

RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Ringshall Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm in Ringshall Village Hall.

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

Public Forum

County Councillor Anne Whybrow's report had been circulated to councillors and included restructuring of Suffolk Highways, County farm lettings, energy from waste and Suffolk's GCSE and A level results.

District Councillor David Whybrow's report had been circulated to councillors and included a planning update, Local Government Ward Boundary Review and the new join Local Plan Consultation.

The VHMC report had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Mr Last complained that he is never informed about meetings as he has no e-mail. A hard copy will be sent in future.

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs Kay Benton

2. Declarations of interest

There were none

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on August 10th 2017

The Minutes were agreed to be a true record and duly signed and dated by the chairman.

4. To receive a financial report, approve payments, grant and donation requests and complete paperwork for VHMC mower

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Community Account: £1290.19

Business Saver Account: £7132.71

The Clerk's salary and expenses to 31st August 2017 at £608.90 which included postage and telephone contribution for the quarter, an outstanding invoice from SALC for copies of The Good Councillor Guide at£4.50 and the fee for the SALC payroll service at £16.80 were approved for payment.

5. To review the Local Plan (to view: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan)

District Councillor Whybrow had reported on this during the public forum and after some further discussion, councillors agreed that the hard copy of the document should be circulated to each one so that the full picture could be drawn before the consultation closes on November 10th.

6. To discuss a speed reduction scheme at Ringshall School

After a full discussion it was agreed that a request be made to Suffolk Highways for a stop sign at the junction of Lower Farm Road. A further request will be made to Suffolk Highways for speed

reduction measures on Lower Farm Road where children cross from the village hall to the school. This will link in with the data gathered from the speedwatch scheme.

7. To discuss any village hall management committee matters

Mr Snowling, VHMC chairman, reported an increase in bookings towards the end of the year. The proposed garage sale had been cancelled due to a lack of support. No social events were being organised by the VHMC other than the Christmas meal, although a quiz has been arranged by the church for November 17th.

Mr Snowling reported on the purchase of a new mower and the mower grant forms were duly completed and signed by the parish council chairman.

8. To discuss planning matters

There were none.

9. To discuss the Speed Watch Scheme

Mr Kemp reported on the two phases of the scheme being the enforcement phase and the education phase. To meet the first phase there had been seven sessions on Lower Farm Road with thirty-five vehicles exceeding the speed limit, with speeds between 35-43 mph, although there is no facility to record actual numbers of vehicles travelling past the speed camera. Some feedback had been received from residents plus various comments from others.

To meet the second phase, Peter Watson had visited Ringshall school with leaflets for parents and a Junior Road Safety Scheme for schools should soon be underway. Mr Watson is to have a meeting at Wattisham Airfield in the hope of educating personnel on speed reduction.

An awareness article will go on to the parish council website and in the parish magazine.

Mr Kemp reported that one of the speedwatch signs had been stolen and asked whether the parish council would fund a new sign costing approximately £90. County Councillor Whybrow offered a Locality Grant and she will send an email application to the clerk for completion.

10. To discuss highways matters

County Councillor Whybrow mentioned that the new Suffolk Highways team have only recently been in post but she will report the white lines missing at the junction of Lower Farm Road and the B1078 and also remind them about the various missing signs around the village.

11. To discuss a residents' survey including the spending of any CIL payments

It was agreed following some discussion, that the chairman, Mrs Free will circulate a list of questions to councillors for approval or amendment and once agreed, the questionnaire will be sent to residents via a letter drop.

12. Items for the next meeting

The clerk reported that a Data Protection Officer will need to be appointed shortly and details of this post will be emailed to councillors.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm. The hall will be shared on that evening with the Craft Club.

