



RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance Cllr Dan Pratt
Peter Watson – SpeedWatch Coordinator
L.Luther – Clerk
1 member of the Public

RPC/53/22/23 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE – County Cllr Kay Oakes & Cllr N. Last.

RPC/54/22/23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – None were received.

RPC/55/22/23 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. It was **AGREED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

RPC/56/22/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

There was one member of the public present. No issues were raised.

RPC/57/22/23 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Oakes was absent but had circulated her report prior to the meeting. Cllr Oakes visited those who live on Baker's Corner to assess the difficulty they experience in getting in and out of their drive.

RPC/58/22/23 TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Pratt had circulated his report prior to the meeting.

RPC/59/22/23 HIGHWAYS

- a) Cllr Oakes was to report back regarding flooding and Council are awaiting her update.
- b) Road closures were discussed and councillors felt that further discussion was needed with Cllr Oakes as it was felt that more liaison was needed between traffic management and utilities who worked on the roads.
- c) Broken street light – clerk reported that they are awaiting an update from SCC on the broken street light.

RPC/60/22/23 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Clerk had nothing to report.

- b) Clerk provided the finance report to council, outlining the current financial position. The report can be found in the Additional Information Folder for the September meeting on the Parish Council website.
- c) Clerk circulated a list of payments and receipts to Council prior to the meeting. **It was AGREED** that the payments and receipts were approved.
- d) Clerk provided the Bank Reconciliation to Cllr A. Williams for review and would confirm if approval had been given at the next meeting.
- e) Clerk discussed the new safeguarding policy, and asked Council if they had reviewed it, and if so, would it be approved. **It was AGREED** that the Safeguarding Policy was approved.
- f) To approve cost of insurance renewal. Clerk presented council with the renewal cost of the insurance document and an alternative quote for insurance which was considerably more expensive. Details can be found on the Parish Website under Additional Information/September meeting. **It was AGREED** that the insurance be renewed with the current provider.

RPC/61/22/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Council discussed the update to AP/22/00036 ref: Great Bricett Business Park. Cllr Payne attended the recent planning inquiry and reported back to Parish Council that a decision was expected on October 28th 2022.
- b) Council noted the decision relating to DC/21/03012 - APP/W3520/W/21/3282019 Planning Appeal at Broad View Farm whereby the Appeal against Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council's decision was upheld in favour of the appellants.

RPC/62/22/23 SPEED INDICATOR BOARD

Peter Watson reported on the most recent data from the Speed Indicator Display. In July and August 20% of vehicles travelling through the village were speeding. He informed council that he had liaised with officers from Wattisham regarding the speeding issue and reported that action has been taken on the base towards people whose vehicles had been noted as speeding. On the subject of speeding, the Parish Council Chair reported he had met up with Suffolk County Councillor Cllr K Oakes and a representative of concerned residents to discuss the positioning of speed reduction furniture on Lower Farm Road (South). The Chair reported that the residents representative had created and submitted a proposal document, with ideas for reducing speed in the village for Council to consider. **It was AGREED** that the Chair meet with the Speedwatch Coordinator, the Parish Council Vice-Chair and the residents representative for a site visit and put forward proposals for consideration by Ringshall Parish Council which, if approved, would be submitted to Suffolk County Council's Highways Department for consideration. RPC also propose a household survey on speeding and a public meeting to discuss the issues.

RPC/63/22/23 REMEMBRANCE WREATH

Council discussed the annual purchase of a wreath. **It was AGREED** Cllr H. Nunn would purchase it on behalf of council and Cllr Payne would lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

RPC/64/22/23 PARISH PLAN. **It was AGREED** that Council would discuss the Parish Plan during the next meeting and decide whether to pursue the matter then.

RPC/65/22/23 ORCHARD BARN

Sarah Partridge was unable to deliver her report regarding the Orchard Barn and sent her apologies. She hoped to be able to attend the next meeting.

RPC/66/22/23 QUIET LANE

Clerk reported that siting of the new dog bin in Offton Road would be fine and is awaiting final approval from Suffolk County Council. The cost would be increased, but would be an additional dog waste bin collection a year of around £45 per annum. Council is in need of an update from Cllr Oakes regarding Quiet Lane Signage. **It was AGREED** that the Clerk would request an update from Cllr Oakes.

RPC/67/22/23 RINGSHALL PLAY AREA WORKING GROUP

- a) Clerk advised that the Council now had enough funding in place to order the equipment for the play area. Further funding would be required to finance the purchase of benches, safety signage, bins and annual inspections that are required for insurance purposes. It was proposed and agreed that the order be placed by council. **It was AGREED** that Clerk would confirm the order with Kompan for the play equipment.
- b) Council discussed the allocation of CIL funds and **It was AGREED** to allocate funds from the CIL pot later on in the process, when more was known about how much money would be needed to complete the project and a detailed report could be provided to show what CIL money the Council had and when it had to be spent by.
- c) Council discussed the provisional management and maintenance plan. Cllr Payne suggested a few small changes to the plan. **It was AGREED** the provisional plan was approved once the final changes were included. **It was AGREED** that Council would ask Peter Watson to be a Volunteer Safety Monitor for the Play Area.

RPC/68/22/23 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

It was AGREED an update needed to be sought from Cllr Hitchcock regarding this. This would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

RPC/69/22/23 RINGSHALL OPEN GARDENS EVENT 2023

It was AGREED to remove this item from the agenda, given not enough interest has been received to make it viable.

RPC/70/22/23 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- a) **It was AGREED** that Clerk would obtain costings for Defibrillator Training for the next meeting and put this on the agenda for discussion.
- b) **May 2023 Elections.** This was raised as something that would need to be discussed at meeting and subsequently prepared for. **It was AGREED** to put this on the next agenda.
- c) **Christmas Tree Recycling.** It was **AGREED** to be put on the next agenda.

RPC/71/22/23 DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING – TUESDAY 29th November 2022 AT 7.30PM

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chairman: 

Dated: 29/11/2022