



GREAT RINGSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Ringstead Parish Council held on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.00pm held at the Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Nelson (Chair), Cllr S Little, Cllr W Jacob, Cllr D Rice, Cllr J O'shea
J. Howard (Clerk).

No members of the public attended.

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

Apologies received from Cllrs Crowfoot and Everitt.

- 2 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.

- 3 **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

- 4 **To receive reports.**

- a. **Any external reports.**

None

- b. **Parish Clerks report.**

Given and attached to minutes

- c. **Village Hall report.**

Given and attached to minutes

d. **Report on Neighbourhood Planning and decide on further actions.**

The latest draft had been received and studied. A meeting with the Estate was noted and is awaiting a reply on issues raised – Cllr Jacob to chase. Points raised included:

- Changing the name of the plan to Ringstead instead of Great Ringstead.
- Final decision to be made on green spaces – workgroup to discuss and forward recommendations to the Council.
- Removal of paragraph 75 – Walking Groups.
- Paragraph 80 – Cllr Jacob to update.
- Farm buildings notes require more work.
- Paragraph 16 on new housing to be amended to state: 6 new houses, 2 conversions, 1 split into two and 1 rebuild.

It was noted that a cart shed seemed to be occupied against planning conditions. Louise to check CTAX records.

- 5 To consider, and confirm as a correct record, the **minutes** of the meeting held on 10th January 2022.

Agreed and signed.

- 6 **Matters arising** from the above minutes (for information only)

None.

- 7 **Finance and Legal:**

- a. Bank Balances.

Current account £14,622.08

Reserve account £9459.06

- b. Consider payments to be made and invoices issued.

c.

January payments for approval Feb 2022

| Payee | Reason | Invoice Number | Payment by | Amount | VAT Portion |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| HMRC | Tax for January | Log sheet | BACS | £101.60 | £0.00 |
| James Howard | Pay for January | Payslip | BACS | £406.00 | £0.00 |
| James Howard | Expenses for January | Expense sheet | BACS | £368.48 | £57.66 |
| S J Marsh | Grounds maintenance | Final payment | BACS | £375.00 | £0.00 |
| Westcotec | Payment for SAM repair | 13163 | BACS | £35.40 | £5.90 |
| TOTAL | | | | £1,286.48 | £63.56 |
| Payments received | | | | | |
| Payee | Reason | | Payment by | Amount | |
| Allotment Charity | Grant | | Cheque | £1,000.00 | |
| | | | TOTAL | £1,000.00 | |

d. Consider any late payments.

None.

8. Reports & other resolutions:

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

Rabbits and moles are now a major problem. Clerk to discuss gassing with the potential contractor.

Location of new equipment – agreed to be placed near where the roundabout used to be.

Dog bins to be added to the next agenda.

Clerk to talk with Jason regarding fence repairs.

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

None.

c. Sam sign: To get a status report and update.

Computer for downloads will be ready soon and new cable has been supplied.

d. To discuss tree inspections.

No answer was received regarding the Chalk Pit tree inspector. Clerk to source alternatives.

e. Gate for Chapel Lane entrance to playing field.

A self-closing gate is needed. Jason will be asked to quote and liaise with Cllr Little. Alternate quotes can be sought from Anvil Engineering and Wickstead.

f. Dogs on playing field.

Not allowed but evidence of poo bags and fowling found. Very hard to “police.”

g. Pothole on playing field car park.

Quote not yet received – Clerk to chase.

h. Hedge to Downs.

Owned by Andrew Martin-Smith. Clerk to request cutting etc.

i. Village club funds.

Not discussed.

j. Chalk Pit Accounts.

Still no reply. Clerk to chase again.

9. **To discuss planning applications.**

None currently – previous application for Golden Pightle was discussed. The cart shed, summer house and 6 foot fence were passed. Neighbourhood planning team to consider an addition regarding the requirement of hedges instead of fences where appropriate.

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

Various issues were discussed including a marquee, newsletter input, food, games, etc. Clerk to book a portaloo for dates 28 May to 5th June inclusive.

11. **To discuss issues around grounds maintenance.**

A detailed discussion was held on requirements and agreed. Cllr Little to coordinate with potential contractor for a one-year contract. Any issues with the previous contractor to be referred to the Clerk for action.

12. **To review any correspondence.**

Reply from the Estate regarding shooting to be passed onto complainant. Clerk to action.

East End Farm to be requested to trim hedges encroaching on the road and obscuring the 30MPH sign. Clerk to action.

13. **Agenda items for next meeting.**

Dog bins.

14. **To confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting as 14th March 2022.**

Confirmed.