

## RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

#### Ringmer Parish Council Office and Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 9.00am in Symons Room Ringmer Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Turner – Chairman, Cllr Booth, Cllr Crompton, Cllr Harper, Cllr May, Cllr Terry and Cllr Whitlock.

**In attendance:** Karen Crowhurst – Clerk/RFO  
Corinna Goward – Assistant Clerk

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- | Item No | Minutes  |
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| 1.      | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>   |
| 1.1     | Apologies for lateness were received from Cllr Crompton.   |
| 2.      | <b>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS</b>  |
| 2.1     | Cllr May declared an interest as he is a member of Ringmer Football Club. Councillor May, Cllr Terry and Cllr Turner reminded Members that they have received dispensations with regard to the Community Land Trust.   |
| 3.      | <b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA</b><br>This item shall last not more than 15 minutes or at Chairman's discretion and no contribution shall last more than 3 minutes   |
| 3.1     | At 9.03 am the Chairman invited the Meeting to suspend Standing Orders and asked for questions or comments from members of the public present.   |
| 3.2     | One member of the public expressed their views and concerns regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The allocation of CIL expenditure</li><li>- Engagement with the community</li><li>- The location of the Skate Park</li><li>- The careful use of Parish Council Funds</li></ul>  |
| 3.3     | At 9.05 Orders were reinstated.  |
| 4.      | <b>TO CREATE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CIL FUNDS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL</b>   |
| 4.1     | Members considered in depth suggestions and requests made by other Parish Council Members. Various headings were considered. After some discussion and debate it was <b>resolved</b> subject to the Full Council's approval to allocate Community Infrastructure funds for the following:  |
| 4.2     | 1) Allocation to the Community Pot for applications for CIL Funds for the Community the amount of £200,000 of which £100,000 will be spent in the financial year 2020-2021 and a further £100,000 to be spent in the 2021-2022 financial year. It was further agreed that this could be revisited, and the Community Pot be topped up when further CIL funds have been received. |

- 4.3 This was proposed and seconded, a vote was taken by a show of hands the outcome of which was all in attendance were in favour.
- 4.4 2) To allocate £75,000 as requested by the Working Group for the skate park. Being mindful the skate park is subject to consultation to appropriate the amount elsewhere should the skate park not be installed.
- 4.5 This was proposed and seconded, a vote was taken by a show of hands. The majority voted for this.
- 4.6 3) To allocate £20,000 to refresh the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.7 This was proposed and seconded, a vote was taken by a show of hands. All were in favour.
- 4.8 4) To allocate £35,000 for play equipment renewals or replacements for the 2021-2022 financial year. It was agreed that this should be reviewed periodically.
- 4.9 A vote was taken by a show of hands. All were in favour.
- 4.10 5) To allocate £100,000 to the Community Land Trust as a Social Housing Pot, which will benefit the residents or employees of Ringmer.
- 4.11 The Clerk advised that this could be deemed as a grant and legal advice should be sought. On that basis it was agreed to recommend this in principle to Full Council and make a final decision once legal advice has been obtained.
- 4.12 A vote was taken by a show of hands. All were in favour.
- 4.13 6) To allocate £100,000 to a Land Acquisition Pot to assist with purchasing land contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.14 A vote was taken by a show of hands. All were in favour.
- 4.15 7) To allocate £15,000 for the installation of new bus shelters in the parish.
- 4.16 A vote was taken by a show of hands. All were in favour.
- 4.17 A recommendation for supporting the Village Hall to be re-built was made. The Clerk suggested that a meeting should be held with the Village Hall Management Committee as, they have other aspirations, these are highlighted in the Community Infrastructure application recently submitted. No decisions were made.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.08 am.

**THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**  
Date of Next Office and Finance Committee Meeting: To be advised.