a case of waiting. If there are existing posts at each end of the Lanes these can be used for the signs.

Cllr Sherriff produced petrol receipts, used for his mower on the cricket pitch and an invoice for repairs to his spiker also used on the cricket ground. He was reminded that he cannot produce invoices for works that have not had prior approval by the PC as stated in the PC's Financial Regulations. Cllr Rees will take the receipts and bills to the CC although, as a Charity, they are subject to similar rules regarding spending.

Cllr Scott thanked Cllrs Statt & Warner and the Clerk for their part in making the Carols on the Green such a lovely evening.

Cllr Statt asked if in future when new Christmas lights are purchased the old lights are handed in.

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

There was 1 vehicle crime, Russells Green reported in September – investigation complete no suspect identified. There were no crimes reported in October or November.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Beacon lighting for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The official program starts on 2nd June at 9.35pm, which will be the same across the Commonwealth. There should be a piper, then a bugler or cornet playing Majesty. The beacon will be lit at 9.45pm with a village choir singing a specially written song. There will be 2 comperes.

Cllr Statt thought it might be good for our event to start approx. 8.30pm with an 'open mic' for singing, comedy, poems etc. David Cannell's daughter will, hopefully help with the choir. Cllr Statt has booked the hall for Saturday 3rd 10-5pm plans are going ahead for a large, byo, picnic with games and races - white lines will need to be painted.

Ringsfield WI have offered to help fund a tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, this offer will be taken up to be included in the 'ring of 7 trees' along with the free oak sapling from ESC and possibly a permanent Christmas tree, and the 2 trees the school need to plant. Clerk to visit Wrentham Christmas Trees for advice and cost. Sites to be discussed. Cllr Statt brought in an example of Celebration mugs for children, 12 and under, of both Parishes. Clerk to check with the Primary School to check if they are providing mugs, if so the PC may contribute to the cost. The Church may have an open day displaying memorabilia themed around the Coronation and other local history items. Cllr Rees – the CC will be replacing the windows in the hall, with funding.

Cllr Sherriff will remove the dead tree on Russells Green.

Litter pick in March to be advertised in the Sheaf.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

NEXT MEETING: 18th February 2022

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