Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2019 at Ringsfield Village Hall

Present Cllr Rees, Statt, Warner, Cannell, Scott & Sherriff

1 Public Forum - None

2 Acceptance of the Minutes of the APM 2018 - Cllr Warner proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Statt, aif

3 Reports: Parish Council Chair – Given by Cllr Rees. The new play area opened at the end of May and is proving a great success, thanks to everyone involved especially Cllr Statt and everyone at the meeting. There are regular inspections of the equipment and Colin Blowers, with help from Cllr Statt, keeps the grass tidy.

The VAS is finally up, but not yet in School Road as the pole is not strong enough after a lot of prompting of Highways a new one should be in place soon. The sign records speeds of passing vehicles and Cllr Rees hopes to negotiate some traffic calming measures using this as evidence – the highest speed recorded was 70mph past the Village Hall. Ilketshall St Andrew have not yet paid their share for the sign and insurance, their new Council meets on the 13th May and Cllr Rees will ask for their contribution then.

There was an accident recently at the crossroads of Cromwell Road and Church Road believed to be caused mainly by faded white lines and the sign being too high Cllr Rees reported this to Highways who replied that they would see how much they had in their budget for line painting and prioritise the most urgent cases. She will also bring it up at the meeting re impact of the Southern Bypass to be held in June along with a renewed bid to extend 30mph limits within the Parish. To have any chance of success the PC will need a convincing case and the written support of residents.

There was a good turn out for the Village Litter Pick in March, Brian Smith & Cllr Sherriff among others also pick up litter throughout the year.

Thank you to all who do voluntary work around the Parish – Cllr Sherriff for looking after the Cricket Pitch, Cllr Cannell & B Lee for cutting hedges to name a few.

It is very pleasing to have such good turn outs to all the events, thanks to all who have a hand in organising them and supplying refreshments.

Thanks to Graham, Helen and Christine for the regular Defib inspections.

Any Other Reports – None

4 Community Council Reports

Chairman's Report – Given by Cllr Statt attached.

Treasurer's Report and presentation of accounts – Given by J Crisp
The accounts are laid out slightly differently this year and Mr Crisp will be working on a 25 year budget based on research into other village halls and Ringsfield's past income and expenditure. He would like to make some changes in the way cash expenses are reclaimed although he found all the expense forms are nicely laid out and agree, thanks to all. He would like the Community Council to concentrate on getting more bookings for the hall presently these make up 75% of income. The deficit has gone down consistently over the last 3 years, this year's being £579.06. Some savings have been made by changing the electricity tariff and he will be looking into other money saving measures. Cllr Rees will make the declaration to the Charity Commission. Accounts attached.

Election of Committee – to include 2 members nominated by Redisham Parish Meeting and 2 from Ringsfield and Weston Parish Council
Cllr Rees proposed Cllr Statt as Chair, J Crisp as Treasurer, K Eaton as Secretary, M Chapman as Booking Secretary, M Newtons – Health & Safety, Cllrs Cannel & Sherriff as Committee Members, aif. Cllr Cannell proposed Cllr Rees as Committee Member, aif. There were no applications from Redisham Parish Meeting

5 Any Other Business - None

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Meeting closed 7.50pm

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