

RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 7pm in Ringshall Village Hall.

Present: Mrs L Hitchcock (Chairman), Ms C Boniface, Mr J Phoenix, Mrs A Jones, Cllr D Whybrow, Mrs H Nunn (Clerk)

Public Forum

The reports from Cllr Truelove and the Village Hall Management Committee were circulated prior to the meeting. No questions arose from either report.

Cllr Whybrow reported on the council tax draft proposal for 2016/17 which would see an increase of £3.12 p.a. for a Band D property. The changes have yet to be decided but all current services would be protected under these changes.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Truelove and Mrs K Benton.

The Clerk advised that Mr Andrew Stone had resigned from the parish council due to his ongoing work commitments. The clerk will write to Mr Stone thanking him for his work carried out during his term of office.

2. Declarations of interest

Mrs Hitchcock declared an interest in item 6.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on November 23rd 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on November 23rd 2015 were approved and duly signed and dated by the chairman.

4. To discuss highway matters

The clerk had been advised by Highways department that the road signs had been ordered and that the issue with the inspection cover had been taken over by SCC as there may be a spring beneath the road. Mr Phoenix pointed out the problems with drainage and the ditch near Ridgeway – the Clerk will report this and the condition of the verges, pot holes and drops in the road on Stowmarket Road.

5. To discuss the implementation of mains sewerage in Ringshall

The Clerk had been advised by Anglian Water that a representative would be able to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of mains sewerage being implemented in the village. The clerk will confirm the date of the next meeting to AW.

6. Assignment of village hall lease

The letter from the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee was read out following which councillors agreed that the matter was now resolved.

7. To discuss dog fouling on the playing field

The Clerk advised that the police were not able to prosecute so the matter has been passed on to the Enforcement Department at MSDC who are pursuing the culprit.

8. To discuss the purchase of a defibrillator for the village

The clerk confirmed that Cllr Truelove had offered £2000 from her locality budget to go towards this project. Councillors had received the quotation from CHT which councillors approved and Mr Phoenix suggested that the Managed Solutions option should be looked into. The clerk will ascertain costings. The clerk had applied for further funding through the MSDC Locality Award.

9. To receive a financial report and set the budget for 2016/17

The clerk reported the following balances:

Community Account	£1568.49
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