

## RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Date of Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

Present: Cllrs Rees, Warner, Statt, Wheeler, Scott & Fletcher  
 Attending Clerk Mrs Brown, 5 members of the public

- 1 OPENING OF MEETING** - The meeting was declared open at 7.00pm
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
- 3 RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None

**PUBLIC FORUM** – Cllr Rees thanked Mr Peach & Mr Herrod for coming.

- 4 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**– Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, with the following amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Warner, 2 abstentions 4 in favour.  
 Amendments: Item 5 – 3 line 2. Should read Cllr Wheeler will be going, not Cllr Rees. Item 5 – 6 Should read to organise the work not complete the work.

**5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –**

- 1 Neighbourhood Plan** – The Broads Authority have agreed the application which is now back with ESC who should make their decision in the next few days.
- 2 Refurbishment of Village Hall** – Nothing new to report but see item 6 -f.
- 3 Traffic impact of Southern relief road on surrounding villages.** The cancelled meeting with P Aldous MP & Cllr Bee has not been rescheduled yet, but Cllr Rees will remind Mr Aldous and Cllr Scott will contact Cllr Bee. The traffic data report should be released soon.

**Meeting closed at 7.10 for late arrivals to speak.**

A member of the public related an incident regarding parking with a rather distressing outcome and went onto to say that the double white lines along the A145 need to be extended from Marlborough House Weston to the layby south of Kings Lane along with a reduced speed limit on this stretch for safety reasons. Cllr Rees replied that these are matters that have been raised with Highways, the MP and District and County Councillors and that the PC will keep pushing for these changes in future. Another member of the public has reported the recurring flooding of Redisham Rd near to the junction of Kings Lane to SCC who replied that they are currently prioritising works to this type of complaint, she would however like the PC to take this up too saying that when the water dries the road is covered with stones washed from the fields. The Clerk asked for photos of the problem and will write to SCC. She also asked if a 7.5 weight limit could be placed on Kings Lane, this can be very difficult to enforce.

**Meeting reopened 7.38.**

- 4 School Road issues** – The school have placed green bollards on the white zig zags to prevent parking there. There has been work on the potholes and the damage to the sides of the road, but the workmanship is poor and already the repairs breaking down. Cllr Fletcher is to send photos and dates etc to the Clerk who will complain to SCC.
- 5 1 Cllr vacancy for Weston, 1 vacancy for Ringsfield.** Mr Peach & Mr Herrod have come along this evening to see how the PC works.
- 6 Installation of bench for Russells Green** – No progress
- 7 Light in village hall car park** – No progress
- 8 Grass cutting** – Quote received, also quote for weedkilling from Norse. Cllr Rees is to contact Matt Smith to ask if he is willing to cut the pitch, Cllrs Wheeler & Fletcher felt that either the Gillingham cricket team or the CC should contribute to the cost and that the PC and CC should look at building up it's use, there is some interest in starting a Ringsfield cricket team. Cllr Statt proposed that an email vote can be conducted on whether or not to accept Norse's quote ahead of the March meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Warner, aif. Cllr Rees will ask Colin Blowers if he will cut the grass in the play area. Cllr Rees proposed accepting Norse's quote for weedkilling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Statt, 5 votes for Cllr Wheeler against

**9 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Cllr Statt will do some more advertising at the car boot sale and Joe Crisp will advertise on the bar TV, no one has seen the minutes of the last CC meeting, Cllr Rees will ask for a copy.

**10 Completion of holiday complex adj to village hall** – Cllr Statt left a message for the owner but has not received a reply. Cllrs Fletcher and Rees will make enquiries.

## 6 FINANCE

### a Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses January	228.36
HMRC PAYE	47.80
Cllr Rees – expenses	77.82
Community Council – Room hire	135.00
<b>Total 4</b>	<b>£ 488.98</b>

Cllr Rees proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Statt, aif

### b Accounts already paid – None

**c Receipts** – Vat reclaimed £323.70

**d Bank Balance Statement at 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 £14,707.03. 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 Discuss reserves** – Cllr Rees proposed a £3,000 short term loan to WCC towards the refurb, but there was no 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cllr Warner wants to give them the money. Cllr Statt proposed asking the CC to provide a list of projects with costings before agreeing a loan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Fletcher, 5 for Cllr Rees against. The Clerk to check if CIL can be used to refurb the tennis courts. A quote of £400 has been received to dig out, and rake the gravel to flatten out the hall's car park and tarmac over the concrete at the entrance, but most Cllrs thought a permanent solution is needed. J Crisp has received a quote for new individual water heaters. Cllr Wheeler does not think the PC has enough money to give a loan.

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE – None

## 8 PLANNING –

**a Applications Rec'd** – DC/20/0569/FUL Old Hall Lodge, Church Rd. Construction of stable block, hay barn and riding area 60m x 40m. Cllr Scott proposed no objection providing that it will only be for private use, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Warner, aif

### b Decisions Rec'd–

DC/18/4469/FUL Woods at Harmony. Retrospective application. REFUSED

DC/19/4872/ FUL & DC/19/4873/LBC. Barn Owl Barn. Extension and conversion of outbuildings to create new residential unit. REFUSED

## 9 REPORTS

**County and District Councillor's Reports** - None

**Parish Councillor's Reports** –

Cllr Scott – Friends of Beccles Hospital, along with James Paget & NHS will be loaning money towards to Caxton Villa which will be used for Community Services with 4 Practising Pharmacists. The Friends have also given around £50,000 to Beccles Hospital and the Health Centre for new equipment, the Health Centre more has more doctors and their new online booking system is in place.

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

There were 3 crimes reported in December: 1 x public order London Rd Weston, 2 x violence Kings Lane – all under investigation.

**10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**

Cllr Statt said that a new bigger give way sign is needed on Cromwell Rd at the crossroads after another near miss.

Cllr Warner the pole for the VAS in School Rd opposite the silos has been bent to a 70 degree angle and will not be safe for the VAS, Clerk to report. The VAS has been in Ilk St Andrew and is due back now.

Cllr Rees proposed the PC pay for the hedge around the car park to be cut down to gutter height, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Warner, aif.

**11 CLOSE** There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.43pm

Signed.....Chair      Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020