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Minutes of the meeting of Ringstead Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr R Phillips
Cllr J Hornsey
Cllr R Talbot
Cllr G Underwood
Cllr R Hall

Cllr Ms K du Boulay
Cllr G Slack
Cllr C Marston
Cllr C Harris

In Attendance: Mrs L Marshall (Clerk to the Council)
Mr Kenneth Dornan
Mr Roger Kinsey

	Action
<p>RPC17/020: Public Open Time: Mr K Dornan wished to raise the issue of the dog bin which had been destroyed in the Kinewell Lake Car Park. He said that he was speaking on behalf of Nos. 1-5 Kinewell Close. He advised that on the 3rd January there was an explosion, which has caused some anxiety amongst the residents of Kinewell Close, including children. He said that he is speaking with the Council regarding their own concerns, but wanted to know if the Parish Council could do anything. The Council advised that they had been made aware of the destruction to the bin, and the Kinewell Trust were replacing it. Mr Dornan advised that the police had been informed. The Chairman advised that the Council will make further enquiries with the police.</p>	Clerk
<p>Mr R Kinsey wished to raise his concerns regarding cars parking across the pavements, especially on Back Lane, and also parking on grass verges. The Council advised that if the cars are causing an actual obstruction – making people walk in the road – then it should be reported to the police at the time. However, the Council advised that they would also raise it again with the police.</p>	Clerk
<p>Mr R Kinsey also wished to raise the problem of dog mess in the village. The Council advised that they will raise the issue with the Dog Warden, but confirmed that really the culprits needs to be caught in the act, and for ENC to have a witness who is willing to make a statement. It was noted that there has been dog mess in the peace park also.</p>	Clerk
<p>RPC17/021: To Receive and approve apologies for absence: There were no apologies.</p>	
<p>RPC17/022: To receive Declarations of Interest: There were no Declarations of Interest noted.</p>	
<p>RPC17/023: To receive and approve the Minute of the Meetings held on the 11th January 2017. RESOLVED: That the minute be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>RPC17/024: To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts. RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation be agreed, with an account balance as at 31.01.17 of £20,117.17.</p>	
<p>RPC17/025: Chairman to approve and sign off the Bank Statements. RESOLVED: The Chairman approved and signed the bank statements.</p>	

RPC17/026:: To approve the following invoice due for payment:

Chq. No.	Payee	Net £	VAT £	Total £	Details
1265	2Commune Ltd	1,125.00	225.00	1,350.00	New Website
1266	Richard Phillips	238.60	0.00	238.60	Reimbursement VH Materials
1267	Linda Marshall	66.96	0.00	66.96	Mugs & Spoons for Village Hall
1268	SADS UK	335.00	0.00	335.00	Defibrillator Cabinet
1269	Balfour Beatty	835.03	167.01	1,002.04	TR22 Lighting Inspection
1270	Balfour Beatty	120.34	24.07	144.41	Light Repairs x 3
1271	Linda Marshall	89.99	0.00	89.99	McAfee Live Safe
1272	Viking	96.17	19.23	115.40	Stationery
1273	Physio-Control UK	650.00	130.00	780.00	Defibrillator

RESOLVED: That the above payments be made. The cheques were signed.

RPC17/027: To consider whether the Council would provide dog poo bags free of charge for residents.

RESOLVED: That the Council will trial a dog bag dispenser in the car park at Kinewell Close. The Clerk to pursue further.

Clerk

RPC17/028: To consider and approve the repainting of the village entrance gates white to highlight the change in speed limit, and also to consider providing gates on Denford Road.

RESOLVED: That the entrance gates be painted white.

RESOLVED: That consideration should be given to providing gates on Denford Road.

Cllr G Slack to pursue further.

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RPC17/029: To consider and approve the erection of a 30mph active sign on Station Road village gate entrance.

RESOLVED: That the activated sign cannot be moved to the gated entrance and must therefore remain on the pole in its current location.

RPC17/030: To consider and approve extending the 30mph speed limit to the Denford side of the travellers' site.

RESOLVED: That consideration and further clarification can be sought from NCC to move the 30mph speed limit to the Denford side of the traveller's site. Cllr G Slack to pursue further.

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RPC17/031: To consider and approve a monthly media output in local magazines and the parish website alternating between speeding, speed watch and parking.

RESOLVED: That the Traffic Movement Advisory Committee write such articles for the local magazines and the website.

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RPC17/032: To consider and approve a reduction to 20mph on High Street and other narrow roads, Carlow Road etc. Estimated cost £2,500 - time frame 6 -12 months.

RESOLVED: That further consultation be had with NCC regarding a reduction to 20mph.

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RPC17/033: To consider and approve the installation of a build out on Station Road. Estimated cost £20,000 - time frame 1-2 years.

RESOLVED: That further consultation be had with NCC regarding a build out on Station Road.

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RPC17/034: To consider and approve temporary local signage advising of 30mph speed limits.

RESOLVED: That temporary signage be sought.

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REPORTS

RPC17/035: AED (Defibrillator) Report: Cllr R Talbot reported that we were successful in securing funding from Awards for All. It was noted that the defibrillator had been received, but the cabinet was still on order. He advised that once received he will contact the electrician regarding installation. He will then liaise with EMAS regarding training etc. He confirmed that the official announcement date by Awards for All is the

<p>14th February and said that we will put an advert in the next Messenger. Finally Cllr R Talbot advised that we have two first aiders who are interested in the training; and we also have two ex-paramedics who are interested. He will compile a list of those interested in readiness for the training. Discussions took place as to whether it should be a village event; and Cllrs R Phillips and Mrs C Marston suggested that we could put on a St Johns Ambulance training day. Cllr R Talbot will look into this.</p> <p>RPC17/036: Report from Traffic Movement Advisory Committee: Cllr G Slack said that he had nothing further to add.</p> <p>RPC17/037: Lighting Report: Cllr C Marston reported that herself, the Clerk and Cllr R Phillips had attended a meeting with Balfour Beatty where it was discussed what lights needed attending to, the costs involved, and the plan of action for moving forward. She then advised that last night they had all met again and went around the village inspecting each light, and determining which lights were of priority and which lights, if any, could be switched off altogether. Cllr Mrs C Marston advised that we have given the go ahead for Balfour Beatty to attend to all lights costing under £200, which is around 30 of them and that we have also had to contact Western Power regarding some lights which they need to attend to. She then advised that the light in Meadow Close is now one of the new ones, in case people want to go and look at it. Finally, Cllr Mrs C Marston advised that we had received a complaint from a resident of Brook Walk that the light which has now been fixed is too bright and shines into the bedroom window. She advised that we had raised this with Balfour Beatty, but there is nothing that can really be done. The Council also concluded that the safety of residents using the alleyway is paramount. The Clerk is to write back to the resident concerned. Cllr Mrs C Marston concluded that we will continue to progress matters.</p> <p>RPC17/038: Open Spaces: Cllr C Harris reported that it has been quiet. He spoke of the footpath by the old railway line where Western Power are putting a new cable in to Glebe Farm and said of the mess they were making. It was however noted that this was not within our boundary. Cllrs Mrs C Marston and R Talbot advised that they had been to the cemetery to look at the hedge, as requested at the previous meeting. Nobody else had been. The Clerk advised that they hadn't as yet written to any surviving relatives, but will do so before the next meeting and will put up a notice. Cllr R Phillips said that nothing appears to be happening with regards to the Football Club and their planned works. The Clerk advised that she had been trying to get hold of them to arrange a meeting. Cllr G Underwood said that he had been notified that Mick George Ltd was putting in rubbish up at the quarry. Cllr R Phillips advised that they are allowed to use the quarry for sorting – so perhaps this is what is happening. Cllr G Underwood will chase for photographic evidence. Cllr R Phillips will raise it at the next Quarry Liaison Meeting.</p> <p>RPC17/039: The Village Garden: Cllr J Hornsey reported that the land has now been handed over. He advised that South Midlands Developments have offered to undertake the ground works at a very reasonable cost. The garden should be ready for planting mid-March. The Clerk is now to send the paperwork and cheque to GrantScape. Cllr J Hornsey advised that Emma Hall is working on the plans, and Cllr G Underwood is working on the display board/sign. Cllr J Hornsey is looking to have an official opening in the summer. Cllr R Phillips advised that we have now been sent copies of the Land Registry documents, the originals of which are being kept by the solicitors. Cllr G Underwood advised that he is liaising with the Heritage Group regarding the sign. Cllr J Hornsey reminded that we need to acknowledge Mick George Ltd on the signage.</p> <p>Discussions then took place regarding the allocation of costs for the garden, including the ground works, planting, benches, signs etc. There was some discussion as to what was to be included. Cllr J Hornsey reminded everyone that the grant application allowed for ground works, planning, benches and both signs. He said that if we wanted to change what we now required, we would need to contact GrantScape and advise them. Cllr G Underwood said that he would get hard costs of the ornate wooden carved sign and the interpretation signboard ready for the next meeting. Cllr J Hornsey advised that the cost of the groundworks had been reduced to £7,000. This leaves £10,000 for everything else. It was agreed that costs would be available for the next meeting.</p> <p>RPC17/040: Kinewell Trust: Cllr Ms K du Boulay reported that one of the volunteers was seriously ill; someone who had been a volunteer for a long time. She further reported that ENC will be replacing the dog bin in the car park. She also advised that the tree survey had been updated, and that Moulton College may</p>	<p>RT</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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help with any required works. Finally she advised that there has been a problem with raw sewage going into the lake. It was agreed that the problem is with the pumping station in that it can't cope as it is not adequate enough. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Anglian Water and copy the letter to Natural England, Environmental Health at ENC and the Environment Agency.

Clerk

RPC17/041: Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.30pm: Noted.

Meeting Closed: 9.00pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____ c