

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting  
Held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

**In attendance:** Cllr Richard Booth, Cllr Margaret Crompton, Cllr Gavin May, Cllr Gordon Sims, Cllr Richard Turner and Cllr John Whitlock (Chairman)

**Also in attendance:** Karen Crowhurst (Clerk/RFO) and Gail Metcalfe (Administrator)

**Members of the public:** Approximately 5

- | <b>Item No</b> | <b>Minutes</b>   |
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| 1.             | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>   |
| 1.1            | Apologies were received from Cllrs Barber, Denis, Herbert, Kay, Phillips and Terry.  |
| 2.             | <b>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS</b>   |
| 2.1            | The Chairman declared an interest in item 8 as Martin Whitlock is his uncle. Cllr May stated that he is a member of the Bowles Club.   |
| 3.             | <b>TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021</b>  |
| 3.1            | It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the minutes of 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.  |
| 4.             | <b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS</b> - This item shall last not more than 15 minutes or at Chairman's discretion and no contribution shall last more than 3 minutes.  |
| 4.1            | The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 19.02. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A South Downs Ranger of National Park Authority spoke regarding item 7. She stated she was interested in obtaining opinions and was here for any questions.</li><li>• A representative from the Bowls Club spoke regarding item 8 stating the Bowles Club is in desperate need of a new Clubhouse and how he hoped that RPC would assist.</li></ul> |
|                | Standing Orders were reinstated at 19.06.  |
| 5.             | <b>ACTION POINTS</b><br><b>Skatepark on Village Green</b> - The Clerk proposed that a meeting with a one-off Agenda Item be held before the Annual Statutory Meeting at 6pm on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.  |
| 6.             | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) To consider any correspondence after this agenda has been published</li></ul>   |
| 7.             | <b>Wildflower Ringmer</b> – as many had not seen the proposal from the East Sussex County Council Office , it was agreed that this correspondence would be emailed out again and that responses should be received by Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 for a delegated email response from the office.  |

**WILDLIFE RINGMER** – To decide whether to establish wildlife areas at:

- 1) The banks running along the Lewes Roadside of the Green
- 2) Triangular Green adjacent to the Well House
- 3) Side path bordering the Bowls Club
- 4) Top edge of the Village Green
- 5) To leave longer grass around the base of trees on the green to provide varied habitat and soften appearance
- 6) Rushey Green
- 7) Sadlers Way
- 8) Gote Lane
- 9) Broyle Lane
- 10) To agree the methodology and grass cutting variations outlined in the report
- 11) To identify and agree any associated costs

***Documents regarding this item have been previously circulated***

The following lists the results of the voting:

- 1) Unanimously voted in favour.
- 2) 5 voted for and 1 objected.
- 3) Unanimously voted in favour.
- 4) Unanimously voted in favour.
- 5) Unanimously voted in favour.
- 6) 4 objections. Standing Orders were suspended at 19.21 to ask Jan Knowlson more details on strategy and amount. She stated that this one was not compulsory but suggested leaving the edges or at the back on Rushey Green unmowed. Standing Order were resumed at 19.22. A proposal was made to leave the main area at the front mown and to leave the rear unmown. This was seconded and voted on with 4 for, 1 against and 1 abstaining.
- 7) Unanimously voted in favour.
- 8) Unanimously voted in favour.
- 9) All in favour
- 10) It was agreed that the contractor would still get paid so no loss of income to him.
- 11) It was agreed that the Clerk has delegated powers to deal with this.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**LW/21/0137 Ringmer Bowls Club Lewes Road Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5QA**

Demolition of existing wooden building, Ringmer Bowls Club house and erection of new wooden Club house in same location but on a slightly larger footprint with a pitched and tiled roof

**8.1 Comments and Observations:**

Ringmer Parish Council are in full support of this application.

**9. PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS RECEIVED** – further information regarding consents, refusals & appeals

9.1 None were received.

10. **DEED OF GRANT AT ANCHOR FIELD – CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED**

- 1) To agree for the Parish Council to instruct the Solicitor with regard to granting a deed of grant with Southern Water. of the Protected Strip as the land falls within the land transferred to the Parish Council (coloured yellow on the plan) ***NB The fees of £500 have been agreed to be paid by Lewes District Council.***
- 2) Once agreement meets Council's satisfaction for the Clerk to sign the relevant documents in accordance with Ringmer Parish Council's Standing Orders, which is for the Proper Officer (Clerk) to sign.

It was proposed and seconded that the way forward would be to delegate legal authority to the Clerk. It was voted unanimously it was therefore **resolved** that the Clerk could sign the deeds in order to sign the agreement.

11. **RINGMER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- a) Submission of minor amendments
- b) To note and agree any actions of the Monitoring Report presented by Cllr Kay (Previously circulated)
- c) To consider renewing or reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan
- d) To decide whether to wait for the housing totals from Lewes District Council before proceeding any further
- e) To identify any funds within the Parish Council's accounts to proceed with any decisions made i.e.: CIL funds

11.1 It was agreed that this would be deferred until Cllr Kay was in attendance.

12. **ANY REPORTS (BY LEAVE NOT DISCUSSION OR DECISION) ON PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Verbal report and update regarding a recent meeting with Bedford Developments
- b) Members reports

12.1 **Bedford Development** – It was noted that RPC had had a meeting with the developers and planning has been submitted to planning. Cllr Booth pointed out they had merely listened to the developers and pointed them towards the Neighbourhood Plan.

13. **ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA OR APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE**

13.1 Item 11.

14. **URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION REQUIRING DECISIONS WHICH CANNOT BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING**

14.1 **Skatepark on Village Green** – it was decided that a 45 minute meeting would not be long enough to discuss this issue. It was decided that the meeting would be at 5.30pm-7pm to allow enough time for discussion and a decision and for the Council meeting to be pushed back to 7.30pm.

It was requested that the office send a statement out on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 stating that the Barrister's report had been received and that the skatepark can be sited on the Village Green legally and that anyone wishing to attend the above meeting should request the Zoom link once the Agenda has been published.

**THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

Date of the next Planning Committee to be advised as Council cannot operate remote meetings from 6<sup>th</sup> May and restrictions end on 21<sup>st</sup> June

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