



RINGSBALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Ringshall on **Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 7pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance: A Maloney – Clerk

RPC/27/26/27 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Pratt.

RPC/28/26/27 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

RPC/29/26/27 - TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None

RPC/30/26/27 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th May and the extraordinary meeting held on Friday 12th June 2026 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

RPC/31/26/27 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident offered thanks for removing the trees on the B1078, he said it made a vast improvement on visibility. He also offered thanks to Cllr Hitchcock for keeping the grass mowed.

Concerns were raised regarding vehicle speeds on the B1078. Cllrs discussed the possibility of requesting speed check markings (road lines) and a Community Speed Watch/speed gun to help monitor vehicle speeds.

A request was also made to investigate the installation of elderly people crossing warning signs on the B1078.

In addition, Cllrs discussed the current speed limit on the U4401 (Offton Road) and agreed to enquire whether the existing 30 mph speed limit could be extended further along the road.

It was AGREED: that the Clerk would contact Suffolk Highways and include the County Councillor in the correspondence.

RPC/32/26/27 - TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

None received.

RPC/33/26/27 - TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Pratt was not present at the meeting. His report was received and circulated prior to the meeting.

RPC/34/26/27 - CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the Council's current financial position and movements since the last meeting. It was reported that the balance in the accounts on 28th July 2026 was £34045.22.

A letter of thanks had been received from David Higgins for the Grant to St Catherines.

The 2024-2025 CIL return had been queried by the infrastructure team as the year end balance did not correspond with the opening balance of 2025-2026. This was due to the noticeboard purchase not being added to the 2025-2025 CIL return. The 2024-2025 return was corrected and approved by the Council for submission to the infrastructure team.

A VAT return had been submitted to the sum of £520.21.

b) PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

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

Payments	Amount	Receipts	Amount
Call Box panel repair	£30	Bank Interest	£89.98
Clerk Salary May	£233.40	HMRC VAT Reclaim	£174.95
HMRC PAYE	£58.20		
Suffolk Cloud Domain	£90		
Clerk Salary June	£233.40		
HMRC PAYE	£58.40		
Lawn Mower Maintenance	£27.48		
McAfee Internet Security	£39.99		
Clerk WFH Allowance May & June	£50		
BMSDC Bin Emptying	£432.60		
BMSDC Play Area Inspection	£78.64		
Total	1332.31	Total	£264.93

c) FINANCE REPORT

It was AGREED: That the Finance Report be approved.

d) BANK RECONCILIATION

It was AGREED: That the bank reconciliation be approved.

e) BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The budget monitoring report was received.

RPC/35/26/27 HIGHWAYS

a) Lower Farm Road

Correspondence was received from a resident expressing concern regarding the condition of the road surface on Lower Farm Road.

Cllr Last commented that the surface had not been completed correctly at the time the works were carried out. Members discussed the concerns raised.

It was AGREED: The Clerk will contact Suffolk Highways to report the concerns and will respond to the resident confirming that the matter has been referred.

RPC/36/26/27 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Ref: DC/26/02539** application for listed building consent - Erection of new vehicle and pedestrian gates and front boundary fence - Woodlands Farm, Bildeston Road, Ringshall, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 2LY.

Councillors received and discussed the application.

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

- b) Ref: DC/26/02564** Full Planning Application - Change of Use of Land for Erection of Detached Cartlodge Building, New Pedestrian and Vehicle Entrance Gates and New Front Boundary Fence - Woodlands Farm, Bildeston Road, Ringshall, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 2LY

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

RPC/37/26/27 POLICIES, DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES

It was AGREED: The minor change to standing orders to reflect updated NALC guidance on procurement be approved.

RPC/38/26/27 Village Hall Solar Panels

Cllr Nunn reported that the Parish Council may apply for funding from BMSDC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund to support the installation of solar panels. If successful, the funding could cover up to 75% of the project costs.

Members discussed potential options for funding the remaining balance of the project should the application be successful.

It was AGREED: that an application for BMSDC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding would be completed and submitted, and that additional funding sources would be explored to meet the remaining project costs.

Clerk to action.

RPC/38/26/27 Joint Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors considered the proposal from Barking Parish Council to prepare a joint Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that developing a Neighbourhood Plan would require a significant commitment of time and financial resources. It was also acknowledged that previous attempts to produce a Neighbourhood Plan had not been successful.

It was AGREED: that the item would remain on the agenda for the next meeting, pending notification of Great Brickett Parish Council's position.

RPC/39/26/27 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

None

RPC/40/26/27 DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 29th September 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 19.35pm.

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