**RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Parish Council held at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7pm.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** H.Nunn

N.Last

L.Hitchcock

D.Shann

B. Shann

**In Attendance** Cllr Kay Oakes

Cllr Dan Pratt

Peter Watson – SpeedWatch Coordinator

1 members of the Public

**RPC/79/23/24 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllr Hitchcock proposed Cllr Nunn for Chairman. All were in favour. Cllr Nunn signed the Acceptance of Office form.

**RPC/80/23/24** **ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllr Nunn proposed Cllr Hitchcock for Vice-Chairman. All were in favour. Cllr Hitchcock signed the Acceptance of Office form.

**RPC/81/23/24 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

None

**RPC/82/23/24 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**RPC/83/23/24 TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None

**RPC/84/23/24 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**It was AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th November 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record..

**RPC/85/23/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

There was 1 member of the public present.

One member of the public was questioning the size of the signs in Great Bricett versus the size of the signs in Ringshall. They also asked what questions Ringshall Parish Council asked Great Bricett Parish Council about their Speed Indicator Boards and had it been asked if the size of the signs affect their SID data?

The member of public also raised that there was a seat that suddenly appeared in the bus shelter and was there for was weeks. It was damaged and broken, and unsafe and they questioned where it had come from. The seat is no longer in place. The same member of the public also asked the council what conversations have Ringshall had with the local police about the speeding.

**RPC/86/23/24 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr Oakes’s report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Oakes received no reports of flooding from anyone in Ringshall Village. Cllr Oakes can assist in getting a grant from DEFRA to help prevent future flooding if needed. Cllr Oakes stated that the SIDs in the Parish of Great Bricett do not have data downloaded, so it would not be possible to compare data. Cllr Oakes has money for 30mph repeater signs, or any road or traffic signs that are faded, damaged or broken and can pay to replace or repair them – this is not for new signs. Clerk to liase with Cllr Hitchcock to see what new signs are needed around Ringshall and apply for funding for that from Cllr Oakes. Nothing further to report.

**RPC/87/23/24 TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**:

Cllr Pratt said he had been in contact with Public Realm about moving the waste bin that is currently outside the play area. Cllr Pratt hoped to report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Pratt reported that Part 1 of the joint local plan had been adopted. As part of part 2, a call had been made for sites to develop, and the owners could make an application on line to submit the site for inclusion in the local plan. Cllr Pratt reported that even if the sites were to be incorporated in the plan, it would not be a guarantee of planning permission being granted.

**RPC/88/23/24 HIGHWAYS**

1. Bus Shelter at the top of Lower Farm Road, outside the village hall not flooding as badly, but water is still present, just does not go across the road as much as it used to.
2. No incidents to update on, no more reported.

**RPC/89/23/24 PLANNING**

1. Council noted the decision to grant permission for DC/23/04969
2. Council noted the decision to partly grant permission for DC/23/05720
3. Council noted the decision to refuse permission for DC/23/05780

**RPC/90/23/24 CLERK’S REPORT INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Clerk reported that she had withdrawn her resignation and asked the Councillors if they were happy with that. Councillors all agreed there was no issue, so the Clerk, Mrs Lacey Luther ,would continue in the role.
2. Clerk reported that there was some graffiti on the Bus Stop, where someone has written ‘EDL Wednesday’, which refers to a right wing political group. Clerk reported that she would be happy to cover up the graffiti with some external wall paint. **It was AGREED** that the Clerk could cover up the offending graffiti.
3. Clerk reported that the Ringshall Village Hall Management committee were holding a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the village hall. Clerk reported that the event would include a band, catering and a bouncy castle for the children. Clerk ask Councillors to consider making a donation towards the event, which it was hoped would be well attended by local villagers. Councillors voted 3 against 2 to make a donation of £200. **It was AGREED**  that the Clerk would make a payment to Ringshall Village Hall Management committee of £200 to be put towards the cost of the event.
4. The Finance Report was given and made available on the website. Clerk reported that the Council currently had a healthy balance of just over £5000 of unreserved funds, which would increase when the refund for the SID machine was received.
5. It was agreed to approve the payments and receipts for January and December.
6. The budget monitoring report was read out. Currently £1,500 under budget and would expect Ringshall Parish Council to continue to be under budget by the year end.
7. The Budget for 2024/25 was formally agreed upon by the Parish Council. **It was** AGREED that the Budget was confirmed as satisfactory.
8. The Precept amount for 2024/25 was formally agreed upon by the Parish Council. The amount of the Precept for the year 2024/25 was Nine thousand, six hundred and eighty three pounds. **It was AGREED** that the precept form would be signed by the Chair and the Precept figure agreed and that clerk would submit the form to the Council.

**RPC/91/23/24 SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES**

1. Peter Watson asked for any questions. There were none. Cllr D Shann reported that he had contacted the police about the speeding, and reported that they said they need the data to be sent from Peter Watson to the Police in order to progress any further discussion. **It was AGREED** that Councillor Nunn would get in touch with the Police regarding the matter.
2. Cllr B Shann and Cllr D Shann visited Great Bricett and Barking to measure the Speed Indicator Devices to compare them to the ones in Ringshall. The Councillors informed council that the signs were bigger in the other Parishes and were interested to know if this had any impact on the data collected. Cllr B Shann asked why the SID signs were so close together. Peter Watson reported that planning permission had to be sought for the SIDS. Peter Watson advised we could have had solar power SIDS, but they require larger mounting posts, which we did not have. Mr Watson said he was going to be changing the signs and moving the position of one. They asked if the SID was calibrated and Mr Watson reported that it was not.
3. Cllr Oakes referred to the data that she distributed at the start of the meeting. The data recorded was placed on the National speed limit sign at the place the speed changes from 60 to 30mph along the bottom of Lower Farm Road. The average speed was 26mp eastbound and 33mph west bound. The data was collected the week commencing 30 November 2023. The data was very comprehensive and an accurate report had been produced. **It was AGREED** that Clerk would upload the data to the Parish Council Website. If anyone had any queries, they were directed to feel free to contact Cllr Oakes directly.

**RPC/92/23/24 RED LION PUB**

The sale of the Red Lion Pub was still going through conveyancing and likely to take a while to be fully processed. For now, Cllr Pratt advised to watch this space.

**RPC/93/23/24 SITING OF NEW DOG WASTE BIN**

The siting of the new Dog Waste Bin wa yet to be confirmed. Clerk reported a conversation with Highways prior to Christmas, where permission to place the bin on an existing post had been denied and Highways had suggested an area where a new post could be sited, but that the new post would need to be installed by an approved installer, who had the relevant certification in place, to ensure the post met specific requirements. **It was AGREED** that clerk would speak to Highways again to determine the exact reason the bin could not be sited as per the original request and clerk would obtain a quote to identify the cost of installing a post in time for the next meeting, so that council can decide if they wish to continue with the plan to install a new bin.

**RPC/94/23/24 VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

Council discussed the litter pick and **It was AGREED** that this would take place over 2 weeks in March, incorporating the Saturdays 2nd and 9th, and for those volunteers unable to attend on a Saturday, the equipment would be available for them on weekdays during this period. **It was AGREED** that a notice to this effect will be placed in the Four Parishes Newslink and the

Clerk would put a note on the website to advertise the litter pick.

**RPC/95/23/24 RINGSHALL PLAY AREA UPDATE**

Mr Watson reported that a fence post by the Swings is loose. **It was AGREED** for Clerk to speak to Kompan about the loose fence post to see if anything can be done to reinforce it and clerk would put a temporary sign up asking users of the play area to use the gates and not climb over the fence. Mr Watson also stated the sign for the play area was starting to come loose and needed tightening**. It was AGREED** that clerk would have a look at the sign and report back.

Bin was discussed, and RPC are going to wait for Dan Pratt to speak to Public Realm to find out the scope available to move the existing bin to somewhere closer to the play area, but outside the play area.

**RPC/96/23/24 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

None raised

**RPC/97/23/24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 26th March 2024 at 7pm**

**The meeting closed at …7.55…pm**

**Chairman: ……………………………… Dated:………………………………..**