

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 18th October 2019

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

Attending Clerk Mrs Brown, D 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 –
Cllrs Sherriff & Ritchie.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

4 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 20th September 2019 – Cllr Statt proposed acceptance with the amendment to Public Forum should read Annette Dunning not Downing, 2nd Cllr Warner, 4 for, 2 abstentions.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING –

- 1 Neighbourhood Plan – The inaugural meeting of the 5 Parishes went well with decisions made on aims and objectives. Cllrs Rees & Wheeler attending a meeting with ESC which was very helpful, once the plan is accepted application for funding can be made. Another meeting will take place soon.
The Community Partnership meeting's venue has been changed to the Sir John Leman High School. Cllr Cloke explained that the Community Partnership grew out of concerns that the rural parts of the County get neglected by District and County Cllrs, various local organisations attend but the meetings are mostly for Parish and ESC Cllrs to network and discuss problems and concerns.
- 2 VAS – The unit is in ISA presently and should be placed in Church Rd Ringsfield in the next 2 – weeks.
- 3 Refurbishment of Village Hall – At the informal Trustees meeting it had been agreed for Cllr Rees to design a form for the CC members to give their views on the project.
- 4 Grass cutting cricket pitch – Quote received from CGM was far higher than Norse's Cllr Rees to contact Paul West to see if will help.
- 5 Traffic impact of Southern relief road on surrounding villages. There is to be a meeting on 8th November in Carlton Colville when the results of traffic monitoring near Sir John Leman School and London Rd should be in. The PC think rumbles strips in Church, School & Cromwell Rds should help with speeding, there also issues with walkers along stretches with no pavements. Church Rd is in a terrible state now after the heavy rains, with deep potholes along the side of the road and sand blocking drains near the Church.
- 6 School Road issues – 19 residents and 3 Cllrs attended the meeting - the following problems to be raised with Highways: Potholes some marked but not repaired, white lines at crossroads not repainted yet (Clerk to forward emails to Cllr Cloke), road is no longer adequate for the type of vehicles using it. Other issues: Parking outside the school, Cllrs briefly discussed the possibility of using the 'island' for parking. It has been discovered that any accidents incurring injuries caused by the state of roads need to be reported to SCC and the police. Cllr Wheeler will make a list of issues and form an action plan.
- 7 2 Cllr vacancies for Weston. Cllr Rees proposed accepting David Fletcher's application, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif.
- 8 New pads for defib. The Ambulance Service gifted new ones and intend to use the out of date ones for training. Cllr Statt will announce the date of the next training course soon.
- 9 Installation of bench for Russells Green – Nothing to report.
- 10 Light in village hall car park – Clerk to check with SCC & ESC to see if either are responsible for maintenance

6 FINANCE**a Accounts for Payment**

J Brown, Clerk's pay & expenses	224.54
HMRC PAYE	47.80
Norse – grass cutting	1788.00
Norse – empty bins village hall	13.64
Total cheques 4	£2073.98

Cllr Rees proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif

b Accounts already paid - None

c Receipts – East Suffolk Precept £3250.00

d Bank Balance Statement at 27th September 2019 £17,599.90

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

f Presentation of Bank Reconciliation to 27th September. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif

g Presentation of Budget to Actual Spend 6 months. Cllr Statt proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Warner, aif

h Presentation of draft Precept budget for 2020/21 for discussion. Clerk to add £100 for Chairman's allowance. Cllrs to think of any capital spending they may need and discuss next month. Cllr Cloke said it is poor policy not to increase the Precept, although any rise has to be justified.

Cllr Statt hand the Clerk £316.31 cash raised from Car boot sale for Hall refurb

7 CORRESPONDENCE - None**8 PLANNING –**

a Applications Rec'd – None

b Decisions Rec'd – None

9 REPORTS**County and District Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Ritchie sent a report – attached. Cllr Rees suggested asking for a donation for Village Hall refurb next year.

Cllr Cloke sent a report – attached, and went on to say how visiting all the Parishes in her Ward is very interesting, her work on the Scrutiny Committee is currently looking into Gt Yarmouth and Waveney Health Authority (a different body from the CCG) being matched with Norfolk and not Suffolk.

Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Scott has resigned from Beccles Surgery Group after being told he wasn't pulling his weight the meeting was not happy about that, he is thinking of representing the PC on the Friends of Beccles Hospital instead.

Cllr Wheeler previously had questions regarding personal liability for Cllrs acting as Trustees for the Village Hall Trustees, the Clerk has contacted the insurance company who assured her that as long as the Sole Trustee is the Parish Council as a Corporate Body (which it is) the Officers are covered.

Cllr Rees reported that the ditch beyond the Church had been filled in, fitted with a pipe and hedges had been removed to create a tractor crossing, Cllr Cannell believes that up to 20m of hedging can be removed without permission for this type of reason.

Cllr Rees – Age UK have started Relax and Reminisce sessions in places and she has someone in mind who would perhaps organise something like this at the hall.

Cllr Statt reminded the meeting about the Community Coffee morning on November 30th 10.30-1.00pm along with the different clubs who will be represented there will be a N Plan table, Village Hall refurb questionnaires will be available, Cllrs to answer any questions from residents and the Clerk will inform the DIAL organisation who wish to attend these type of events to get information out to disabled people. The current hall cleaner has resigned, but Mandy Chapman has found some else already.

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

There was 1 x burglary reported in Cromwell Rd. Cllr Cannell was worried that his reported burglary did not appear, Clerk to check again.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None

11 CLOSE There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed.....Chair Date: 15th November 2019