

**GREAT RINGSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman: Cllr W Jacob elected

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Ringstead Parish Council held on Monday 9th April 2022 at 7.00pm held at the Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr W Jacob (Elected Chair), Cllr S Little, Cllr V Everitt, Cllr J O’Shea, Cllr B Crowfoot. Cllr D Rice,

J. Howard (Clerk).

1 Member of the public attended

1. To receive and consider **apologies** for absence.

None

1. **To elect a new chair.**

Cllr Jacob was elected.

1. **To elect a vice-chair.**

Cllr Rice was elected.

1. To receive any **declarations of interest** from Members & consider requests for dispensation. Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Localism Act 2011.

None (Cllr Crowfoot declared a possible declaration of interest but it was decided that it was not necessary).

1. **Public Participation** (10 mins). This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda, and other points, before the Council make decisions.

None

1. **To receive reports.**
	1. **Any external reports.**

 None received

* 1. **Parish Clerks report.**

Read and will be attached to minutes.

* 1. **Village Hall report.**

Read and will be attached to minutes.

* 1. **Report on Neighbourhood Planning and decide on a grant application.**

Cllr Jacob reported that a meeting had taken place and details of surveys and designs would continue with the results to follow. CCC (Louise) has met regarding housing needs assessment. Ringstead PC to identify second homes and cottages to let. There are currently believed to be around 60 second homes and further checks will be carried out. A decision was made to apply for the further grant of £8000.

1. To consider, and confirm as a correct record, the **minutes** of the meeting held on 11th April 2022.

 Agreed.

1. **Matters arising** from the above minutes (for information only)

 None.

1. **Finance** and **Legal**:
	1. Bank Balances.

Current balance given as £22032.81(Clerk to add Cllr Little as an authorized signatory and Cllr Rice to become the Finance Monitor).

Savings account balance £9459.06 (Clerk to organize transfer of names on this account).

* 1. Consider payments to be made and invoices issued.



 Payments agreed and will be authorized.

* 1. Consider any late payments.

 None

10. **Reports & other resolutions**:

1. Playing field, inspection reports and issues for action including rabbit and mole issues.

Grass surface is improving. Bird prevention measures have been vandalized again and metal ones have been considered unsafe for health and safety reasons. Moles continue to be a problem with traps being stolen or vandalized. The use of used tea bags was suggested!

The Estate is to tackle the rabbit problem in the shop garden which will be a big help.

1. Highway related items: To discuss any new issues.

The verges in the village have just been cut. Clerk to investigate “Ducks Crossing” sign and a potential 20mph speed limit in the village.

1. To discuss tree inspections.

James Joyce has not yet reported back. Cllr Crowfoot to chase.

1. Gate for Chapel Lane entrance to playing field.

Nobody as yet willing to quote before August. Clerk to progress.

1. Pothole on playing field car park.

Two quotes received are too expensive. Cllr Rice to approach developers when on site.

1. Hedge to Downs.

Resolved.

1. Chalk Pit Accounts.

These are public documents. Clerk to write to insist on access.

1. Grounds maintenance.

Progress is being made and uneven ground will be corrected over time. The playing field and car park edges require trimming. Cllr Little to ask Jason for a quote.

1. Hedgerows – problems and action required.

A piece went into the newsletter but no progress noted.

 11. **To discuss planning applications.**

One application has been received to convert a bungalow into a house. The

 Council have no objections.

 12. **To discuss any further issues on Jubilee celebrations.**

Leaflets to be pushed through every door and possibly posters made. Cllrs

 Rice and Little to progress. Clerk to progress grant for £200.

 13. **To decide legal representation on playing field rent.**

Clerk to action and receive quotes. Ward Gethin Archer was suggested.

 14. **To review any correspondence.**

Clerk to enquire regarding details of a SAM training course and forward for

 consideration.

15. **To approve and sign form 3 of AGAR.**

 Approved and signed.

16.  **To appoint charity trustees.**

 Steven Ward needs replacing, Cllrs Crowfoot and Jacob willing to volunteer.

17. **To consider a grant of £600 for the village hall.**

Agreed.

18. **To consider a grant of £600 for churchyard upkeep.**

Agreed.

 19. **Agenda items for next meeting.**

Clerk to forward co-option procedure to consider a new councillor at the next

 meeting.

20. **To confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting as 13th June 2022.**

Confirmed.