

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 17th January 2020

Present: Cllrs Rees, Warner, Statt & Fletcher
 Attending Clerk Mrs Brown, Cllr Cloke

- 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** – Cllr Wheeler, Cllr Scott - unwell, Cllr Ritchie

PUBLIC FORUM – None

- 4 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 15th November 2019** – Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

- 1 Neighbourhood Plan** – The application for the joint plan has been validated, a Planning Officer has been assigned and it is now in public consultation. The next step is for all the villages to hold public meetings to identify residents wishes for future development and protection of green spaces etc. The Broads Authority will also have some input.
- 2 Refurbishment of Village Hall** – Cllr Rees has put together a financial plan and discussed it with J Crisp, Treasurer, who says the CC does not have enough money. It may be possible for the PC to make a loan of between £1.5 & £3k, Clerk is to check with SALC. Cllr Cloke may also be able to help with some of her Locality Budget money, she will send an official claim form to the Clerk. Cllr Statt announced her decision to resign as Chair of the CC but will continue to help with fundraising and the VE Day celebrations.
- 3 Traffic impact of Southern relief road on surrounding villages.** The next meeting is 31st January, Ringsfield Cllrs have not received an invite but Cllr Rees will be going. Kings Lane, Cromwell Rd, School Rd & Church Rd are all being used as rat runs with incidents of speeding traffic and damaged verges increasing there are also more and more potholes. Cllr Rees will try to arrange a site meeting with Highways to highlight problems. There are also concerns about the amount and routes of heavy lorries servicing the AD Plant in Ellough. The Clerk has asked the police for a speed detector van to record speeds through the village.
- 4 School Road issues** – Cllr Fletcher has comprised a comprehensive list of problems and possible solutions, attached.
- 5 1 Cllr vacancy for Weston.** No applications have been received. Cllr Cannel sent in his resignation which was met with regret from the other Cllrs.
- 6 Installation of bench for Russells Green** – The weather has been too wet to complete the work.
- 7 Light in village hall car park** – The light will be reconnected to the main board shortly.
- 8 Proposal to paint slow signs on roads in the village** - Highways have informed the Clerk that it will cost £1,000 to paint SLOW on one road, the PC feel this is too expensive.
- 9 Grass cutting** – Nothing to report.
- 10 75th Anniversary of VE Day weekend of 8th May** – The activities on May 8th will be centred around the village pub. The Church service on Sunday will be held on the green by Helen Kerridge at 10.30, the Last Post will be played and the beacon lit, J Roots will read 'Tribute to Millions'. There will be a bring your own picnic on the playing field, teas and coffees provided by the PC, possibly a rounders game. Cllr Statt's idea of a memory board in the hall with photos and letters from the time went down well. The hall is booked for a private party on the Saturday afternoon.

6 FINANCE**a Accounts for Payment**

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses December	214.13
HMRC PAYE	47.60
C Eaton – Printing Carol sheets & News letters	40.00
S Darch – Grass cutting around the Village sign	110.00
S Warner – Wine for Carols on the green	49.50
Total cheques 5	£461.23

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Rees, aif

b Accounts already paid – PGA Construction – Inspect faulty street lamp £30.00

c Receipts – Bank £0.47p.

d Bank Balance Statement at 30th December 2019 £14,825.06. 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 Presentation of Bank Reconciliation to end December- Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner aif.

g Presentation of Budget to Actual to end December - Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner aif.

h Appointment of Internal Auditor – Cllr Rees proposed SALC, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif

i Following Cllr Cannell's resignation Cllr Rees proposed Cllr Warner as a new bank signatory, 2nd Cllr Rees,

7 CORRESPONDENCE – Objections to planning application DC/20/0092/VOC, discussed under item 8

8 PLANNING –**a Applications Rec'd –**

DC/19/4532/PN3 Ringsfield Hall Farm. Change of use of land and conversion of agricultural barn to dwelling.

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

Cllr Rees proposed no objections to the above, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

DC/20/0092/VOC – Removal of Condition 6 of DC/16/3158/FUL. Memory Cottage, Church Rd. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance as the building has some historical value and the proposal is in keeping with former WDC's Local Plan in that it will boost tourism and employment, with the proviso that it maintained and refurbished and will not be used as a permanent residence 2nd Cllr Warner, 3 votes for Cllr Rees abstained.

b Decisions Rec'd– None

9 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports - Cllr Cloke's report attached, she will find out why Ringsfield PC does not receive feedback and updates on the Community Partnership meetings and forward Cllr Ritchie's report to the Clerk.

Parish Councillor's Reports - None

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

November – 2 violence Russells Green – action to be taken by another organisation.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Cllr Fletcher asked if there was any news on the completion of the holiday development and shop on the land adjacent to the hall.

11 CLOSE There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....Chair Date: 21st February 2020