



## **RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance** Cllr Kay Oakes  
Paul Bryant – Neighbourhood Planning Officer  
Peter Watson – Speed Indicator Board Co-ordinator  
L.Luther – Clerk  
3 members of the Public

**RPC/35/22/23 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE – Cllr Pratt.**

**RPC/36/22/23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – None were received.**

**RPC/37/22/23 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. It was AGREED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**RPC/38/22/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

There were three members of the public present. No issues were raised.

**RPC/39/22/23 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Oakes** was present and had circulated her report prior to the meeting. It was requested by a Councillor that the report sent from County Council be more tailored to the local area. Cllr Oakes discussed the 'Reclaim the Rain' project, initiated to tackle flooding in the area.

**RPC/40/22/23 TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Cllr Pratt was absent and had circulated the report prior to the meeting. The ongoing issue of the Red Lion was discussed and it was observed that nothing could be done to the building until 2025.

**RPC/41/22/23 PARISH PLAN:** Paul Bryant gave an introductory talk on the creation of a Parish Plan and led a Question and Answer session afterwards. The details of his talk can be found on the information document he circulated to everyone at the start of the meeting. This can be found in the Additional Information folder for the July Meeting on the Parish Website. **It was AGREED** that Council would discuss the Parish Plan during the next meeting and decide whether to pursue the matter then.

### **RPC/42/22/23 HIGHWAYS**

- a) Cllr Oakes reported that she had a meeting with engineers planned regarding flooding and would be reporting back on the outcome.
- b) Cllr Oakes has requested a price for new road signs and is waiting on that.

### **RPC/43/22/23 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Clerk asked Council for approval of overtime for 7 hours owing to work carried out on funding bid applications for the play area and attendance at meetings regarding the Great Bricett Planning Appeal. . **It was AGREED** that the overtime was authorised.
- 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 July 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 was unable to provide a Bank Reconciliation at this point, because the bank statement was sent later on in the month. Clerk would provide a Bank Reconciliation for Cllr Williams to supervise and approve at the next meeting.
- e) To approve payment of Internal Auditor's Invoice for 2021/22 . . **It was AGREED** that the invoice be paid.
- f) To approve payment of MSDC Bin Emptying Invoice. **It was AGREED** that the invoice be paid.
- g) To receive and consider a donation request from the Parish Magazine. The request was discussed by Council and . **It was AGREED** to donate the same amount that had been given during the previous financial year of £100.
- h) To approve New Code of Conduct. Clerk reported that a new code of conduct had been issued by SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Council) but no training had been issued yet. **It was AGREED** Clerk would follow up before the next meeting to ascertain what was needed to implement the new code.
- i) **It was AGREED** that Councillor Training would be booked for Cllr Shann to attend at his convenience.

### **RPC/44/22/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Council discussed the update to AP/22/00036 ref: Great Bricett Business Park. Cllr Payne and the Clerk attended a Teams meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 alongside the chair of Gt Bricett, Sue Burnett and Steven Stroud (Strategic Projects and Delivery Manager). Cllr Payne reported back on the importance of the community attending the Inquiry regarding the Gt Bricett Business Park, to demonstrate the strength of feeling around the decisions made concerning the park. The Nissan Huts were raised as being buildings that have a wartime historical value and councillors questioned whether they are valuable enough to be protected.

### **RPC/45/22/23 SPEED INDICATOR BOARD**

Peter Watson reported on the most recent data from the Speed Indicator Board. In June, 38 thousand people drove through the village. In July over 20,000 journeys were made through the village. The Speed Indicator Board data was circulated at the meeting and can be found in the Additional Information folder for the July Meeting on the Parish Website (2206 SID date for RPC June). Peter Watson proposed that a road safety campaign be initiated, in collaboration with the School to increase awareness. **It was AGREED** that the Chair would liaise with Peter Watson regarding possible road safety action to be taken. Cllr Oakes reported that she needed further discussion with the Chair regarding the placement of white gates in the village. **It was AGREED** that the Chair and Cllr Oakes would meet up to discuss the white gates over the summer. Council thanked Peter Watson for his diligence and



tremendous time and efforts in looking after the Speed Indicator Board on behalf of the village.

**PC/46/22/23 QUIET LANE**

- a) Council discussed the quiet lane initiative and **It was AGREED** Clerk would obtain quotations for dog waste bin and signage at junction of Offton Road and B1078.
- b) **It was AGREED** that the Clerk would liaise with MSDC to find out if the suggested siting is suitable.
- c) **It was AGREED** that the Clerk would find out what the additional cost extended servicing of the new dog waste bin would be.

**RPC/47/22/23 RINGSHALL PLAY AREA WORKING GROUP**

Clerk advised that the final application for funding from District Council for CIL Money had been submitted and would be decided in September. Once the outcome of the CIL Bid was known, Council could then make a decision as to how much Neighbourhood CIL money they could allocate from the Ringshall Parish Council Pot.

**RPC/48/22/23 TO OBTAIN ADVICE ABOUT RINGSHALL VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK'S FAILLING SURFACE BITUMEN SEAMS**

Cllr Shann advised that his father, who has worked with Highways for many years, recommended that low grade 50 PEN Bitumen was not to be used to repair the seams, and that an anti skid bitumen would be most appropriate, with a metal shoe used to seal it in. **It was AGREED** the Hitchcocks would carry out the repairs.

**RPC/49/22/23 ORGANISE DATE FOR PAINTING SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FENCING**

**It was AGREED** that the volunteers would aim to paint the fence between the dates of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Brushes were available from Liz Hitchcock.

**RPC/50/22/23 RINGSHALL OPEN GARDENS EVENT 2023**

**It was AGREED** to leave this item on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**RPC/51/22/23 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The matter of the broken Street lighting on the corner of Stowmarket Road and Lower Farm Road was raised and asked why this had not been fixed yet. This will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**RPC/52/22/23 DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING – TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Chairman:



Dated: 27/09/.....