

RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Ringshall Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in Ringshall Village Hall.

Present: Mrs C Free (chairman), Mrs L Hitchcock, Mr J Phoenix, Mrs A Jones, Mr D Kemp, Mr N Last, Cllr A Whybrow, Cllr D Whybrow, Mrs H Nunn (Clerk) Mr M Snowling

Public Forum

County Councillor Anne Whybrow had no formal report but she advised that Highways are currently giving precedence to issues on A roads. However, the problem of spring water on Ringshall Hill is being followed up. Cllr Whybrow also reported on the flu vaccine, the campaign for the fostering service and the request for a new speedwatch sign to be paid for from the Locality Budget.

District David Whybrow spoke about the Joint Local Plan and Boundary Review and the imminent closure of the council offices in Needham Market with an access point now open in Stowmarket. Cllr Whybrow also spoke about the ongoing discussions regarding the merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils; it is unlikely for any changes to occur in creating a new unitary authority before the May 2019 elections although the new Warding arrangements will be in place.

The chairman of the VHMC, Martin Snowling, reported an improvement in bookings for 2018, the arrival of the new mower which has decreased the time taken in cutting the playing field and that the annual meeting would take place on November 21st. Mr Kemp asked that special mention be made of Mr Snowling's efforts in gaining the monies for the new mower. Mrs Free gave thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for absence

There were none.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on September 2017

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

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

The Clerk reported the following balances:

Community Account:	£659.99
Business Saver Account:	£10432.71

The annual insurance renewal with Zurich had been received via CAS totalling £229.21 and this was approved for payment. It was agreed that the Clerk will forward the policy details to councillors for their information.

5. To review the Local Plan (to view: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/jointlocalplan)

Unfortunately, due to an email malfunction, the chairman's comments on the proposal were not received by the councillors or clerk therefore no response was made. Mrs Free will forward the email to councillors and the clerk for reference.

6. To discuss a speed reduction scheme at Ringshall School

Mr Kemp reported that a junior road safety scheme organised by Peter Watson, would soon be underway at Ringshall School. Mr Watson had met with the new headteacher, Charlene Morgan. Cllr Whybrow made a note of the current situation and will take the information away to look at further

prior to the January meeting. Cllr Whybrow reported that SCC now look at proposed sites through Google, rather than making actual site visits.

7. To discuss any village hall management committee matters

Mr Snowling confirmed there were no further matters for discussion following his earlier report.

8. To discuss planning matters

There were none.

9. To discuss the Speed Watch Scheme

Mr Kemp reported that since the last meeting eight sessions had been undertaken showing a significant reduction in vehicles going over 35mph (19 compared to the previous figure of 35). Three new signs are to be purchased through Cllr Anne Whybrow's locality budget. Mr Watson has yet to complete the article on Speedwatch for inclusion in the parish magazine and on the website.

10. To discuss highways matters

There were none other than those discussed under item 6.

11. To discuss a residents' survey

Mrs Free had emailed councillors with her ideas for the survey but again these were not received. Mrs Free will therefore re-send the email and the matter will be discussed at the January meeting.

12. To discuss the appointment of a Data Protection Officer

The Clerk will speak to Rosemary Cochrane of Barking Parish Council to ascertain who they are appointing as their Data Protection Officer.

13. Items for discussion at the next meeting

There were none.

14. Date of next meeting

Please note that the next meeting will take place on January 16th at 7.30pm in Ringshall Village Hall and not as agreed at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm