

RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Ringshall Parish Council hld on Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.30pm in Ringshall Village Hall.

Present: Mrs C Free (Chairman), Mrs L Hitchcock, Mr D Kemp, Mr J Phoenix, Mrs A Jones, Mr N Last, Mrs H Nunn (Clerk), Cllr D Whybrow

Public Forum:

Cllr Whybrow had circulated his report which included waste and recycling information for the Christmas period and during 2017, the new MSDC website, the appointment of a new joint chief executive and the parish council precept tax base for the financial year 2017/18.

Cllr Truelove was unable to attend the meeting but had circulated her report which included details of unaccompanied asylum seeking children, fire and rescue services co-responding trial, a devolution update, an improvement on school attendance and the be safe and seen campaign in Suffolk.

The VHMC report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs K Benton, Cllr J Truelove

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting hld on September 27th 2016

The Minutes were approved and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. To receive a financial report and approve payments

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Community Account:	£1794.65
Business Saver Account:	£9831.39

- a) Invoices had been received from SALC for £18 in respect of the quarterly payroll service and the annual fee of £60 from Community Action Suffolk which has taken over the website hosting from SCC. A letter from St Catherine's church had been received requesting the payment of £450 for grass cutting in the churchyard and the annual grant of £600; councillors approved payment of this and the invoices.
- b) Barclays had advised that with effect from 5 December 2016 the interest rate of the Business Saver Account would reduce to 0%. The Clerk will look into the availability of other accounts offering a better rate but it was agreed unlikely due to the reduction in the Bank of England Base Rate.
- c) Unfortunately the budget proposals were unavailable but the clerk will circulate these for councillors to consider before setting the precept at the January meeting.

5. To discuss highways matters

The clerk and Mrs Hitchcock reported that all previously submitted requests for road repairs and replacement signs had been removed from SCC Highways reporting link on the website. After some

discussion it was agreed that councillors would individually report these matters and a letter would be sent to Cllr Truelove asking for her to investigate the issue.

Post Minute note: the works between the z bends at Charles Hall and the Straight Road are due to be carried out between 7-9 December.

6. To appoint a representative on Ringshall VHMC

The Chairman advised councillors that the VHMC had requested that a new representative be appointed as Mr Last had been unable to attend several meetings or help with maintenance and other duties due to ill health. Mr Kemp volunteered to take on this role – the Clerk will advise the management committee accordingly.

7. To discuss planning matters

Councillors had been forwarded details of the application at Wattisham Airfield for Erection of steel framed building to house existing Brake Test Facility and approval of this was agreed.

The clerk will look into the possibility of training for councillors with regard to planning matters.

8. To discuss the provision of superfast broadband in Ringshall.

The chairman read out the letter from BT regarding Community Fibre Partnerships that could benefit local schools and communities. A match-funded grant would be available but the community would be expected to raise in the region of £10-20,000. The clerk had discussed this with Ringshall School who would be interested and who also mentioned that money may be available through the Forces Covenant. Mrs Free spoke of correspondence she had received stating that superfast broadband may be available by the end of 2017 and she will check with SCC for a definite answer on this before an invitation is made to BT for a representative to attend the March meeting.

9. Training for new councillors and those unable to attend previous training

The clerk will forward the SALC training calendar for 2017 to councillors.

10. Items for discussion at the January meeting

Mrs Jones asked about the possibility of purchasing the defibrillator pads for children at Ringshall School.

Mrs Free asked that Robbie Silk be contacted to obtain details of the squadron leaders at Wattisham Airfield who had shown an interest in taking part in the annual litter pick.

11. To confirm the date of the January meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th January at 7.30pm in Ringshall Village Hall.