

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 21st July 2017

Present: Chair Cllr Rees, Cllrs Statt, Warner, Cannell & Scott
Attending Clerk Mrs Brown.

1. **OPENING OF MEETING** - The meeting was declared open at 7.15pm
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
3. **RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Francis, Cllr Springall – other commitment

PUBLIC FORUM – Mr Springall spoke of his objections to the development on Land adjoining School Road/Church Road, including that the balcony on the facilities building (part of the VOC application) will overlook his property, the extra traffic on narrow roads the construction, and when complete, the guests will cause, concerns about noise, lights and smells from the chemical waste pits.

4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD 23rd June 2017**– Cllr Statt proposed acceptance 2nd Cllr Cannell aif. The Chair signed the minutes
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** –
 - 1 Neighbourhood Plan – There will be a talk by Stuart Halsey from WDC on the pros and cons of making a Plan in the Village Hall at 7.00pm Tuesday 5th September, Cllrs will put flyers round the Parishes.
Cllrs from Ilketshalls St John & Andrew, Barsham and Shipmeadow have expressed an interest in with R & W PC and some will be attending, Cllr Rees will supply them with flyers too.
 - 2 Development on land adj to Church Road. The work is being overseen by PVM Building Control Services Ltd. See Item 9 Planning for the VOC Application
 - 3 Community Council update. The new members are getting on their feet now. The curtains are back from laundering and have been treated with a fire retardant substance, the lighting inside the hall has been replaced and the outside lights are in place. Improvements to the CCTV system will be looked at. The CC are in the process of sorting out the bills for the phone line and broadband, with the aim of cutting these expenses. Cllr Rees is attempting to get a reduction in the bill from the electrician who replaced the motherboard. They are still waiting for new cheque books.
 - 4 Request for a dog waste bin on the Village Green. Cllr Statt proposed the PC buy one, 2nd Cllr Rees, aif. Clerk to buy and arrange with Waveney Norse to empty it.
 - 5 Improvement to website content – The website can be made into a valuable facility for advertising village events, clubs and societies. Cllr Rees will arrange professional IT help to this end.

6	FINANCE	
	J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses for June	190.10
	PAYE	41.80
	Total cheques 2	£231.90

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance and that these accounts are paid 2nd Cllr Rees, aif

b Accounts already paid - None

c Receipts – Transparency Code Fund £700.00, Mrs Montague £50.00 donation to play area.

d Bank Balance Statement at 30th June 2017 £ 20,835.82

e Presentation of Bank Reconciliation circulated

f Budget to Actual Figures June 2017 – To be reviewed - circulated. The Cllrs were asked to look at the figures and think if any amounts need to be added/removed for the Precept Budget.

7 CORRESPONDENCE - None

8 PLANNING –

a.Applications Rec'd –

1) DC/17/2747/VOC Playters Solar Farm, Weston. Variation of condition 3 of DC/14/1169/FUL. Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic plant including transformers, tracks, drainage, fencing, CCTV and all associated building and engineering operations for use for a period up to 25 years, to extend the potential operational period of the solar farm to 40 years.

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance to the above, 2nd Cllr Rees aif

2) DC/17/2934/VOC Mr Staniforth, Land adj to School Road/Church Road. Variations of conditions 2 & 11 of DC/11/0914/FUL. Amended design/layout of facilities block, additional parking spaces adj to approved cabins.

After a long discussion Cllr Rees reluctantly, as refusal can only be made in accordance with planning laws, proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Statt with observations along the following lines:

- 1) The entrance to the development does not appear to be wide enough for large vehicles to turn in from School Road
- 2) Traffic accessing the site has to use roads that are so narrow 2 large vehicles cannot pass each other without mounting the verges causing damage to already weak verges which could not withstand sustained heavy traffic.
- 3) The lighting on site should be motion activated for the sake of near neighbours.
- 4) There should be a restriction on noise after 11.30. Ringsfield Village Hall was sited precisely so that the previously vacant plot of land, where this development is being built, acted as a sound barrier for close neighbours.
- 5) The lodges are large and the PC would like reassurance that they cannot become permanent residences in the future, and would like to know what the plans for the site are for the next 2,5 & 10 years.
- 6) One of the conditions of original permission was that a lodge can only be occupied by the same person for 28 days per month with 84 days in between each day, will this restriction still apply?
- 7) There is concern that the chemical waste pits will smell, and it is not clear how they will operate.
- 8) The proposed balcony on the larger facilities building will overlook the property opposite, perhaps some sort of screening could be installed?

b Decisions Rec'd–

DC/17/2089/FUL Mr & Mrs Frost, Ringsfield Hall. Construction of a single storey rear extension. GRANTED with 3 conditions.

DC/17/1612/FUL Triple Trees, Cucumber Lane. Replacement of existing bungalow with a 2 storey dwelling and subservient connected outbuildings. GRANTED with 9 conditions.

10 REPORTS

County and District Councillors Reports - None

Parish Councillor Reports -

Cllr Statt- Adnams have promised £600 towards a wheelchair access picnic bench for the new play area, the money needs to be spent within 6 months.

Cllr Scott – Report from meeting of the Friends of Beccles Hospital – Attendees were given a News Roundup handout from G Yarmouth & WPAG. Blood tests will be carried out at the Health Centre until April 2018. The surgery has received complaints from some Worlingham patients regarding problems stemming from a lack of doctors. Cllr Rees asked if the partners think they could cope with the proposed new residential developments. The partners have indicated that they would be happy to attend a PC meeting if invited.

Cllr Rees is to write a letter to support Cllr Scott’s application to represent the PC on the Patient Advisory Group and the Friends.

Cllr Scott asked about the lock for the tennis court Mrs Chapman has the code, Cllr Statt will ask for it. Cllr Statt said that the court is losing customers to Beccles facilities as the surface is getting bad. The Clerk is to contact Cllrs Bee & Ritchie re the locality money for the VAS.

Clerk’s Report – To include crime report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary’s website. The website shows crimes reported up until the end April, there were no crimes reported.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Permission to rest in August - Proposed Cllr Rees, 2nd Cllr Scott aif

Clerk’s Contract of employment – circulated to be discussed at the next meeting.

London Road Field Access – Mr Hall, whose field has been split in 2 for the Southern Relief Road has asked the PC to help him with moving the entrance to one part of the field for safety reasons. Cllr Rees proposed the PC support him in this, 2nd Cllr Statt aif, Cllr Rees will contact Mr Hall.

Cllr Cannell: The repairs made to the verge nearly opposite the school is breaking up again, the Clerk will report it to Highways.

The edges of Ringsfield Road between Grange Farm & Devonshire Farm were cut away some time ago to prepare for repairs which have not been carried out, the Clerk is to report.

Close There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.

Signed.....Chair Date: 22nd September 2017

Date of next Meeting 20th October 2017