

RINGSFIELD AND WESTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 17th November 2017

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

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 Springall – family commitment
PUBLIC FORUM –
4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PC MEETING HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2017** – Cllr Statt proposed acceptance 2nd Cllr Warner aif. The Chair signed the minutes
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** –
 - 1 Neighbourhood Plan – Stuart Halsey has taken over from Jo McCullum as the rep for WDC. Cllr Rees attended a meeting with reps from Ilketshall St John & St Andrew to hear Charles from Bedingham speak about their Neighbourhood Plan, which took 4 and a half years to complete. All the attendees are keen to participate in a joint plan which will share the workload. District Planners have no objections to collaborations but feel in this case the Parishes are too dispersed making attendance at Public Meetings difficult. The next step will be a meeting with Planners and to check if Barsham, Shipmeadow and Mettingham are in Ringsfield School’s catchment area.
 - 2 VAS – No progress, the preferred sites need to be agreed by Highways as a matter of urgency as the promised Locality funding expires in March 2018.
 - 3 Clerk’s contract of employment – Agreed and signed.
 - 4 Improvements to website content – No progress
 - 5 Review of revised Standing Orders – circulated. To go on January’s agenda.
- 6 **FINANCE**
 - a. **Accounts for Payment**

J Brown, Clerk’s pay & expenses October inc laptop & printer	£743.73
PAYE	£39.00
Total cheques 2	£782.73

Cllr Statt proposed acceptance and that these accounts are paid 2nd Cllr Rees, aif
 - b **Accounts already paid** - None
 - c **Receipts –Proceeds of car boot sale for Play area** £348.00
 - d **Bank Balance Statement at 27th October 2017** £20,334.29
- 7 **CORRESPONDENCE** - None
- 8 **PLANNING** –
 - a **Applications Rec’d** – None
 - b **Decisions Rec’d**– None
- 9 **REPORTS**
County and District Councillors Reports - None

Parish Councillor Reports -

Cllr Francis – Laid the wreath on behalf of R&W PC for the Remembrance Day Service at Ringsfield Church, there was a good turn out– 50+ people.

Cllr Sherriff – The cricket pitch needs 2 more cuts and proposed the Clerk ask Waveney Norse for 2 more cuts at the pitch, green and the hall surrounds, 2nd Cllr Rees aif.

Cllr Sherriff expressed his outrage at the cost of the new play area, believing that the suppliers are charging more as the PC needed grant funding for the project, he acknowledged and thanked Cllr Statt for all her hard work on the project and left the meeting at 7.50.

Cllr Statt proposed asking WREN if their terms and conditions allowed the use of Section 106 money to purchase the gates and fencing for the new play area, 2nd Cllr Rees aif.

Cllr Johnson asked if local people would get the first bite of the cherry of the proposed new housing in Ringsfield. Cllr Rees will ask Stuart Halsey.

Cllr Rees proposed replacing the football nets and buying 2 winders for the tennis court nets from Section 106 money 2nd Cllr Statt aif

Cllr Scott - report on Beccles Surgery. At the last surgery group meeting Dr McLean proposed a work shop when patients could meet all the staff and community workers. There is to be a public meeting in the new year, advertising will include a leaflet drop to all surrounding villages. The surgery has 2 new nurse practitioners, 1 specialising in heart problems and 1 in breathing problems. The blood testing contract will be renegotiated in March 2018. Rebecca Driver, PR for the CCG is willing to come to a PC meeting to speak.

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

There were 3 crimes reported in September all in Russells Green 1 x ASB, 1 x criminal damage – investigation complete, no suspect identified. 1 x violence – under investigation.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

Changes to the Data Protection Law – From recent communications from SALC it appears that the PC will have to pay £800 first the first year and £400 for a remote DP Officer which all felt was very expensive for the amount of data held. The Clerk will contact SALC again and try to find another source for a remote DPO.

The Clerk is to ask Waveney Norse if they have a herbicide licence and a non iron sulphate herbicide to treat the car park, playground and the tennis court surrounds, as this type will not alter the colour of the court.

The Clerk is to chase up Highways re the white lines outside the school.

Carols on the Green – Cllr Statt will order a Christmas tree and buy mulled wine and mince pies.

There will need to be a trustees meeting for the Community Council soon.

Close There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.

Signed.....Chair Date: 19th January 2018

Date of next Meeting 19th January 2018