

Clerk's reports on various matters for meeting 24th Sept 2019

RPC/2019/09/16 – SID siting, and 30 mph stickers

There is a process that needs to be followed for the SID siting. Firstly sites need to be chosen and local residents need to be consulted and requested to agree. This information is then sent to SCC Highways, or their approval. Once this is achieved an agreement document needs to be signed between SCC and RPC for the SID usage. Once all this is in place, then the SID can be ordered, and Highways can install any necessary poles.

Peter has produced a flyer to explain the 30mph bin stickers which the Clerk will print out, and then Peter will distribute to the residents of Lower Farm Road, Offton Road and Stowmarket Road where in 30mph zone. Clerk has not yet ordered the stickers as Clerk still requires a second signature on the cheque – this will be done at the meeting.

RPC/2019/09/17 – Treatment works

Clerk has consulted RVHMC and they can find no documents in this regard, and provided the following information:

The original agreement, was in the form of a licence, made between Suffolk County Council (SCC) and Ringshall Parish Council (RPC) on 17th November, 1995. We, RVHMC do not have a copy. It is believed RPC might have.

We received a contact from Mr Roger Garnett, Estates Surveyor for Concertus following his review of the agreement/licence with RPC. After some discussion, a verbal agreement was made that required SCC to forward an invoice to RPC. This was later changed to RVHMC, provided RPC noted this in their minutes!! This was e-mailed to the Clerk of RPC on 31st May 2016, and acknowledged on 1st June, 2016. Apparently this was discussed during the RPC meeting of 19th July, 2016.

Apparently the agreement/licence called for a 20% recharge of septic tank costs to include servicing, repairs and electricity usage. There was no provision for capital costs recharge.

The first documented contact I can find is dated 23rd March, 2015 and relates to a repair situation for the septic tank, requesting payment. A second letter states that the 2014 recharge is due and includes 20% of the previous mentioned costs. These letters came from Jenny Love (Mrs) of SCC.

The Clerk has been unable to find any such license in the RPC records. Clerk can find an entry in the 19th July 2016 meeting which agreed that a 20% portion of running costs was suitable for RVHMC to pay, but no other comments were recorded.