



RINGSBALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Ringshall on **Tuesday 29th September 2026 at 7pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance: A Maloney – Clerk

RPC/41/26/27 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Pratt.

RPC/42/26/27 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received

RPC/43/26/27 - TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received

RPC/44/26/27 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th July be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

RPC/45/26/27 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No comments received.

RPC/46/26/27 - TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

None had been received. Cllr Gary Keogh had resigned from his position as County Councillor effective from 30th September 2026. A By-Election in the Bosmere Division is due to take place on Thursday 12th November 2026.

RPC/47/26/27 - 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/48/26/27 - 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 29th September 2026 was £40,878.48.

PKF Littlejohn had emailed to advise that by notifying them that Ringshall Parish Council had claimed exemption there is no review to be performed and consequently no auditor certificate and report, or any other closure documentation, will be issued by them for this reporting year.

Asset Education contacted to request annual payment for use of car park.

The Clerk expressed her thanks to the Councillors for the support received in her first year as a Clerk for Ringshall Parish Council.

b) PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

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

Payments	Amount	Receipts	Amount
Clerk Salary & PAYE August	£291.80	Locality Grant – Solar Panels	£2500.00
Clerk Salary & PAYE September	£291.80	BMSDC Precept	£4875.00
Clerk WFH Allowance Jul & Aug	£50.00	Barclays Interest	£82.89
SALC Payroll Fees	£122.40	HMRC VAT Return	£520.21
Total	£756.00	Total	£7978.10

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.

f) INSURANCE RENEWAL PREMIUM

Two insurance renewal premium options were discussed.

It was AGREED: The three-year renewal option would be taken at £513.35 per year.

g) 2026/2027 NALC Pay Settlement Agreement

The 2026/2027 NALC Pay Settlement Agreement had been noted.

It was AGREED: that backpay from April 1st of £50 would be paid.

h) It was AGREED: that the Council would pay the Clerk CILCA introduction training fee of £40.

RPC/49/26/27 HIGHWAYS

a) Lower Farm Road

No response had been received from Cllr Gary Keough or Highways regarding the road surface on Lower Farm Road.

It was AGREED: Clerk to follow up with highways and the item would be deferred to the next meeting following the election of a new County Councillor.

b) B1078

Concerns were raised again regarding the speed of road users on the B1078. Whilst visibility had been improved by the felling of the trees. Road users are still not observing the speed limit.

It was AGREED: that the item would be deferred to the next meeting following the election of a new County Councillor.

RPC/50/26/27 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) REF: DC/26/03859 Application for change of use of existing agricultural land to paddocks for keeping of horses; Erection of stable block and post and fencing at Land on The West Side of Charles Tye, Ringshall, IP14 2HU

Councillors received and discussed the application.

It was noted that a previous application for residential accommodation on the site had been refused, and concerns were raised that the proposed stable block could potentially be converted to living accommodation in the future. It was noted that the application for the stable block had previously been approved and this application was a variation to the previous application.

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

b) The following Planning decisions were noted.

REF: DC/25/03945 planning permission is granted for the erection of replacement dwellinghouse and erection of cart lodge at Hall Cottage, Stowmarket Road, Ringshall, Suffolk, IP14 2HZ

REF: DC/26/02564 planning permission is granted subject to conditions for Erection of Detached Cartlodge Building, New Pedestrian and Vehicle Entrance Gates and New Front Boundary Fence at Woodlands Farm, Bildeston Road, Ringshall, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 2LY

REF: DC/25/01543 planning permission is granted subject to conditions for Erection of 2no agricultural storage buildings and hardstanding at Chapel Farm, Stowmarket Road, Ringshall, IP14 2JA

RPC/51/26/27 POLICIES, DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- a) **It was Agreed:** that the Data Protection Policy be approved
- b) **It was Agreed:** that the Subject Access Request Policy be approved
- c) **It was Agreed:** that the Privacy Notice be approved
- d) **It was Agreed:** that the Councillor Code of Conduct Policy be approved
- e) The Internal Control Statement 2026-2027 was noted.

RPC/52/26/27 Village Hall Solar Panels

The Clerk noted that Locality Funding of £2500 had been received from District Councillor Pratt and that the CIL Funding Enquiry had been submitted and the application requirements were being addressed.

The Clerk advised that there had been no response from Cllr Gary Keough regarding the request for Locality funding to cover the remaining balance of the project.

The Clerk recommended using Parish Council CIL reserves to cover the shortfall as the council need to spend £6204.09 by the end of 2027 to prevent it being recalled.

It was noted that Cllr Pratt had recommended looking into Gateway 14 funding, applications were closed but expected to open in November.

RPC/53/26/27 Community Emergency Plan

The Councillors discussed updating the Parish Emergency Plan as the last plan was from 2016 and Councillors felt that an emergency plan would be beneficial to the community.

Cllr Nunn had published an article in the Parish Magazine requesting any interested residents to contact the Clerk if they wish to take part.

It was AGREED: that the item would be deferred to next meeting following responses from community.

RPC/54/26/27 Speed Indicator Devices

Cllr Hitchcock noted that the SID unit batteries would not hold the charge and required replacing. Solar Panel options were discussed, however the effectiveness of them was **questioned**.

IT was AGREED: that the item be deferred to next meeting following the election of a new County Councillor.

RPC/55/26/27 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

2027 Spring Litter Pick dates to be confirmed.

RPC/56/26/27 DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 24th November 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20:12pm.

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