



RINGSBALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Ringshall on **Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7pm.**

Present:

Councillors: H.Nunn (Chair)
N.Last
L.Hitchcock
D.Shann

In Attendance: A Maloney - Clerk
J Blackburn

RPC/78/25/26 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Pratt and County Cllr Oakes

RPC/79/25/26 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hitchcock declared an interest on Item 9(a) - planning application

RPC/80/25/26 - TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None

RPC/81/25/26 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th November 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

RPC/82/25/26 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

RPC/83/25/26 - TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Oakes was not present at the meeting. Her report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

Cllr Nunn noted in Cllr Oakes' report about bus routes that the bus route from Barking to Wattisham did not include a stop at Ringshall.

RPC/84/25/26 - TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Pratts was not present at the meeting. His report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

RPC/85/25/26 - HIGHWAYS

Report of flooding outside the school received from member of the public. Cllr Hitchcock reported the drain in the area had been jetted three times and it was agreed that further investigation was required. **Clerk to action.**

RPC/86/25/26 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Hitchcock left the meeting for this item

Ref: DC/25/01543 – Planning Application. Erection of 2no agricultural storage buildings and hardstanding – Chapel Farm, Stowmarket Road, Ringshall

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no objections to the application. **Clerk to action.**

Cllr Hitchcock returned to the meeting

RPC/87/25/26 – PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decision was noted:

Ref: DC/25/04890 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/03012 **approved** under APP/W3520/W/21/3282019 - Condition 6 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy)
Condition 7 (Lighting Design Scheme for Biodiversity) - Broad View Farm, Lower Farm Road, Ringshall – **Approved**

RPC/88/25/26 - CLERK’S REPORT INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the REACT team had inspected the village signs and had carried out vegetation clearance at no cost to the Parish Council.

The Clerk also reported that letters of thanks for donations had been received from Simon Clifton from the Citizens Advice Bureau, Julia Shawe-Taylor from the Parish Magazine and Celia Jospheh from St Elizabeth Hospice.

The Clerk explained that SALC had invited local councils to submit nominations to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Wednesday 6th May 2026.

She also reported that as she was new in post the Internal Auditor, when contacted, had confirmed the 2025/26 Internal Audit should be carried out in person.

b) PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

It was AGREED: That the following payments and receipts be approved:

Payments	Amount	Receipts	Amount
ICO Annual Membership	£47	Bank Interest	£89
Clerk Salary November	£233.40		

HMRC PAYE	£58.40		
Suffolk Cloud	£40		
Clerk Salary December	£233.40		
HMRC PAYE	£58.40		
Clerk WFH Allowance Nov & Dec	£50		
Total	£565.20	Total	£89

c) FINANCE REPORT

It was AGREED: That the Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation be approved.

d) FINAL BUDGET FOR 2026/27

It was AGREED: That the Final Budget for 2026/2027 be approved.

e) PRECEPT FOR 2026/27

It was AGREED: That the Precept of £9,750 for 2026/27 be approved. **Clerk to action.**

RPC/89/25/26 – Assertion 10: Digital and Data Compliance

The Clerk reported on the changes to the Annual Governance Statement, Assertion 10. She explained that updates had been made to the website to ensure accessibility.

Members asked the Clerk to contact SALC for further clarification on Cllr email addresses.

The Clerk had reviewed and updated the IT Policy to meet the requirements for Assertion 10.

It was AGREED: That the IT Policy be approved.

RPC/90/25/26 – B1708 Ringshall Road - Trees

The Community Self Help Scheme was discussed. It was determined that work could only be conducted within the 30mph zones and Public Liability Insurance would not cover volunteers.

Members asked the Clerk to contact Cllr Oakes for a list of Suffolk County Council accredited tree surgeons. **Clerk to action.**

It was AGREED: That CIL money be used for the works.

RPC/91/25/26 – Annual Litter Pick

A date was discussed for the annual litter pick.

Members asked the Clerk to contact Public Realm to arrange delivery of waste bags and collection of waste. **Clerk to action.**

It was AGREED: That the litter pick would take place between 14th February and 1st March 2026.

RPC/92/25/26 - Matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

None

RPC/93/25/26 - DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 24th March 2026 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman: Dated:.....