



RINGSBALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: C.Payne (Chair)
A.Williams (Vice Chair)
H.Williams
L.Hitchcock
D.Shann
N.Last

In Attendance L.Luther – Clerk
1 member of the Public

RPC/28/22/23 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE – H.Nunn

RPC/29/22/23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – None were received.

RPC/30/22/23 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. Three amendments to the minutes were requested. Once Amendments were made - **It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

RPC/31/22/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) AP/22/00036 - Great Bricett Business Park, The Street, Great Bricett, Suffolk IP7 7DZ – Council discussed the appeal for the rejected planning application. Ringshall Parish Council's initial objections were repeated and Council discussed their thoughts on the appeal. Council pondered the decisions of the planning committee and questioned what their actual definition of countryside was. **It was AGREED** that the Council would maintain its decision to object to the planning application. **It was AGREED** that Council would be represented by the Chair, at a meeting with the team managing the Inquiry in the appeal for the planning application, to reiterate Ringshall Parish Council's objections to the application.
- b) DC/22/02458 - Anglia Business Park, Wattisham Road, Ringshall – Council discussed the Anglia Business Park proposals and noted the submission of Wattisham Parish Council's objections to the application and also noted that our objection letter had been placed on MSDC's planning portal.

RPC/31/22/23 EAST ANGLIA GREEN CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

Council discussed the recent proposals put forward by the National Grid to improvements to the Grid Network that potentially would affect Ringshall. The consultation deadline was 16th June 2022 and had now closed. Participants who chose to comment on the consultation should have received e-mails confirming their contribution to the consultation.

RPC/32/22/23 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Council considered the policy, which had been distributed prior to the meeting. Clerk explained that currently the Council had no Equal Opportunities Policy in place, and that this had been brought to her attention during the course of completing applications for funding for the playground and sought to remedy that by putting one in place. **It was AGREED** that Council approved the policy.

RPC/33/22/23 TO CONSIDER EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 8a) DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED. (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 S1(2).

Council considered excluding the one member of public from the meeting for the next item. **It was AGREED** not to exclude them as they had no pecuniary interests in the item and so their presence would not impact the discussion.

RPC/34/22/23 RINGSHALL PLAY AREA PROJECT

- A) Council discussed the three quotes received for play equipment and installation. The overall figures including VAT were:
- i. Kompan £54,876.75
 - ii. Eastern Play Equipment £57,988.38
 - iii. Playdale £46,255.55

Council discussed the quotations of the companies and their contribution to the play area designs. It was felt the materials used by Eastern Play and Kompan were preferred for the play area owing to the reduced requirement for regular maintenance. After significant discussion, Cllr H. Williams proposed Kompan to be the play equipment provider and Cllr Hitchcock seconded the proposal. **It was AGREED** to appoint Kompan as provider of the play equipment for the Ringshall Play Area, but no contract was to be entered into until funding was in place.

Council also discussed the three quotes received for fencing and gates around the play area – the overall figures including VAT were:

- iv. Kompan £11,473.39
- v. Perimeter Fencing £14,653.46
- vi. Eastern Play Equipment Fencing £11,266.59

Council discussed the fencing quotes and it was proposed that Kompan would be the best provider, as using them might allow for a greater discount on the entire project. Cllr Shann Proposed using Kompan, Cllr A. Williams seconded and all were in favour. **It was AGREED** to appoint Kompan as provider of the fencing and safety gates for the Ringshall Play Area, but no contract was to be entered into until funding was in place.

B) TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR THE PLAY AREA

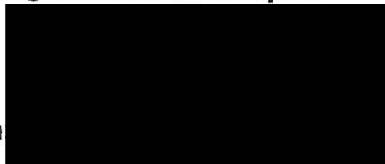
- i. Clerk went over the current funding that the council now has in place for the Play Area Project – which was as follows:
 - a. £16,000 – Neighbourhood CIL Pot Money
 - b. £8,500 – National Lottery Awards for All Funding
 - c. £3,000 – Donations from Charitable Trusts
 - d. £398.50 – Fundraising efforts

A total of £27,898.50 currently in place.

ii. Council have submitted applications to Mid Suffolk for District CIL Monies for £18,000 and to Mid Suffolk for Communities Grant for 16,939.73. Clerk will also be applying to Virador for £10,000 of funding and to the Co-Op for £4,000. As part of the funding process, the Council need to have a maintenance and management plan in place. Clerk distributed a Provisional Management and Maintenance Plan for the Play Area and asked Council to consider it and approve it. Cllr Last proposed that the Plan be accepted and approved. Cllr H. Williams seconded the proposal and all were in favour of the new Provisional Plan. It was **AGREED** to accept the plan for now and to review it at the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.23pm.

Chairman



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