

RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Ringshall Parish Council held on Tuesday January 17th 2017 at 7.30pm in Ringshall Village Hall.

Present: Mrs C Free (Chairman), Mrs L Hitchcock, Mr D Kemp, Mrs A Jones, Mr N Last, Mrs H Nunn (Clerk), Cllr D Whybrow

Public Forum:

Cllr Whybrow had no written report as despite much activity at MSDC, there was nothing to report to this meeting other than changes to brown bin collections which will now take place on Thursdays. MSDC have sent letters to those subscribing to the brown bin collection explaining the changes.

There was no report from Cllr Truelove.

The report from the VHMC was circulated to councillors.

1. Apologies for absence

There were none.

2. Declarations of interest

Mr Last declared an interest in Item 8a.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on November 21st 2016

The Minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed and dated by the chairman.

4. To receive a financial report, approve payments and set the precept for financial year 2017/18

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Business premium account	£ 7831.39
Community account	£ 2035.00

a. Bills to be paid

No invoices had been received. Since the last meeting the Clerk's salary and expenses to 30/11/16 totalling £631.65 had been paid.

b. Savings rates on business saver account

The clerk had looked into other bank accounts following Barclays decision to reduce the interest rate on the business premium account to 0% but there were none that appeared to provide any better rate. It was therefore agreed to continue with Barclays for the time being.

c. To consider budget proposals and set the precept

The budget proposals were reviewed and after some discussion Mrs Hitchcock proposed that paediatric defibrillator pads be purchased. The proposal was seconded by Mrs Jones and unanimously agreed. The donations were reviewed and councillors agreed that the donation to Battsford Cricket Club would be a one off as it had been requested for a particular fund-raising activity. Mrs Free proposed that the precept should remain at £6600 as per the current financial year; the proposal was seconded by Mrs Benton and unanimously agreed. The precept form was completed and signed by the Chairman, Clerk and two councillors.

5. To discuss Ringshall joining the Speedwatch team

David Kemp gave some background to the speedwatch scheme and volunteered to take the lead should councillors decide to proceed. After some discussion it was agreed to invite William Dewick from Great Bricett to give a brief talk prior to the March meeting.

Post minute note: Mr Dewick is unable to attend the meeting so Rod Gardner from the Police Community team will attend the meeting instead.

6. To set a date for the annual Litter Pick

The litter pick will take place on Saturday 4th March starting at 9.30am from the village hall. This will be advertised in the parish magazine. The clerk has received no reply from Robbie Silk but will endeavour to obtain the name and contact details of the COs of the squadrons on the airfield who had indicated their interest in taking part in the litter pick.

Mrs Free spoke about community funding through MSDC to cover the cost of a regular litter picker in the village and she will investigate this further and report back to the March meeting.

7. To discuss highway matters

The clerk confirmed her conversation with Councillor Truelove who had advised that Highways had confirmed that all the requests for various highway matters in the village made by the Parish Council are in hand and will be dealt with. The work on the z-bends at Charles Hall is due to be carried out at the end of January 2017.

The clerk mentioned the vehicle parked on the road outside The Orchard which obstructs the footpath and visibility for drivers coming into Lower Farm Road. After some discussion regarding the legality of the parked car and the parish council's intervention, it was agreed to send a letter to all residents of The Orchard requesting cars be parked on their drives.

8. To review correspondence received

- a. Letter from Gotelee, Solicitors re blocked ditch

Mrs Free advised councillors that a letter had been received from Gotelee Solicitors on behalf of its clients, Mr and Mrs N Last regarding the ditch outside their property. The chairman had replied in December but no further correspondence, nor acknowledgement of the Parish Council's letter, had been received.

9. To discuss the purchase of paediatric defibrillator pads for Ringshall School

This item was discussed under item 4 c.

10. To discuss planning matters

The clerk confirmed that the planning application at Wattisham Airfield for erection of steel framed building to house existing Brake Test Facility had been approved.

11. To discuss the provision of superfast broadband in Ringshall

Mrs Free had been advised that Ringshall would receive superfast broadband by the end of 2018. However in the meantime if any house in the village receives less than 2mbps householders may be entitled to an amount for installation of satellite or superhero broadband. Applications can be made through the Suffolk better broadband site and broadband speed can be obtained from the ofcom website. The clerk will ensure that this information is included in the parish magazine.

12. Training for new councillors and those unable to attend previous training

Councillors wishing to attend training will give the clerk details of the sessions they wish to attend so these can be booked.

It was agreed that training on planning would be beneficial for all councillors. The clerk will find out whether SALC intends offering such training and if so when.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting and set dates for 2017 meetings

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday March 21st at 7pm in the village hall. Meeting dates for 2017 were agreed as follows: May 30th, July 25th, September 19th, November 14th (shared with craft club).

