

RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on January 22nd 2019 at 7.30pm in Ringshall Village Hall.

Present:

Mr J Phoenix (Chairman), Mrs L Hitchcock, Mrs C Free, Mrs A Jones, Mrs H Williams, Mr N Last
Mrs H Nunn (Clerk)

Members of the public

County Councillor Mrs Kay Oakes

1 other

Public Forum

There was no report from District Councillor D Whybrow

1. Apologies for absence

Mr Adrian Williams

2. Declarations of interest

Mr Last declared an interest in Item 10

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on November 13th 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on November 17th were approved as a true record and were duly signed and dated by the chairman.

4. To confirm the appointment of a new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Councillors had unanimously approved the appointment of Mr Dave Smith as the new Clerk and RFO with effect from February 1st 2019. Mrs Nunn will work alongside Mr Smith until the end of February. The Clerk's contract had been amended and will be signed once all councillors have approved it.

POST MINUTE NOTE: The contract has now been signed by Mr Phoenix and Mr Smith.

5. To receive a financial report, approve payments and donation requests

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Community Account	£2353.55
Business Saver Account	£12669.11

The invoice for £60 from One Suffolk for website hosting had been paid since the last meeting.

The Clerk pointed out that CIL monies were included in the Business Saver Account and it was agreed that in future this will be shown as a separate item.

6. To consider the budget proposals and set the precept for financial year 2019/20

The budget proposals had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed to set the budget at £5900, a reduction of £700 from 2018/19. The

precept form was duly signed by the chairman and countersigned by Mrs Hitchcock, Mrs Free and Mrs Nunn.

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7. To discuss CIL payments and accounting

A suggestion was made that a separate account be opened for CIL payments but after some discussion it was agreed that it would remain in the Business Saver Account and accounted for separately.

8. To discuss play equipment on the village playing field

Mrs Williams confirmed there were 47 school age children in the village and voiced her concerns that there was nothing in the village for them to take part in. Play equipment on the playing field was discussed but is not feasible as the football pitch and containers take up too much space. Mrs Williams suggested sports activities during the school holidays or weekends when the village hall and/or playing field were available. Mrs Free suggested that Mrs Williams contacts The Mix in Stowmarket who organise various activities for school age children. Mrs Jones will inform the VHMC at the meeting March 12th. Mrs Williams will report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

9. To confirm a date for the litter pick

It was agreed that the litter pick would take place on Saturday March 9th starting at 9.30am from the village hall. Cllr Oakes offered to fund the purchase of some bag hoops.

10. To discuss planning matters

Application no DC/18/05632 had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting, the land is adjacent to that on Application No DC/18/03299. Mrs Free felt that for equity and transparency the same concerns that were raised for planning application DC/ 18/03299 should be put forward for this application. This was agreed by councillors and the Clerk will inform BMSDC accordingly.

At this point the Chairman invited Cllr Oakes to give her report as she had earlier attended the Great Bricett Parish Council meeting.

Mrs Oakes reported that £1500 had been allocated to the VHMC to update lighting in the hall. Nothing had been heard from Peter Watson regarding her offer to purchase a VAS for Lower Farm Road to support speed reduction in the area. The Clerk will again ask him to contact Cllr Oakes. All the Highways matters reported to her by the Clerk will be logged this week, Cllr Oakes having recently visited Highways department to discuss the problems in the area. Cllr Oakes offered to purchase any equipment needed for the litter pick, Mrs Hitchcock asked for some bag hoops. Cllr Oakes asked Mrs Williams to furnish her with information concerning her request that financial support be given for sports activities for children in the village.

11. To discuss highway matters

These were covered during Cllr Oakes report.

12. To discuss any village hall management committee matters

Mr Last asked that the ditch opposite his property be cleared as it had silted up causing a problem with the flow from his digester.

POST MINUTE NOTE: The ditch has now been cleared by Hitchcock Farms.

13. Items for the next meeting

No items other than GDPR, were put forward for the next meeting.

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday March 26th at 7.30pm in the village hall.