

# RINGSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Ringstead Parish Council held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr R Phillips  
Cllr J Hornsey  
Cllr R Talbot  
Cllr R Hall  
Cllr G Underwood  
Cllr Ms K du Boulay  
Cllr G Slack  
Cllr C Marston  
Cllr C Harris

In Attendance: Mrs L Marshall (Clerk to the Council)

	Action
<p>Police Report: PC Bentley attended the meeting. He advised that with the changes that have been taking place within Northamptonshire over the last 5 years or so, the police force of 1200 officers is now stretched, and the officers are regularly being pulled into the towns where most of the crime is – which ultimately affects the rural areas. However, he is aware of Ringstead’s issues regarding the motorcycles and the allotment break-ins. He advised that he was not aware of the incident involving the bin in the Kinewell Lake car park – this had not been reported. He spoke about the Council’s concerns regarding traffic, including parking issues. He advised that they are happy to issue tickets for willful obstruction (blocked footpath/driveways) but for other parking issues he stated that more serious offences will always take priority. He advised that he would attend Council meetings when he could. PC Bentley left the meeting. Cllr G Slack asked if the Council were now keen for the village to be policed by traffic wardens, as when raised before he felt that they weren’t. Cllr R Hall said that traffic wardens can only deal with parking on double yellow lines, whereas the police can deal with the obstruction issues.</p> <p>RPC17/042: Public Open Time: It was noted by a member of the public that he had been advised that a lady had in fact reversed into the dog bin at the Kinewell Lake car park and therefore it wasn’t an explosion.</p> <p>RPC17/043: To Receive and approve apologies for absence: There were no apologies.</p> <p>RPC17/044: To receive Declarations of Interest: There were no Declarations of Interest noted.</p> <p>RPC17/045: To receive and approve the Minute of the Meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017. <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minute be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.</p> <p>RPC17/046: Review of Actions from previous meeting and to receive the Clerk’s Report. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk’s report received and noted. Cllr J Hornsey advised that with regards to Point 4 the Clerk is not now to order the trees – the contracted landscaper will do this. It was confirmed that with regards to the hedge at the cemetery, this will be discussed at the next meeting as notices had only recently been put up.</p> <p>RPC17/047: To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts. <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the bank reconciliation be agreed, with an account balance as at 28.02.17 of £14,847.21.</p> <p>RPC17/048: Chairman to approve and sign off the Bank Statements. <b>RESOLVED:</b> The Chairman approved and signed the bank statements.</p> <p>RPC17/049: To consider the Council’s subscription to CPRE for a further year at a cost of £36. <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Council will subscribe for a further year.</p>	

RPC17/050: To approve the following invoice due for payment:

Chq. No.	Payee	Net £	VAT £	Total £	Details
1275	Drage Electrics Ltd	266.40	53.28	319.68	Electrical Inspection of Village Hall
1276	Phil Morris	2.49	0.00	2.49	Door Catch
1277	Richard Phillips	42.46	0.00	42.46	Outside Light at Village Hall
1278	Richard Phillips	7.20	0.00	7.20	Photocopies of Garden Plans
1279	Linda Marshall	104.23	0.00	104.23	Reimburse of Food Items Etc for Cinema
1280	Came & Company	1839.96	0.00	1839.96	Council Insurance Premium
1280	CPRE	36.00	0.00	36.00	CPRE Membership

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

RPC17/051: To consider any further action needed relating to the sewage problem at Kinewell Lake.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write again to Anglian Water seeking a response to the previous letter.

Clerk

RPC17/052: To consider extending the 30mph limit to start at the gated entrance on Station Road.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council were in favour of extending the 30mph limit. Cllr G Slack will write to highways.

GS

RPC17/053: To consider reporting any important highways issues to Sylvia Hughes, County Councillor as per her email of 23.02.17 as previously circulated.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will send a copy of our comments on the Planning Application for a distribution centre off Brick Kiln Road to her, and that we will invite her to the next meeting. Further Cllr G Slack will send her a copy of his information from highways on traffic calming.

Clerk  
GS

RPC17/054: To consider sending a representative to the two hour funding session held at ENC.

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs G Slack and R Talbot will attend. The Clerk to register their attendance.

Clerk

RPC17/055: To consider providing Basic Emergency Life Support workplace training session(s).

**RESOLVED:** That the PC will look into providing this training. Clerk to pursue.

Clerk

## REPORTS

RPC17/056: AED (Defibrillator) Report: Cllr R Talbot reported that the defibrillator has now been installed and registered with EMAS; we now need to organise the training which has been scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr R Talbot to prepare an advert for The Messenger inviting residents to attend the training. Cllr R Phillips suggested that the advert could also ask if anyone wished to be considered as a First Responder. Cllr R Phillips commented that other cabinets are illuminated whereas our one isn't. Cllr R Talbot advised that he will look into signage, and it was suggested that Rutherfords of Wellingborough could assist with this. Finally Cllr R Talbot advised that he will draw up a checklist for weekly checks to the defibrillator and cabinet.

RT

RPC17/057: Report from Traffic Movement Advisory Committee: Cllr G Slack reported that he is waiting for quotes for the new entrance gates to the village; and is also waiting on a response from highways. He advised that he will write to Highways following this meeting's decisions. He advised that Speed Watch is going well, and noted that the date for training is in April.

RPC17/058: Lighting Report: Cllr C Marston reported that Balfour Beatty had not yet repaired the 30+ lights as they are waiting on a particular part. Cllr R Phillips advised that he had spoken with Western Power and we had now received revised quotes relating to two of the lamps. Cllr Mrs C Marston said that the next step now is to determine which lamps to proceed with in the new financial year.

RPC17/059: Open Spaces: Cllr C Harris reported that he had received a complaint about the overhanging trees in the church, and advised that he and Cllr R Phillips had dealt with them. He advised that the church

do a visual inspection of the trees, but he felt that we ought to consider a tree survey. Cllr R Phillips advised that we had budgeted for a tree survey; it was agreed that Cllr C Harris would obtain from the Clerk a copy of the last tree inspection and arrange for another to be undertaken. Cllr C Harris further reported that ENC hadn't emptied some of the bins but that he had reported it. Cllr R Phillips advised that with regards to cemetery we need to start considering what we need to do with regards to opening the new area and the future maintenance of it.

RPC17/060: The Village Garden: Cllr J Hornsey reported that Emma Hall had now finished the plan and had produced a planting list. He wished to give thanks to Emma for the work she has put into this. Cllr J Hornsey advised that he had given the plan to the gardener on site and he is currently working on a quote, but he thinks we will pretty much be on budget. He advised that the railings haven't been done yet and he is chasing South Midlands on this. General discussions then took place regarding the garden itself. It was noted that we would be able to use the water supply from the Institute Building but we would just need a bigger hose reel. Discussions then took place about the future maintenance of the garden; it was noted that there may be some volunteers in the village wishing to do it, or alternatively it was suggested that Emma might wish to do it for an income.

Cllr G Underwood advised that the information board will be ready in 5-6 weeks. Cllr J Hornsey said he would like it installed by the end of May so we can arrange an official opening of the garden early July. The positioning of the information board is still to be agreed. Cllr R Phillips wished to give his thanks to Cllrs J Hornsey and G Underwood for their hard work on this.

RPC17/061: Kinewell Trust: Cllr Ms K du Boulay reported that their last meeting was cancelled. However, she advised that in the storms some trees had been blown down and they had arranged a working party to remove them. She further advised that the students from Moulton College had undertaken further tree works as identified by the survey.

Cllr R Phillips asked the current position with regards to fishing. Cllr Ms K du Boulay advised that they currently have just 7 fishermen – whereas they used to have between 20 and 30. She said that at present the weed is not too bad, but that it does die back in the winter. Discussions took place with regards to the weed problem and the impact this will have on the Trust's income.

RPC17/062: Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed: 9.15pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ c