

## **RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting  
on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Ringshall Village Hall

Present: Mrs C Free, Mrs L Hitchcock, Mr D Kemp, Mrs A Jones, Mrs H Nunn (Clerk), Cllr A Whybrow,  
Cllr D Whybrow, Mr P Watson.

### **1. Election of Officers**

#### **a. Chairman**

Mrs Free confirmed that she would be prepared to continue as Chairman, but pointed out that due to work commitments, she may have to call on the vice-chairman to cover later in the year. Mrs Hitchcock proposed that Mrs Free be re-elected chairman and the proposal was seconded by Mr Kemp.

#### **b. Vice-chairman**

Mrs Hitchcock confirmed that she would be willing to continue in this role. Mr Kemp proposed that Mrs Hitchcock be re-elected as vice-chairman and this was seconded by Mrs Jones.

#### **c. VHMC representative**

Mr Kemp confirmed that he would be prepared to continue for a further year and was subsequently proposed as VHMC representative by Mrs Jones and this was seconded by Mrs Free.

#### **d. Tree Warden**

Mrs Free and Mrs Hitchcock were re-elected as joint tree wardens.

### **2. Public Forum**

Cllr Whybrow confirmed it was business as usual at the District Council despite the various elections and reported on various planning matters, a new website and telephone number for MSDC, central Government funding to help fund community-led housing, a new computer system for the planning department and the liaison meetings now re-arranged for June 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Whybrow confirmed that CIL payments are issued six monthly and notification is given up front with support available on how to get the monies and what can be done with it. He stressed that no money is paid until building work actually commences.

### **3. Apologies for absence**

Mr J Phoenix and Mrs K Benton

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2017**

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

### **6. To receive a financial report, approve the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2017 and approve the Annual return for BDO**

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Community Account:	£1162.11
Business Saver Account:	£10,632.71

Bills to be paid were the annual subscription to SALC for £247.45, SALC payroll service for £18.00, the clerk's salary and expenses to 31<sup>st</sup> May for £612.43 and the grant of £1000 to the VHMC. Councillors approved all 4 payments.

The accounts for the end of financial year 2016/17 had been viewed at the Annual Parish Meeting and as no queries had arisen Mrs Jones proposed that they be approved, this was seconded by Mr Kemp and unanimously agreed.

The clerk went through the annual governance statement, the items on which were agreed by councillors, following which the Annual Return was duly signed and dated by the chairman and the clerk. This will be returned to BDO together with the appropriate documentation.

**7. To discuss the Speed Watch Scheme**

Mr Kemp reported that Somersham Parish Council had discussed and approved, the possibility of Ringshall joining with themselves and Great Bricett. There would be no capital expenditure costs as both the speed gun and signs had already been purchased, the gun calibration had recently been carried out and the batteries had already been replaced. Four reflective jackets would be required at a cost of approximately £25 each. Mr Kemp went on to report that no response had come from any residents in the village following the note in the parish magazine and in letters sent to those properties who did not receive the magazine. However, there were already six volunteers, one of whom, Mr P Watson, had volunteered to help Mr Kemp to run the scheme in the village. Councillors agreed to trial the scheme for twelve months and review it after that period. The Clerk will put a piece in the magazine confirming that the scheme will run in the village.

**8. To discuss highways matters including speeding traffic on B1078**

The Clerk reported that Mr Snowling, Chairman of the VHMC had asked whether a speed limit could be imposed on the B1078 between the Lower Farm Road and Offton Road junctions following recent road traffic accidents. This matter had been looked in to in the past with no positive outcome. After some discussion it was agreed to look into making the Lower Farm Road junction into one with stop signs rather than the current give way.

**9. To discuss planning matters and any possible CiL monies**

There were no planning matters and Cllr Whybrow had already covered the CIL information. Mrs free suggested that village residents be asked what they would like from the CIL monies.

**10. To confirm the planning training in June**

The SALC planning training will take place in the village hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 7-9pm.

**11. Items for the next meeting**

Mrs Hitchcock mentioned that the village sign needs painting and the telephone box requires cleaning.

The clerk will remind SCC Highways regarding the various signs throughout the village that need replacing and will report back to the July meeting.

**12. To confirm the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in Ringshall Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm