

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 15th November 2019

Present: Cllrs Rees, Cannell, Warner, Statt, Scott, Fletcher, Sherriff & Wheeler

Attending Clerk Mrs Brown

1 OPENING OF MEETING - The meeting was declared open at 7.17pm

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3 RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –
Cllr Cloke – in Purdah.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

4 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 18th October 2019 – Cllr Cloke had asked that the minutes be changed regarding her reports – The Clerk refused to change anything regarding the Community Partnership (Item 1) but agreed that due to the discussion during Cllr Cloke's report on ESC's Scrutiny Committee becoming rather confusing (Item 9) she could have been mistaken as to who said the words *and not Suffolk*, after some discussion on the matter Cllr Warner proposed acceptance as they read, 2nd Cllr Statt, 6 for, 2 abstentions.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

- 1 Neighbourhood Plan** – The application for the joint plan has been made, no acknowledgement received as yet. Cllr Rees had to fill it in by hand as there were problems with online ESC's security certificate update. ESC informed Cllr Rees that the public consultation must last 20 weeks and that the meetings cannot be held on dark evenings, she is to look at funding for the presentations etc.
- 2 Refurbishment of Village Hall** – Cllr Rees is putting the finishing touches to the document (see October minutes) and will send it out soon.
- 3 Traffic impact of Southern relief road on surrounding villages.** The meeting on 8th November in Carlton Colville was cancelled due to P Aldous MP being in Purdah and everyone hopes that any new MP will honour the agreement to fund solutions to the problems caused. In the meantime the PC should keep up the pressure. Cllr Wheeler said that the white lines at the crossroads have been repainted. There were complaints that the mud on roads is not being cleared quickly enough. There are 62 potholes in School Road. Mark Nichols Highways emailed to say if the PC wanted slow signs painted on the road they must be associated with warning signs, or in advance of a hazard and that they and/or the County Cllr would have to pay for them. Clerk to find out the cost. Highways are increasingly reluctant provide additional signage on roads.
- 4 School Road issues** – Cllr Wheeler has completed the list and action plan and has sent it to Cllr Rees. Cllr Rees will ask the school's head to meet for a discussion on the problem of parking. The school has put out some small bollards along the yellow zig zag lines.
- 5 1 Cllr vacancy for Weston** Cllr Rees welcomed David Fletcher to the Council, he said it was a long time since he was a P Cllr and is looking forward to being one again and that although he works for a company in Cheshire he is mostly at home.
- 6 Installation of bench for Russells Green** – Cllr Rees has found someone to do the work, she and Cllr Statt will meet to determine the exact position for it.
- 7 Light in village hall car park** - Cllr Rees has found an electrician who will have a look next week and will send a quote which the Clerk will circulate and take votes via email to be formally agreed at the January meeting, several other companies Cllr Rees had approached declined to quote.

6 FINANCE

a Accounts for Payment

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses Oct & Nov	415.49
HMRC PAYE Sept & Oct	95.60
Total cheques 2	£511.09

Cllr Scott proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Rees, aif

b Accounts already paid – CAS Ltd, website host £60.00

c Receipts – HMRC vat reclaim £305.88, Car boot ale £316.31

d Bank Balance Statement at 30th October 2019 £15,526.35. Includes £570.71 Play area fund

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

f Presentation of amended draft Precept budget for 2020/21 for discussion. The budget shows that there will be a shortfall in income of approx. £1,100 if the precept is kept at £6,500, it has been several years since the last increase. Cllr Wheeler proposed requesting £7,000.00, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif.

7 CORRESPONDENCE - None

8 PLANNING –

a Applications Rec'd – DC/19/4303/PN3 Ringsfield Hall Farm. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling house. Cllr Rees proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif

b Decisions Rec'd– None

9 REPORTS

County and District Councillor's Reports - None

Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllrs Wheeler and Scott attended the Community Partnership Meeting - all the surrounding Town & Parish Councils were represented. There were presentations on all different subjects and attendees were asked to list the problems they wish to see addressed, social isolation was mentioned most, other concerns were poor air quality and deprivation. The Partnership have funding as will D Cllrs and decisions on where to spend the money will be made by the Partnership Board – it will not be spent on roads or buses etc. Cllrs Wheeler & Scott did not stay to the end. The Partnership meetings will be held quarterly.

Cllr Davies (North Cove) told Cllr Rees about a meeting with Bio Plant (R & W PC were not invited) where they learnt that the air quality is very poor in Ellough including the area where all the new houses are to be built. He had attended the Community Partnership Meeting and said that he felt that the organisers did not take on board the big issues raised.

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

There were no crimes reported in September. The Clerk is to contact the Police re the non - appearance of Cllr Cannell's reported crime on their website. He said that lots of crimes don't reported as the general feeling is that nothing gets done even when they have been.

The Clerk is to attend the Town & Parish Forum in January, which is to concentrate mainly on planning issues, to ask to add to agenda – Planning officers do not seem to have much knowledge of this area.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Carols on the Green 7.00pm – Cllr Rees has ordered 300 Carol sheets as due to the large turnout for the event last year they ran out, she will also order the mince pies, do the risk assessment and make the H&S announcement. Cllr Statt will buy 18 bottles of wine and ask to borrow the Santa suit. Cllr Cannell will put in the safety posts and tape. Cllr Sherriff will look into getting a tree.

Cllr Rees asked if anyone has anything to put in the Newsletter to please send it to her this week.

Permission for the PC to rest in December – proposed Cllr Rees, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif

Grass cutting – Cllr Sherriff thought that as the grass is already long it may need 2 – 3 extra cuts over the winter, both he and Cllr Rees have people in mind for grass cutting in the future. Norse's quote should be received in February.

Cllr Statt temporarily closed the zip wire due to damage which could be dangerous, she has arranged for Action Play to assess it and will check if the repairs can be claimed through the CC's insurance.

The 75th anniversary celebrations of VE Day will be held on Friday 8th May 2020. The hall has been booked for the Saturday & Sunday and events will be discussed with the CC. There will be a Church Service at 3pm on the Sunday. The PC will provide refreshments and ask if the CC will waive the hall hire charges.

The PC will share a table with the CC at the Coffee Morning on November 30th and use the opportunity to ask what type of events they would like for VE day and hopefully get some volunteers to help and views on the hall refurb.

Cllr Statt has worked out a rota for the VAS, it has been in Ilk St Andrew and recorded a high speed of 63mph and many in the 50s which is quite worrying.

11 CLOSE There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed.....Chair Date: 17th January 2020